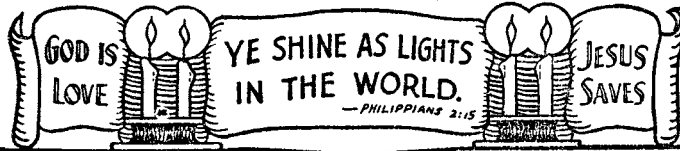


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Wisdom And Understanding

Victory

Victory is letting Jesus
Do what we can't do.
Faith in Him is self-abandonment
He can keep us true.

If an enemy needs loving,
Nature's love can't do it.
Self must be an empty channel,
God's love flowing through it.

Clouds will roll away by faith—
Never known to fail,
If we trust the "Rose of Sharon"
"Lily of the Vale".

There's a promise given to us,
God will leave us never.
He is just the same to-day,
And will be forever.

On Him we can e'er depend,
His grace is unfailing.
O, how wonderful, yet true—
Faith is all prevailing.

Rest in Him, ye fearful ones,
Self is so unstable.
He who made the soul of man
Can keep it. —He is able.

Yes, the victory's letting Jesus—
Self is crucified—
Bear your cross. 'Twill be forgotten
On the other side.

—Ethel Meadows

Please show me wisdom's face,
And understanding's place;
From whence it comes to bless
The human mind.
Its underlying force,
Its origin, Its source;
Or let me go and search
Until I find.

In the precious Holy Book of God, we read these words: "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with it get understanding". (Prov. 4:7.)

One might ask: What is wisdom? A short dictionary answer would be: knowledge, properly used. Since this is true, it seems to be a blessing that only a few, if any, have in abundance. All need it. Especially, those who are true followers of Christ; who would fight in His army, or labor in His vineyard, in this busy age of the world. He said, "Be ye wise as serpents and harmless as doves." (Matt. 10:10).

Job asked the question that most honest souls would ask: "since I must have it, where can I get it? Thus, we read in the precious word: "Where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding? Man knoweth not the price thereof:—" (Job 28:12) Read the whole chapter.

The great Creator made it,
And searched it out or weighed it.
The God that made the Heavens
and the earth;
And placed its valuation
More than the whole creation.

Then, who can estimate its untold worth?

Friends, this wonderful pearl of great price can only come from the Most High, Infinite Almighty. Thus, we read: "Then did he see it, and declare

it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out. And unto man he said, Behold the fear of the Lord that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding". (Job 28:27, 28)

Truly, many walk over it and find it not. Yea, it does begin with the fear of the Lord; but that is not its ending. By reason of its meek and humble beginning, it remains yet hidden and almost unknown to many that profess to have it.

Thus, we furthermore read: "Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God." (2 Cor. 3:18, 19). Worldly wisdom without salvation is harmful to the soul of mankind.

We read: "This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.—"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." (Jas. 3:15-17)

St. James also tells us: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

God told Solomon to make his choice of wisdom or riches, and Solomon said: "Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people for who can judge this, thy people, that is so great?" (2 Chron. 1:10). His choice pleased God: and God blessed him with both wisdom and riches. It pleases God to-day for any one, having the care of precious souls in his charge, to ask Him for heavenly wisdom to carry on the work.

Your humble servant, the writer, needs more; and I am not ashamed to seek it from the only source from which it can come. Praise the Lord!

"For every one that asketh receiveth and he that seeketh findeth: and to him that knocketh it shall be opened". (Matt. 7:8) Solomon said: "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding". (Prov. 3:5, 6).

Many of the failures of the present day (so called) worshipers of God, are due to leaning on their own understanding and trusting in man, and in man-made institutions instead of heavenly wisdom, from God. Christ taught us himself, in the last words of his glorious sermon on the Mount, that wise men only dig down to the real truth (rock) of His word, for a foundation on which to build their every-day life.

I am sure the Lord will give us more if we use

what He has already given us, carefully and prayerfully to His glory.

Pray for Us

I find the rock is Christ,
A pearl of untold price,
An anchor for my soul's eternal landing.
'Tis wisdom pure and clear,,
A spiritual godly fear:
And to depart from evil is understanding.
—G. W. McMillan

Why Are Few Saved?

Why is it that 'few' will be saved? Is it not because of sin? Was it not because of sin that only eight souls were saved in Noah's time? The Word tells us that Noah was a preacher of righteousness. Righteousness was taught all through the Old Testament and all through the New Testament from Matt. to the end of Rev., according to God's Holy Word.

Righteousness always was righteousness and always will be. Sin always was sin.

Which one could we leave out and call them *all*?

What is *righteousness*? In Psalms is our answer: "All thy commandments are righteousness." Righteousness is incomplete if we ignore any of them. In Psa. we find: "All thy commandments are truth." Also: "Righteousness and truth endureth forever. All thy commandments are sure, they stand fast forever." In Isa. 51:6, we read: "His righteousness shall not be abolished" Is it reasonable to think God would do just what He said He would not do? No, and thousands of times no! Christ's answer to the rich young ruler, when he asked: "What shall I do to be saved?" was: "Keep the commandments". He explained enough to let him know which ones. In James they are called the 'Royal Law' and are explained so that we know which ones. When I think that the law is Holy, just and good; and God is Holy, just, and good, I know the law is righteous and truthful; and God is a God of righteousness and truth. God is a righteous God and a God of truth. There is none like unto Him. Righteousness is the habitation of His throne. He will judge the world in righteousness. When He spoke of the next world He said: "Wherein dwelleth righteousness." "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness" etc. "If the righteous scarcely be saved,—" etc.

Does not the law witness to righteousness and condemn sin? We would not know sin, but by the

law. He who said one commandment also said the other. Dear ones, it is not the deeds of the law but the righteousness of the law that counts with God. You know we do not have to use these hands of ours to take a person's life, to be guilty of murder in the sight of God. Love is the fulfilling of the law. Oh, that our hearts would be filled with the pure love of God and such must be the case if we are righteous in God's sight. If we love Him, He says, "Keep my commandments". Again, "If ye love me ye will keep my words", and, "He that saith he loveth me and keepeth not my commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him." Surely, that is plain; but, dear brethren, I certainly do feel sure that Satan has a "pet" trap that he uses to catch his victims and legions of them. What kind of a trap could it be? Surely, it is a very deceptive one. He is a deceiver and a liar and has many false prophets. God says, "Let no man deceive you, he that doeth righteousness is righteous." We cannot keep any one of God's Holy commands except through Christ and without Him we can do nothing. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us and as nothing is impossible with Him, He is our help, our strength and we need Him every hour and at all times.

