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HAVE FAITH
IN GOD



A PAPER
FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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What Are You Seeking?



As I look through the windows of this tenant clay,
On the beautiful things of earth,
And see how their glories so soon decay,
Their value but a moment's worth.
I see the people as an angry throng,
As they're rushing far and wide,
With their glitter as they pass along,
They're never satisfied.

For things more beautiful, things more rare,
For pleasures more complete,
They are toiling, searching for the transient joys,
That only mean defeat.
For what would it profit you and me,
If the whole world we should gain;
Could we carry ought to eternity?
Would it cool the burning flame?

There are pleasures more lasting and joys more deep,
Than these mundane shores can give;
And after these do the wise ones seek,
While in this land they live.
And using this world as a garment loose,
That must soon be cast aside,
They seek for the pleasures the Spirit produces,
Just on the other side.

As we see by the light of the opening day
The stars are all concealed,
So earthly pleasures fade away
When Jesus is revealed:
Beyond the gates on that golden shore,
My heart is anchored fast;
That evermore shall last.
Where a robe and a crown and a mansion are mine:
—Ulysses Phillips.

To The Unsaved

Your life on earth is short. Each closing day, each passing hour, is hurrying you on to "Eternity." There is no place for repentance beyond the grave: "In the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be." Eccl. 11:3. "Now is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6:2. Today you stand on the shores of time, but tomorrow you may be gone—gone to eternity. Today your mind is busy, thinking, planning; tomorrow you may be dead! "Prepare to meet thy God." —Amos 4:12. Act quickly! "Now is the accepted time." 2 Cor. 6:2. "Thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Prov. 27:1. "My spirit shall not always strive with man." Gen. 6:3. For you, Jesus died, for you, He wore the crown of thorns. Today, He bids you "Come." "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." Isa. 1:18. His yoke is easy. His burden is light. He can make you happy now, and comfort you in the hour of death. His service is pleasant, profitable, blessed. "The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Prov. 4:18. "The way of the transgressors is hard." Prov. 13:15. "And be sure your sin will find you out." Nom. 32:23. But "let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isa. 55:7.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP VERSUS CHRISTIANITY

Morality and membership in some churches are many times mistaken for Christianity. One may belong to the church, be regular in attendance, be moral in his conduct etc. and yet not have the real love of God in his heart. Morality is a doctrine,

which treats of right duties and actions and is supported by the practise of the same. One may have these fine qualities and many others, and yet fail to be a Christian. There is a vast difference between being a good moral church member, and being one of God's elect. Christianity, is the act of following Christ, in all Holy Living, faith, word and actions, which are prompted by the indwelling Spirit of Christ, together with all moral virtues and good works, which are done through faith in Christ. Christianity is religion, but all religions are not Christianity. There are hundreds of different kinds of religion and beliefs in the world today. There are many churches which teach moral duties, honesty, virtue and sobriety, yet one may have all of these sterling qualities and miss heaven, because he is not a Christian.

Nicodemus (who came to Jesus by night) no doubt, was considered to be a good moral man, or high standing among his members in the synagogue, and perhaps was very religious, yet he was not a Christian, because he did not have the Spirit of Christ; he knew nothing of how it is possible to love our enemies, pray for those who despitefully use us, and to return good for evil and to honor and accept Christ as his master. All are real possibilities, only through the Holy Spirit, which Christ gives to his Church. He was not aware that he could not be saved by his own good works and morality alone.

We are unable to do God's will, until we have the Spirit of Christ. If we have Christ's Holy Spirit, we will have good works and morals also, which will be weighty and powerful because they are backed by his power. He alone, can enable us to perform that unto which we are sent. All of our endeavor through Christ, are his works which are manifest in us and through us. When we do his will, we know that we have his divine favor upon us and have no fear. Without Christ, our good works and morality, (which is our own righteousness) shall be counted only as filthy rags. (Isa. 64:6). One may have religion and belong to church all of his life, and be highly respected, by all of his friends and associates, yet fail to meet Christ's requirements, which constitute a Christian.