I am not a Seventh Day Adventist and never was. I sought after righteousness and God dealt with me. I feel very sure that I never could have accepted it from man and do not expect any one to accept from me; but I do hope that those who read this will search the scriptures and receive much from God, for because of sin, few will be saved. Hell will be full of church members, professing Christians and all kinds of worldly people; but not one righteous person will be there.

Pray that God will send more laborers, because when *He sends*, truth and righteousness is preached and that is what saves precious souls.

I wish you the best that can be wished. I have sent this to please the Lord and feel that my part is to walk after the Spirit of Truth. Pray for me.

—Laura Schapers

The Grace Of God

The grace of God which brings salvation hath appeared unto all men, and that includes me. I have paid the price and His love is shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Ghost which is given unto me. He teaches me to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and

to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world (Titus 2: 11-12). He has taken out all the appearance of sin (1 Thess. 5:22).

"Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;

Oh, what a fore-taste of glory divine!"

When I survey the wonderous cross on which the blood that washes me whiter than snow, was shed; it brings a perfect submission to a perfect salvation and perfect contentment is reigning within. This seems too good to be true. Hallelujah!

When I read how my blessed Savior shed His blood on Calvary's tree to bring pardon to a wretch like me, why should I want to compromise and say that those old sinful habits which I used to indulge in, such as; playing the slot-machine, playing cards, going to shows, and decorating myself in all manner of worldly attire; are not sinful and harmful? Can I now say that there is no harm in them and want to be around where they are or have them in my home? If I should do this I would lose the blessing promised to the man that walketh not in the council of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful (Psalms 1:1,2,3). I prefer to have my delight in the law of the Lord and to meditate on His law both day and night.

There are so many deceptions in this world that God's children need to keep prayed up and ask for more grace to walk according to His Word.

It has only been a day or two ago since I met a man on the street who declared that we all sprang from the monkey. Then I felt the sweet presence of God and the Holy Spirit burning within my bosom and I began to quote him scripture on how God had created man out of the dust and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul. I told him how man has sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that we have the opportunity to repent and believe Christ and be made a new creature, even without sin as Adam was in the beginning. He could not stand the holy fire and ran away like a coward. There are so many false doctrines in this world that it behooves us to live close to the Lord and keep our garments spotless and white so the Holy Spirit will continue to abide in our souls and by so doing, save our souls and all that will believe the light and truth which shines out of our lives.

Your blood bought brother,

—James E. Morris

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From age to age this voice shall cheer:—
Whate'er may die or be forgot,
Work done for God, it dieth NOT."

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EDITORIALS

We thank the Lord that we can again report victory over the powers of darkness and evil in the present world. The Lord has been very gracious and merciful to us since the last *Faith and Victory* paper went forth to our many readers.

On the 25th day of June, in company with others, we went south to attend the Hammond La. camp meeting and while in that state we helped in two other meetings, arriving home on the 13th of Aug. The Lord worked in these meetings and we rejoiced to see a good many souls saved, believers sanctified, bodies healed and many saints built up in spiritual truth. When I say that souls were saved, I do not mean that they just merely took upon them a profession, as is common in the world to-day; but they really got saved from sin, were born again and manifested it by being bold to testify to their redemption through Christ and ceasing to be conformed to this old sinful world, being transformed by the renewing of their mind by the spirit of Christ which was formed in their souls by the operation and power of the Holy Spirit.

You will find a report of the meetings elsewhere in this paper.

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When we arrived home, we found plenty of work awaiting us at the Office; insomuch that we hardly knew where to start first. The 12x18 Job Press had just arrived, having been shipped from St. Paul, Minn. This Press was ordered to take the place of the old worn out Press with which we have been printing for many years. The old Press has done a large amount of printing during the last 17 years; but was so badly worn that it would have been poor business to have tried to continue the work with it. The company allowed us \$100 for the old Press on the new one. We are very much pleased with this C.&P. Job Press and we have been busy getting this one and the 8x12 Job Press lined up and hooked up in proper shape for printing. Dillard Hornbeck of Oklahoma City came and managed the job, doing the mechanical work. These two Presses will soon be in operation, turning out tracts, pamphlets, and booklets; bringing the Gospel of Christ to men through the printed page as God supplies material to print with. We appreciate very much, with thankful hearts to God for those who have given offerings for this purpose and we are confident that none of you will lose your reward. "God's eyes are upon the righteous

and His ears are open unto their cries." We know that past blessings will not suffice for the future so we ask all of our readers to continue to pray for us, that God will supply that we can buy paper to print on and keep up other needed phases of this printing work. The tracts and papers are going out continually to all parts of the country and hungry souls are writing us for tracts and papers daily and it takes activity with means on our part, to supply this great need.

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In these last days there are many tribulations coming upon the world and scripture is being fulfilled. The extremely hot and dry weather in large portions of the country with ruined crops and many deaths caused by heat is no doubt a manifestation of God's disapproval of professing religious people with worldly conformity and other gross wickedness and evil so plentiful among the people.

In 1 Kings, the 18th chapter, we find that Elijah prayed and it did not rain on the earth for a period of three years or more. When Ahab, the king, met Elijah, he said, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" Elijah's answer was: "I have not troubled Israel, but thou and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commands of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim."

We can see by this scripture why that much distress and tribulations come upon nations, countries, and people. This nation as a people, have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and generally religious leaders are following Baalim, loving filthy lucre more than the welfare of the souls of men; and it seems that most all who profess, love to have it so.

When teachers wrest the scriptures from their proper meaning and teach men so, they become the commandments of men and no longer the commandments of God, and people who follow them as well as themselves worship God in vain. The only profit they get out of such worship is the profit they get in this world; because they have no eternal reward, neither are they promised any. All worship that does not profit eternally is vain worship.

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Jesus told the Pharisees, "In vain they worship me teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Matt. 15:9. Jesus also said in another place, "If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."

There seems to be an abundance of show religion in the world, also mouth and lip service. Jesus says, "God is a Spirit and they that worship Him

must worship Him in spirit and in truth." John 4:24. Again He says, "The words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit and they are life." John 6:63. When the scriptures are wrested from their proper meaning they cease to be truth and folks keeping such cannot worship God in spirit and in truth, therefore their worship is vain as all the profit they will ever derive from it will be in this world, as such worshippers have no promise of eternal rewards.

One of the sad things to behold in this world is the fact that Satan has a great many more teachers and preachers in the world than God has. It takes a host of them to keep all his subjects deceived and to deceive others. These conditions are existing because men love the praise and honor of men together with filthy lucre and have no place in their hearts to deny themselves and to suffer in the crucified way. Jesus says, "Whosoever does not bear his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:27.

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When God blessed Abraham he said he would multiply his seed as the stars of heaven and as the sand which is upon the seashore and he added this. "Thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies." Jesus was the seed which he had reference to that would possess the gate of his enemies. When Jesus came to this world his people, the Jews, rejected him, cast his name out as evil and finally crucified and slew him, they were his enemies. Jesus became the gateway into heaven and the only way by which his enemies could get to heaven was to repent, humble their hearts and come through Christ, as he is the only door or gateway to heaven, so truly, Jesus is possessing the gate of his enemies. We can all become children of Abraham through faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus says, "No man can come unto me except the Father which sent me draw him."

When Simeon prophesied and blessed the parents of Jesus, he said unto Mary, his mother: "Behold this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against." This prophecy was truly fulfilled of Jesus, because when he began to preach the gospel of the kingdom of God, the Israelites rejected him and the truth. God concluded them all under sin and the only hope they had was through Christ whom they rejected, hence they were doomed for destruction. The Lord would have gathered them as a hen gathereth her brood under her wing, but they would not; therefore

Jesus said, "Your house is left unto you desolate." When the Holy Ghost fell upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost and they began to preach the word with power, a great many were pricked to the heart and repented and believed on Jesus; so many were risen with Christ and again the prophesy was fulfilled-- of the falling and rising in Israel.

Simeon said one thing more: "Yea, a sword shall pierce through thine own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed". This prophesy was fulfilled when Mary stood by the cross (John 19: 25) and saw her son, Jesus, crucified and nearly all people looking upon him as the worst of sinners. Truly, this scene was like a sword piercing her soul; but it also revealed that many hearts were evil, for they were ready to slay a just man because he told them the truth, which proved their hearts.

Camp Meeting's

The Camp meeting of the Church of God, at Newcastle, Ind., will be held Sept. 17- 27. Located on the city park lot on South Main St., between J. & K. Aves. We are expecting able ministers from different states. Those coming from a distance should bring bedding and straw-ticks. The meeting will be carried on by free will offerings.

—T. Z. Lawson

The Tulsa Okla. Camp meeting will begin Friday Sept. 18 and end Sept. 27. All are welcome.

The Hennessey Camp meeting will be held seven miles west of Hennessey, Okla. at W. R. Gordon's Place, from Sept. 4th to 13th. All are welcome.

The Church of God Camp meeting at Shawnee has been changed. It will begin on the 4th of Sept. and last ten days.

All are welcome to the Shawnee, Okla. meeting.

We are expecting the usual good meeting and those coming will find the Saints ready to do all they can to make your stay blessed and encouraging to your heart.

Come and bring your friends.

O. B. Wilson — 726 N. Union, Shawnee, Okla.

OBITUARY

Miss Vienna Frost was born at Goshen, Ind., Feb. 13, 1856. She was married to G. E. Harmon on July 4, 1876. She departed this life July 3, 1936. Age: eighty years, four months and nineteen days.

There were six children born to this union; two died in infancy: Herbert Lessly and Minnie Maud.

She is survived by her husband and four children, Mrs. Nettie Loraine, Mrs. Iva Meech, John Harmon and Eugene Harmon, who reside in Glendale, Calif.; also seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren: one sister, Mrs. Emma Crawford of Los Angeles Calif.; and a number of other relatives, nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

She accepted the full gospel thirty-eight years ago and lived a devoted Christian, a loving companion and mother.

Sister Harmon has been afflicted and weak in body for many years, but she was faithful and submissive through it all and was found anxious to do for others and to visit the sick and discouraged, when able to go. She was also faithful to attend meeting service; only the last Sunday before her passing, she begged to be taken to meeting, although so weak she had to be carried into the house. She left a testimony that will not soon be forgotten by those who were there. She loved the song No. 48 in the Select Hymn song book and requested it to be sung at her funeral.

Funeral service was conducted by Nellie Poulos. Text: Rev. 14: 13.

She was robed and ready, waiting

For the messenger to come
And take her from this world of sorrow,
To that bright Eternal home.

She is gone; but not forever,

Will we sad and severed be;
Soon we'll meet and part— no, never,
In that blessed Eternity.

MEETING REPORT

Hammond, La. —Dear Saints scattered abroad, Greeting in Jesus' dear name:

We closed our camp meeting here July 6 which began June 26, and which was one of the most precious meetings I have ever attended; because of the sweet Spirit of unity prevailing all the way through, which gave the Lord a chance to work; and helped souls to get very definite experiences of justification and sanctification. Some who had not been satisfied with their experience, got definitely settled with the Lord. One young sister was wrestling with the Lord in the early morning hours, weeping and praying. After some of us sisters went to her assistance, it wasn't long until she prayed through to victory and jumped out of bed, clapping her hands and praising the Lord. Real heart conviction brings real salvation.

Ministers present were: Bros. F. Pruitt of Guthrie

Okla.; Ray Key of Versailles, Ohio; Sam Barton of Tulsa, Okla.; Furman Gregory and Sister Ruth McNeely; besides the home ministers. Bro. Pruitt also brought with him, two young brethren of Jena, La., (Bros. J. N. and Willie Murphey); Sister Geneva Bailey of New Mex.; and his youngest daughter, Frances: all of whom we were glad to have in our midst.

Sister Lottie Joiner, a home minister; and Bro. Ray Key were ordained to the ministry the last Sunday of the camp meeting and that afternoon four followed the Lord in baptism. Thirty-eight saints took part in the precious ordinances of feet washing and the Lord's Supper—indeed, "Happy are ye if ye do these things." The Lord worked in saving sinners, sanctifying believers and healing sick bodies.

Brother Pruitt and Bro. Ray Key stayed over to help in meetings after camp meeting. The first one was held sixteen miles north-east of here at the saint's chapel, known as Oak Grove. That meeting began July 8 and continued until July 22. The Lord was very near us all through this meeting and worked in saving souls and sanctifying believers. Four followed the Lord in baptism here. We also had a precious ordinance service here, where twenty-four took part. The work here is well established and the dear saints love one another. Dear ones, we are serving the Lord because we love Him. "By this we know that we love the children of God when we love God and keep his commandments" (1 John 5:2). Praise His name!