Some religions only go so far as to worship idols, some worship God only and claim Christ His Son, was an imposter; some acknowledge both the Father and Son, in name only, having a form or religion, but deny the power thereof. (2 Tim. 3:5). Others worship through tradition and cold formality, who are not fervent in Spirit, because they do not have

Christ's Spirit, therefore are not Christ's and are not Christians. In Matt. 25th chapter, Jesus tells us that these are they, who will be on his left hand, who have spent their lives in vain. To be a member of any of the above, will profit us nothing, all of our good deeds, morality and false worship, will have been lost, together with our precious souls. Therefore let us take account of ourselves and make each of our valuable moments count for God, while he yet spares us here on earth.

To be a member of the true Church of God, or body of Christ, we must be filled with the Spirit of Christ, which will enable us to live soberly, righteously and Godly here in this present world. (Titu. 2:12). In such a state of divine grace we are fitted to withstand temptation, and have a desire to follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit, to spend our time, talent and earthly possessions, in order to promote Christ's kingdom.

The Pharisee on the house-top, no doubt was a church member, perhaps had many good deeds to his credit, gave tithes and prayed much; yet his prayers were to no avail. He could not pray the prayer of faith, for he had no faith in Christ, was not led by His Spirit and had not charity. (1 Cor. 13:3). Charity is a deep profound love for Christ and his kingdom, if we love Christ's kingdom, we love as he loves, even our enemies. So let us have faith, hope and charity, and especially charity, which brings both faith and hope. This Pharisee's prayers were not effective, because he trusted in his own righteousness and not as God counts righteousness. God will hear the prayer of a righteous man because he calls in faith believing. God will also hear the prayer of true repentance, (Matt. 18:10). Not every one who sayeth Lord, Lord, shall enter heaven, but only they who do his will, shall enter that blessed place of peace and rest for the soul. Jesus asks, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things I say?" (Luke 6:46). Why should we have an empty profession, which will not stand the test of fire and judgment? Better that we have no profession at all; then there may be hope for us to meet God's conditions and be a Christian in reality, and not in name only. Better that we should pray the prayer of the Publican (asking for God's mercy) than to hold to our own righteousness, which are only morals, and will profit us nothing without Christ in our lives.

To be a Christian in name only, and not in reality, places us in a very dangerous position; we are in danger of loosing that precious soul which

in the image of God, His Creator. Truly when Jesus was born and the angels appeared, glory shone around. And it was also true when you and I were given a new birth in Christ Jesus, glory shone around, not only on earth, but in earth. This old earthen vessel was made to leap for joy, and sing the same glad new song, glory to God, and peace not only on earth but in earth.

Some people yet worship the stars, the moon, and even the sun; because they seem to render such great service to the inhabitants of the earth.

But we as the saints of the Most High, worship, praise, adore and give glory to whom all glory and honor is due. Let us see to it, that we glorify God in all we do or say.

Who is it that can know more about the meaning of Christmas than the real saint of God? May Heaven and earth and saints and angels meet, and spend Christmas time singing and giving God glory.

Singing Glory shouting glory,

Singing glory hallelujah to the Lamb,

Can my heart refuse to sing praises to my heavenly King,

When triumphant in His service now I am.

his service now I am. —George W. McMillan.

Trust In God

If we trust in, confide in, rely on, and place confidence in God the results are comfort, consolation, and rest of mind. To trust in God means a perfect yielding to Him of soul, mind and body, for we are not our own, "for ye are bought with a price," (1 Cor. 6:20). And in the language of Job, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him," Job 13:15). "What time I am afraid I will trust in thee," Psa. 56:3. "Trust in Him at all times; ye people," Psa. 62:8. "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man," Psa. 118:8. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path. Honor the Lord with thy substance. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty," Prov. 3:5-10. "Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive: and let thy widows trust in Me," Jer. 49:11. When should we commit such sacred trust in the hands of an all powerful God? Just in the time of war? Job trusted God throughout all his life—wife, children, property, friends and all; in sickness and health, in poverty and in wealth. Did it pay him? Was it not the best business investment