On July 23 we began meeting a few miles from Osyka, Miss., near the Louisiana and Mississippi line, on the Louisiana side. This was a real harvest time. Eleven souls got saved and are really rejoicing in the Lord. These, added to those who were already saved, makes a congregation of about twenty-five saints. This meeting has been one of great rejoicing: many times the Spirit of God came down upon us and praises went up, all over the house. The dear saints here are near and dear to our hearts. Eight followed the Lord in baptism and there are more yet to be baptized. Twenty-eight took part in the ordinance service. This meeting closed last night, Aug. 9. Next Thurs. night we expect to start a meeting near Good Pine, La. Bro. Pruitt and his company are leaving for his home to-day. These brethren have surely been blessed in preaching the Word with power. Bro. Ray Key expects to help in the meeting near Good Pine and elsewhere as the Lord leads.

The Lord is working in the South and He has

quite a body of saints who are contending for the faith, once delivered to the saints. There is real unity among us and with the Lord's help, we expect to make the bond of unity only stronger by loving the Lord more and more. Praise His name forever!

Dear Saints, you are my people and your God is my God. Please pray for me, that I may always be led only by the Spirit of God. With holy love, I am,

Yours in His service,

—Mrs. Katherine Watson

MEETING REPORT

The Dover, Okla. Camp meeting which was held on the Lone Oak school grounds this year, has come and gone. We are truly thankful to God for the way He blessed in supplying the needs of the meeting from the beginning to the end; both in temporal and spiritual things.

Although the weather was dry and hot and vegetation was parched, gardens were wilted and famished; the table was well supplied every day. The Lord moved upon the hearts of different ones to bring in potatoes, cabbage, onions, and other necessary things so that there was no lack.

The spiritual table was well spread and we had a real feast of good things from Father's hands. Our souls were made to rejoice in the truth, the spirit of unity and the harmony which prevailed from beginning to end. Several came to the altar seeking help from God. Some came for salvation, some for healing, and some to make a deeper consecration of their lives and service to God. The meeting was well attended from the first night until the closing day.

The ordinances of the House of God were observed the evening of Aug. 1 and about sixty-two happy saints participated in the same.

The saints were much encouraged on account of the presence of God in each service, including the morning prayer services. Several said it was the best meeting they had witnessed in this place. Truly, it was beyond our expectations. There were more ministers present at this meeting than at any meeting previously held on these grounds. The truth was lifted up clearly and definitely, and we believe we can say that some have been favorably impressed with the messages.

Dear saints and fellow workers, pray much for us and the souls in this place, and that God will yet gather in a few for His Kingdom.

Yours in His service.

—Ulysses and Ella Phillips

A View Of The Church In Prophecy

In an article entitled, "Except the Lord Build the House, They Labor in Vain that Build It," I promised to show the construction of the new Spiritual house which was fully organized on Pentecost.

Hundreds of years before it came to pass, the Prophets looked down through the annals of time and saw this beautiful structure. Isa. 46:9, 10. "I am God and there is none else"; "I am God and there is none like me", declaring the end from the beginning, saying, "My counsel shall stand": God knew the end from the beginning (Acts 15:18, also Isa. 53.). God told us more than seven-hundred years before Jesus came to earth just how wicked men would treat Him. He was despised: "Surely He hath born our griefs" (our sickness); in Matt. 8:17, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esais the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." So we see healing is in the atonement, if not in the primary meaning of the word.

Let us come to the building of this house. In Matt. 16:15-18, Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church". Was it really built on Peter? Was it not built on Christ? That was revealed to Peter by the Father, and brought out in his confession. "Thou art the Christ the son of the living God." In Heb. 3:5, Moses had a house, and in the sixth verse Christ has a house of His own: this house is the family of God, built on a good foundation—three in one—the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." Other foundation can no man lay." (1 Cor. 3:11). The government is on his shoulder" (Isa. 9:6). Now we are fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God, and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." (Eph. 2:20). This building is "fitly framed together" and builded together—for what? For an habitation of God. (Eph. 2:19-22). This is the only type of a house that God can or will live in. It must be a Holy House, cleansed by His blood without spot or blemish. (Eph. 5:27). This house is a spiritual *stone structure*, foundation and all. "Thou art Peter and upon this Rock (Christ) I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18). "Ye also as lively stones are built up a spiritual house." Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, "Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect and precious, and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded (perplexed, dismay-

ed)". (1 Peter 2:5-8). So we see by these scriptures and others, the real process of building. "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

'House of God', 'family of God', 'the one body', 'church of God', and kingdom of God' are virtually the same. We must remember there is one God. The Word became the Son, and the Holy Spirit, coequal and coeternal—one God. God's word to David in 1 Chron. 17:11-13 says, David's seed (Jesus Christ) shall build me (God) a house: and He did. Every saint of God is a competent part in God's house, or church which He said, "the gates of hell shall not prevail against"; and they haven't. She is still the church of the living God, the pillar of truth. (1 Tim. 3:15). Many of His saints have been slain, and many have turned away from following the meek and lowly Lamb of God; but the Church shines just the same, not a rock moved from the foundation. This tabernacle shall not be taken down. Not one of her stakes removed, nor any of the cords broken. (Isa. 33:20). Men have driven stakes, tied strings and removed and broken them; but not so with God's tabernacle.

We are endeavoring in this article, to show the house to the House. As in the former house, which was a type of God's spiritual House. (Ezek. 43:10,11) "that people may be ashamed" who do not keep the law of the house. I wish to call your attention to the latter clause of the 10th verse, "and let them measure the pattern." (On blue print) In building a house we study the blue print closely. Our foundations usually are six to one, but the foundation in God's house is three in one, and instead of blue print, we have the blood prints; measure the pattern or example Jesus. Oh, dear saints, let us put it this way: measure to the pattern. Right here is the sequel of building together. Putting the stones together with *tempered* mortar, mixed with heavenly love. In spite of what Jesus said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (the church), some are quoting Psa. 11:3, "If the foundation be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"; and then apply it to life insurance, wearing of the tie, etc. Brethren, you do greatly err, not knowing the scripture. The above named things are no part of the foundation, but things which we have taught against for the good of the spiritual condition of the church, that they learn to trust God for Soul and body; not to lean upon the arm of flesh, but worship God in spirit and in truth. Also that their attire should be plain and in keeping with their Godly lives and their testimonies. Now, let us get the real

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« Young People's Section »

Come Today

Dear youth, why doest thou linger
Outside the father's fold?
What evil power entices thee
To stay out in the cold,

The Savior gives eternal life
To all who choose His way;
But death awaits the wanderer
Who wills to go astray.

If Satan has deceived you,
Saying, "Nay, it isn't so."
Remember how he whispered
That to Eve long, long ago.

Or, if he has allured you
Into false pleasure's way,
Just ask yourself the question:
Will all this folly pay?

Oh, check your pace a little,
And open wide your eyes:
In all the way you've chosen,
Is there aught that satisfies?

The Savior loves and needs you
Oh, youth, be brave and dare
To join now, His faithful few—
His cross is light to bear!

EDITORIAL NOTES

Again, we send Christian greetings to the young saints scattered abroad. Those who had the opportunity to attend the various camp meetings, no doubt received many spiritual blessings through the Word of God that was preached. According to reports, a number of young people were saved in these meetings and started out to run the Christian race and win a crown. All heaven rejoices when one sinner repents and is saved. Surely the saints are exceedingly glad when another is added to the blood-bought, triumphant Church. Although some more young people are getting saved, and the devil is defeated in their case, yet the enemy of all righteousness is busy every moment and on every hand to discourage and sidetrack those who are saved. The need of to-day is to

watch and pray and keep our eyes on Jesus and our ears closed to the whisperings of Satanic spirits.

In several ways we see how Satan is endeavoring to trap young saints and spoil their usefulness in the Lord's work. Some may get exalted like King Saul and be rejected. Others may be crushed out of His service by the fault-finding tongue of the modern Pharisee. However, an appalling number are deceived and wrecked on the treacherous rocks of matrimony on life's great ocean. With another writer, we agree that the choosing of a life companion is in importance next to salvation and our relationship with God. O, dear young saint, beware of that trap which would keep you from your life's work and cause you to lose the reward of the faithful.

In speaking of Abraham, the Scripture says, "And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise." (Heb. 6: 15). This is true of every child of God. There is a time for us to manifest our faith by patiently enduring, and then afterward we will inherit the fulfillment of His promises.

The life of an overcoming Christian is a life of self-denial — a point on which many fail, catering instead to the demands of self. We must bear in mind that there are some special promises to the overcomers. Christ's life was a perfect example of self-denial. If you want to know how to deny yourself, study the life of Christ. Jesus says, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." (Mark 8: 34, 35).

—L. D. P.

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Miss.— Dear Young Saints and Unsaved Friends, Greetings to you in the sweet name of Jesus:

I am praising the dear Lord this afternoon for salvation. Dear ones, salvation is wonderful. It is more precious than all the silver and gold or anything in this world. It is the greatest gift that has ever been given to man. Dear unsaved friend, let me ask you this question, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation"? Let me beg you to seek this wonderful salvation before too late. Dear young saints, it behooves us to always do our very best for the dear Lord. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven".

Oh, how we need more young people who are willing to sacrifice everything for the Lord! We

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need more out in His vineyard. Soon the older ministers and saints will be gone and we must take their places. I wonder if we are going to carry the good work on as they did, or will we fail? May God bless each one and help us to do our very best is my prayer.

Your sister in Christ,

— Novella Pugh

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Calif.— Dear Saints, everyone who is washed in the blood of the Lamb: I praise God for this wonderful privilege of sending my testimony to the little paper— a privilege which I have never taken before.

I find Jesus real everywhere I go. He gives victory over everything that is unlike God; and there seems to be so much sin here in Salinas. It keeps me watching and praying all the time, trying to live a real Bible life, before men. Jesus said that we are living an epistle known and read of all men. Many are trying to serve God and the world at the same time. *Shake loose, Saints of God*, that we might live and measure our lives to the Bible, being full of the Holy Ghost, sanctifying ourselves daily; according to His word.

May God bless all the young people and help them to press on. It won't be long until *man shall go to his long home*.

Saints, pray for me. I love Him above all.

Yours in Him

—Thurman Millhollon

Keep On Running

The Lord is bringing precious thoughts to me as I meditate on His goodness. Some lessons have been learned through much pain and heartache; but worth while after all. Sometimes we get weary in body but we fight on, keeping the devil defeated. I, at one time, had the old devil laughing at me; but by the grace of God, he shall be a defeated foe hereafter.

The enemy puts forth all his power to cause us to get careless and unconcerned. He knows that the Lord has a few people who will not conform to the world, nor get discouraged by his threats so he puts forth every effort possible to get them to make some mistake which takes the grace of God and real humility to acknowledge. The Word says, "Confess your faults, one to another." Dear people, let us live closer and more humble and be more submissive. Some do not want admonition nor will they take it.

Search yourselves and see whether your life

reads like the Word. Have your life correspond with the Word of God like your person corresponds with the reflection in the mirror. Let us move deeper, we shall never regret it.

Oh, that our lives would be so hid away with Christ in God that only Christ would be seen! There is so much unnecessary talk going on among God's people that Christ is almost invisible. Self should shrink like the flesh recoils before the cross.

Dear saints, keep running, because you will barely make it if you keep going. We can't stop and look to see how far we have gone or what we left behind. No time to stop for our loved ones. Look ahead and go for your life. Paul says, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:13,14) we have a prize to gain by working with the talent which God has given us. Put it into practice or you will lose the prize. It will be so sad to see that prize which *could* have been yours.

The Lord gave me a dream the other night. I did not think much about it, since it was only a dream but it came forcibly to me again.

While in prayer one day, I saw a cliff just a few feet before me. I looked into the open space; but saw nothing but an open place. It made me think that time will soon be no more. This put a real stir in my soul. Then, last night I dreamed of seeing, or reading the *Faith and Victory* paper, and was disappointed to find almost a page was blank. I felt bad; because I thought the paper was quite small any way. Then, I thought that there was room for my piece. Though I am a poor writer, I mean to do my duty.

In my first dream, I was to take the train which was about due in our home town. The breeze was cool, as it was just after sundown. I started on a run, leaving friends and loved ones in the house, but as I was making the curve, I looked and saw the train just about to enter the City. I still had three miles to go and thought I might as well go back and be comfortable with the others. Since I had no baggage to carry, I kept on running and arrived just in time to catch the train. I didn't dream where I was going; but thought it was the only train.

Cast aside every weight and run! Run, brother and sister! The Lord has made it so we can make it in, if we count Him faithful to His promises.

My prayer is that you young people will take re-

sponsibilities and quit looking around for the older saints to do what you can do. This train always arrives when it is due, and you must be stripped from every weight and *be ready*.

I remain God's humble child,

—Selma Heibert

Anyone wishing to write may address the letter in care of the office of *Faith and Victory*.

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meaning of Psa. 11:3, by turning to the reference in 2 Tim. 2:19, commencing with the 16th verse, "Shun profane babblings, for their word will eat as doth a canker, of whom is Hymeneous and Philetus, who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already, and overthrow the faith of some." It is plain to be seen by these and other scriptures, that the resurrection of the dead is the foundation or basic principle upon which Jesus Christ builds His church. "If the dead rise not, ye are yet in your sins." Read the 15th chapter of 1 Cor. This is what Hymeneous and Philetus did: they taught that the resurrection had past and thus overthrew the faith of some in the resurrection. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure." Jesus, the resurrection, is still taught and believed in spite of the Hymeneouses and Philetuses. They are only destroying the foundations in the minds of some who do not want the truth. The same may be said of any other doctrine taught in the world. Faith for healing and for salvation, etc., if taught against, will overthrow the faith of some. Now just a little more about the building. In Heb. 11:10, Abraham looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. So God is the builder and maker, and puts the building together, (Eph. 2:5-22) He puts every stone (lively stone), 1 Peter 2:5, in the body as it hath pleased Him (1 Cor. 12:18), that there be no schism (division) in the body, (verse 25) He organized His church (body) (verse 28). The religion of Christ is of a sacrificial nature; not of a coercial nature. He gives us His law and invites all to obey and live or disobey and die. He lets everybody do as they please. If people do not please to serve and obey Him, it is their eternal loss. To prove how much He loved us He gave His life for us, and thus set us an 'example' that we also should do as He did—lay down our lives for each other. Oh, saints of God, in the face of all these beautiful scriptures, can we not see how we should "measure the pattern" (measure to the pattern)?

In conclusion, there is one more thing that burdens my heart; and as this may be the last message I shall be permitted to write, please bear with me. The thing that has struck the church the hardest blow in this evening time is two extremes: compromise and fanaticism. Compromise in the church means to agree with some practice or make permissible, things that the church has taught against for the unifying etc., of the church, and keeping out worldiness. Fanaticism is the other extreme that gets up against the compromise so hard and holds everyone as unsaved who have or that they think have compromised, regardless of light they may have or may not have had. It has gotten so hard that those who wish to be kind to all are counted as compromisers. Now, as God is not the author of confusion, He is not the author of either one of these extremes. Both are wrong and destructive to the peace and unity of Zion.

God bless His dear people and help all to turn loose the throats of others and run for our own lives. Remember the words of Jesus: "By this shall all men know ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

—G. E. Harmon

TESTIMONIES

Colo. Dear Sir:— In the Post Office of Berkeley I saw a tract. One end of it was pasted on a desk there. I copied the address and am now enclosing a dime to cover postage for samples of 40 tracts; also the "Faith and Victory" paper. Send the tract entitled, "Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord"; for which I thank you. Yours truly —Mrs. S. O. Ragland

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Ill.— Dear Ones in Jesus: I want to tell you how God honored the Tract, *48 Hours in Hell*. I sent for one thousand while in Alton, Ill. I had told the Church "Watch Night" meeting of this particular tract and promised to give them all one. I sent to you to have the pictures put in and you got the plates and made the tracts and sent them. I received them on Thurs. night, so I took several hundred to church night to make my word good. An Evangelist from Wisconsin preached that night. He did not know that I had the tract; neither did I know what the subject of his sermon would be; but he preached a 'red hot' sermon on Hell Fire. I gave him the first tract after meeting. They all knew that God had ordered it. Yes, you will get a great reward: "One plants another waters and God gives the increase".

I saw the man who had this experience in St. Joseph, Mo. in 1932. I had it translated for the Egyptians in 1914. A revival followed wherever it went. I want another thousand.

Yours in His glad service,

—Agnes C. Hawkins

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La.— Dear Gentlemen: As I was walking along the highway, I saw some paper on the side of the pavement. I picked it up and saw that it was one of your circulars. Will you please send me a few of them that I might show to some sinners and thereby help to win the world for Christ? I am one who has been born again. I'm doing my best to sow the seed.

Yours in Christ. —Morris Chatman

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Calif. — Dear Bro Pruitt Family and Office Workers: With much Holy love I send greetings in Jesus' name. I am thankful that I am saved with a settled decision to live for my blessed Savior all the days of my life. Praise His Great name forever!

After the departure of my dear wife I became very lonesome. I began to seek the Lord for more comfort. I prayed for a more definite realization of my relation with Him. I prayed, "Oh, Dear Lord, make thyself more real to me." After some time of earnest prayer, He whispered to me, "I will be just as real to you as you are to me. If you will be my real son, I will be your real Father, Savior Keeper, Healer, Comforter, Helper, and your all and all." Oh, what joy, peace, happiness and quietness is in my soul! To our God be all the glory forever! Amen.

Your Bro. in Christ for the whole truth of the Bible now and forever. Amen.

—M. J. Phillips

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Mo.— Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: I send greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus. I thank and praise our Lord this morning for salvation full and free. I am glad I have learned to love and trust Him and am trusting Him to guide me in the one way. I pray God's blessing on each and all the workers at the office and that He will keep you encouraged in the good work.

I am sending one dollar. Twenty-five cents is for another year's subscription to the *Faith and Victory*, and the rest to be used as needed. Please send me the Sunday School Lessons for August.

Please pray for me.

Your sister

—Mrs. J.W. Lorenz

Calif.— Dear Bro. Pruitt and family: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am now in my ninetieth year. I was converted 56 years ago last Feb., was sanctified three months later. I think of God's goodness to an ungreatful sinner as I was and yet, He forgave all of my sins and leads me in the way of right. I can say the path of the just is as a shining light. It shines brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. I make every effort possible to keep myself, soul body and spirit abandoned into the hands of my Creator, and abstain from all appearance of evil. I am still traveling in the old paths: the good way.

Just a word of warning: the devil is laying by-paths to catch the blood-washed souls.

—T. G. Conkle

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Okla.— To all the readers of the *Faith and Victory*: This leaves me still saved and trusting the Lord for soul and body. I mean to go all the way with Him. I thank the Lord for His healing power because I know His work can be done. My husband and daughter were lying low at death's door. I sent for Bro. L. L. Jackson and other saints, and when they prayed, the Lord wonderfully healed their bodies. To Him I give all the glory.

Your Saved Sister,

—Lizzie Murdock

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Wash — Dear Readers of *Faith and Victory*.

I greet you from the *Sheep Ranch on the Calville Indian reservation*, where Daughter's husband and his brother have 125,000 acres leased, on which they have their four bands of sheep with something like 2000 sheep in each band. By the blessing of our God, I reached here after a journey of near 4000 miles from Hammond, La. to Eastern Wash. I left home in Hammond, La. May 9th and after stopping several places, I arrived here June 12th. It was a very scenic trip up through the Rocky mountains. I think the grandest Route in the U. S. is through those Mts. Seeing these grand Mts. with the wonderful engineering it took to make it possible for us to travel up through these scenic things in such comfort. How it thrills our soul (as we see God in all things) With gratitude and praise to God the giver of all this beauty and grandure for we, *His little ones*, to enjoy. Oh, how I praise Him for this much desired privelege which has come to me in my 76th year. Now, dear readers, I solicit your prayers that God continue to keep me in *His precious will* all through my declining days, be they long or short.

God bless you all with a close walk with Him through this world filled with so many deceptive things. (The religious world) God alone knows how much of His grace it will take to keep the very

elect from falling in these perilous times.

Yours in humble submission to the will of God.
—Mrs. Sadie E. Orr


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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God.”

BIBLE  **STUDY**

“The entrance of thy words giveth light.”

This year is nearly three-fourths gone. Opportunities have presented themselves and we have either been alert to take advantage of them or they have passed on into eternity to await us at the judgment. Let each of us do all we can to extend the gospel. The Word exhorts us to be faithful unto death, if we should receive our crown. The Lesson theme for the last quarter is “Spreading Christianity.” Many practical truths are presented that we may apply unto our everyday life.

Wouldn't the Lord be pleased for us to order a bunch of tracts to hand out or subscribe for the paper for some relatives or friends and thus have a part in the extension of the Gospel?

Send your orders for literature in early so they will reach us by the 15th of Sept. A good time to send them is when you read this notice. A number of schools miss some of the lessons on account of the order being late. This will disappoint the children and cause them to lose interest in the Sunday School. We do not order sect lit-

erature for the young people or adults, as some seem to think. We cannot endure their conformity to the world for we believe the Lord wants us to live a devoted life to Him, separated from the spirit of the world with its attractions and allurements. The price of the picture rolls is ninety cents and the cards are three cents per set.

TURNING TO THE GENTILES

Sunday, Sept. 6, 1936

DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

- Aug. 31— Turning to the Gentiles. Acts 63:44-52.
 Sept. 1—Persecution for the Gospel's sake Acts 14:1-7.
 Sept. 2—The Cripple at Lystra Acts 14: 8-20.
 Sept. 3— Perseverance in the Gospel Acts 14:21-23.
 Sept. 4— Justification by Faith Romans 9:25-33.
 Sept. 5— The Universal Call Rev. 22: 16, 17.
 Sept. 6— The Reign of a Righteous King Psa. 72: 6-13

Printed Portion Acts 14:8-13,19,20; Rom. 10:8-13

8 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked:

9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.

13 Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.

19 And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Memory verse— I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. Acts 13:47

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- I. One and all need the Gospel.
 - A. The needs of a crippled man. (Soul and body)
 - B. Result of hearing and believing the Gospel
 - C. Cast all our care on Him. He supplies our needs
- II A miracle before a multitude (result?)
 - A. Some ready to worship the missionaries
 - B. Others ready to stone the missionaries
 - C. We cannot please all (Let us please God)
- III Power in the Gospel (Paul's message)
 - A. God no respecter of persons (no difference in Jew or Gentile).
 - B. Extreme suffering endured that we might have the Gospel.
 - C. Our obligations in spreading the Gospel.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

"As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." (John 17:18)

We find that Christ's desire and purpose was: "I came to do thy will O, God." As Christ came to do the will of God and as He was sent, even so He sends us. Then the commission to preach the Gospel to every creature is direct to us. The Gospel truly is good tidings to those who are lost. The good tidings are salvation for the soul and healing for the body. As the message of Salvation is received, it brings you comfort and peace that words cannot express.

In our lesson for to-day, we find a man that has been a cripple all his days; but he heard and believed the message and received the benefit. Jesus is always ready to verify His promises wherever and to whomsoever will hear and believe. "Not every one that saith Lord, Lord, shall enter—but he that doeth the will of the Father." What a sad picture it is to see the large numbers of the professed world to-day that call Him, Lord, Lord; but do not the things He says. They draw nigh unto Him with their lips; but their hearts are far from Him. I would to God that man would see the miraculous cleansing power in the blood and receive Him into their bosoms, that their lives would be an open book unto the world. When the light of this glorious gospel comes into the soul, it in turn shines forth upon the path of some weary traveler, reminding them that Jesus still loves them and beckons them to come. If all who name the name of the Lord would depart from iniquity, the Host of the Lord's army would march on to victory, time would soon come to an end the Lord would come for His bride; but since so many profess godliness but deny the power of Jesus to save and keep from sin in this present world, when we entreat sinners to yield to God they immediately point us to one of the professors and become disgusted with all 'so-called' religion.

THE COUNCIL IN JERUSALEM

Sunday Sept. 13, 1936.

DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

Sept.	7—	The council in Jerusalem	Acts 15:1-11.
Sept.	8—	The decision of the Council	Acts 15:12-21.
Sept.	9—	The decree of the Council	Acts 15:22-29.
Sept.	10—	Freedom from idols	1 Thess. 1: 2-10.
Sept.	11—	Freedom from bondage	Gal. 5: 1-12.
Sept.	12—	One in Christ	Gal. 3: 23-29.
Sept.	13—	The life giving spirit	Rom. 8: 1-11.

Printed Portion Acts 15: 22-29; Gal. 2: 1,2,9,10.

22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

23 And they wrote letters by them after this manner: The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia:

24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:

25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

1 Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also.

2 And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.

9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

10 Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also am forward to do.

Memory Verse: For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. Gal. 5:13.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- I An issue arose at Antioch.
 - A. False teachers from Judea
 - B. Insisting that the law of Moses be observed
- II The Council at Jerusalem.
 - A. The decision given and accepted.
 - B. Jews and Gentiles have same liberty in gospel
 - C. Free from all forms and traditions

III Paul an apostle to the Gentiles.

A Freedom of the Gospel

- 1 God no respecter of persons
- 2 Gospel looses all straps, such as; jealousy, pride, envy, etc.
- 3 We are all workers together

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Our lesson for to-day is very practical in that all have difficulties to face and overcome. The young as well as the old have their seemingly hard and strange trials. The children that many think are carefree have their little troubles and trials. The enemy of their souls is continually bothering them and endeavoring to plant wicked seeds in their little tender hearts. While the soil of their hearts is still fallow, we should see that the seed planted therein is righteous; that it might spring up unto life everlasting. Thus we see that our lesson to-day is very adaptable, collectively or individually.

When obstacles arise in the congregation, it is often necessary for a heart to heart talk between those concerned. Misunderstandings often mount high in the imaginations of others, and if the bond of love is not sufficiently embraced, a little whispering and surmising will cause a variance or friction which will soon cause a breach in the spirit of fellowship, whether it is between children in the home or in the congregation. Satan is working hard and doing his utmost to destroy that peace and harmony that we find only in our Savior.

How thankful we are that we can resist the enemy, have a talk concerning the misunderstanding in the spirit of meekness, thus defeating Satan in his purpose and allowing peace and harmony to continue in our bosom. It is our privilege to have victory over all the imposing powers of Satan.

CHRISTIAN LIVING

Sunday Sept. 20, 1936

DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

Sept. 14—	A Living Sacrifice	Rom. 12:1-8.
Sept. 15—	Christian Ideals	Rom. 12: 9-21.
Sept. 16—	A Divine Standard	Isa. 1: 10-17.
Sept. 17—	Growth in Grace	II Peter 1:1-11.
Sept. 18—	Christian Citizenship	Rom. 13: 1-10.
Sept. 19—	The Ideal Christian	Matt. 5: 1-12.
Sept. 20—	Pledge of Complete Redemption	Rom. 8.

Printed Portion Romans 12: 1, 2, 3, 9-21.

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that

which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another;

11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep.

16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Memory Verse: Christ liveth in me. Gal.2: 20

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

I Preparation for Living

A. Presenting our bodies.

B. Not a dead sacrifice; but a living sacrifice.

C. Created to glorify the Creator

II Correct estimation of one's self

A. Comparing our lives with these given principles

B. Highmindedness inflates one: thus he becomes nothing.

C. Self depreciation stunts and dwarfs the soul.

III Results of I & II applied equals devoted service.

A. Our Service, a service of love.

B. Allowing God to accomplish things through the Christ Life that is in us.

C. Contrast a victorious life with one that has met defeat.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lessons for a number of Sundays have been rather historical in nature, in that we have studied about the early church, how the Missionaries were sent and the Gospel delivered unto the Gentiles.

Our lesson to-day concerns our living around home. May none of us take offense; but let each of us allow God to turn the search-light of Heaven upon our hearts and permit us to see ourselves just as we stand in His sight.

Before we can expect to live right, we will necessarily have to start right. Many a soul has met defeat and shipwreck along the way because it failed to make proper preparation for the journey undertaken. We all admit

that we are only sojourners in the land and it behooves us all to accept the offered chart and guide that will direct us to our desired destination.

Jesus, speaking in regard to the sower, said: "The seed is the word of God." We also remember how He said that the seed fell on good ground, that is; in honest hearts, received the word and kept it, and it brought forth fruit. Now as the Holy Spirit strives with the unsaved heart, causing it to realize that it is going to spend eternity somewhere; thus following and preparing the heart-soil that the righteous word of God might be planted therein. This seed that has been planted in the heart will germinate and grow under favorable conditions, reproducing the same character traits and principles as we find in the parent who is God.

We find in John 3: 3, "Jesus answered and said unto him, verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." This shows that if we do not get started right we cannot even see the way that leads to our desired destination. If we cannot see the way that leads there how can we expect to get there?

It is not by a multiplication of religious rites and ceremonies, nor by keeping the visible outside duties up, such as: church attendance, giving, the saying of prayers, or singing of songs; but, "That Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith." That consciousness of Jesus dwelling within simplifies our duties and enables us to become more like Him.

Since we have been born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God--; we are able to reproduce the life of Jesus to those about us, even to those in our own home.

Some savages were presented a sun-dial. They so honored it that they built a cover for it; thus, preventing the sun from shining on it. It became of no use to them. Some people seem to honor their religion so much that they set it aside: it becomes of no use to them and one cannot tell for certain if there is life there.

As we behold the divine love of God, that love that loves its enemies, that returns blessing for cursing, that does good to those that hate them and prays for those who spitefully use them and persecute them. That love that lays not the sin to their charge, that forgives for they know not what they do. That longsuffering to all, which is salvation--the meekness, the goodness of God that turneth man to repentance and many, many attributes, such as; supplying, protecting, guiding, comforting, healing, and others that words are at a loss to express; or our finite minds to comprehend. As we meditate upon these eternal truths and see our privileges and feel our obligation to reproduce these characteristics, our souls cry out to God that He might increase our faith. That He might help us to do and say just those things that would be acceptable before Him. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O, Lord, my strength and my redeemer." Psalms 19: 14.

REVIEW— THE SPREAD OF CHRISTIANITY IN WESTERN ASIA.

Sunday Sept. 27, 1936

DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

- Sept. 21— Preparing a Christian leader Acts 9: 1-9.
 Sept. 22— Christianity in Antioch Acts 11:19-26.
 Sept. 23— Heathen practice condemned Acts 13:32-39
 Sept. 24— Christianity's message Acts 13: 32-39.
 Sept. 25— Gentiles converted Acts 13: 14-52.
 Sept. 26— A good report Acts 14: 19-28.
 Sept. 27— The growth of the kingdom Matt. 13:24-33.

Memory Verse—They rehearsed all things that God had done with them, and how He had opened a door of faith unto the Gentiles. Acts 14: 27.

List of the Study Subjects for this Quarter

July 5 — The Coming of the Holy Spirit in Power Acts 1: 6-9; 2:1-11:32-38.

Pointers:

1. The promise and fulfillment of the Spirit.
2. Witnessing—Peter's Message.

July 12— Witnessing under persecution Acts 4:5-12.

Pointers:

- 1 A witness of divine healing
- 2 The trial of Peter and John.
- 3 Witnessing for Jesus.

July 19— Giving and Doing IICor. 8: 1-9.

Pointers:

- 1 Giving as unto the Lord.
- 2 Result and Reward.
- 3 Giving ourselves first

July 26— Christianity Spread by Persecution

Pointers:

- 1 Persecution of church
- 2 Persecution of Stephen and Paul.
- 3 Cause of Persecution (Godly living)

Aug. 2— Phillip's Missionary Labors Acts 8:26-40.

Pointers:

- 1 Church Persecution, —Scattered abroad.
- 2 Phillip and the Eunuch (believing and baptizing)

Aug. 9— Saul Converted and Commissioned Acts 9:1-9

Pointers:

- 1 Saul the Persecutor
- 2 Paul, the believer.
- 3 Meaning of Conversion to Paul--to them then--to us now.

Aug. 16— Sowing and Reaping Gal. 6--1--10.

Pointers:

- 1 The Law of Sowing and Reaping.
- 2 Sowing to the flesh and to the spirit
- 3 Result: Healthy experience—Eternal life.

Aug. 23— The Gospel for all men Acts 11:5-18

Pointers:

- 1 Peter's Vision
- 2 His mission.
- 3 God no respecter of persons, sermon theme.

Aug. 30— Beginning of World Missions Acts 13:1-12

Pointers:

- 1 The Missionary Spirit—into all the world.
- 2 The missionary effort of to-day.

Note: Use Sept. issue for this month's review.