he could make? If you don't believe it, just read the book of Job, especially the last chapter, and see how he was blest with sons and daughters, wealth, long life, salvation and acceptance with God. Now look at the other side of the picture. "Thus saith the Lord; cursed is the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm and whose heart departeth from the Lord," Jer. 17:5. When we trust God He will deliver us in time of trouble. But if not trusting Him, "When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee" (but they can't). "But the wind shall carry them away; but he that putteth his trust in Me shall possess the land." Isa. 57:13. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33. If you want salvation, "Behold God is my salvation: I will trust and not be afraid," If you want protection, "salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks." If you want joy, go to drawing water out of the wells of salvation. If you want victory, "cry out and shout." Are you hungry? "Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed," Psa. 37:3. Would you be made fat? "He that putteth his trust in the Lord shall be made fat," Prov. 28:25. If you want peace; "therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God," Rom. 5:1. If you would have great peace, just pray God to help you to love His law more: "great peace have they which love thy law, and nothing shall offend them," Psa. 119:165. If you are troubled about what you shall eat, drink or wear, read Matt. 6:25. to finish. "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink, nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on." God feeds the birds, are ye not much better than they? "If God clothes the lillies, the grass, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith." Are you sick? Call for the elders of the Church, let them pray over you... the prayer of faith shall save the sick. Have you faults? Confess them one to another, James 5:14-16. Are you sad and care-worn? "Cast all your care upon Him: for He careth for you," 1 Peter 5:7. Do you worry and fret? Then read the 37th Psalm.

At last when dying, He will comfort you. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear not evil: for thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Psa. 24:4,5. "Trust and obey, for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey." "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ." What more do we want? —Sel.

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"Work on, work on, nor doubt, nor fear.

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

To all the dear readers of the Faith and Victory paper we wish to extend heart thankfulness for your prayers and co-operation during the past year. We cannot recall any past opportunities, but as we are moving on in the new year of 1937 we want to urge you in holy love to be at your best this year and never allow an opportunity to pass in which you can sow to the Spirit and do works of righteousness. In being diligent to do this you will find that by the time this year is closing up you will have gained in spirituality and in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, the assurance of heaven and of God's approval upon your soul will be greater with a deeper joy, together with more confidence and faith in God.

We expect to put forth every effort in prayer and seeking God for wisdom and heavenly knowledge to make the Faith and Victory paper a great blessing to a larger number of souls than in any past year. To do this we know that the all-important thing is for us to live in humility of heart and mind before God so He can impart wisdom and knowledge that is needed so that the printed matter going forth by the printed page will be real heavenly bread for the souls of men. The freer you are from the entanglements of the world and man-made organizations, the more you will relish the good, wholesome food from Father's table and the easier it will be for God to talk to your heart and to lead you by his Spirit. We desire your earnest prayers and co-operation in this soul-saving work which God has laid upon our hearts. We are expecting God to "bring again Zion" so that she will shine as in days of yore. All who attended the recent Assembly meeting here at Guthrie has had a foretaste of it.

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Paul taught us in his epistles and also the Holy Spirit teaches us the same thing that we are to make our boast only in the Lord. When we speak of the assembly meeting being a glorious heavenly meeting from the very start, clear on through to the end we are only boasting of what God has done. If there is one that attended this meeting that could truthfully speak of it in any other way, I have failed to find that one. The liberty and power given the ministry in speaking the truths of God's Word in this meeting was past description by words. There was between thirty and forty ministers present and the Holy Ghost laid messages on different ones and led them into the pulpit to expound the scriptures and to give out heart-searching truths. If Satan ever succeeded in starting anything wrong it was soon

melted and overcome by the mighty melting, softening and overwhelming love of God and so the pre-eminence of the Lord was very noticeable all through the meeting. Such meetings as this will soon bring about a unity and oneness that will convince the world of the reality of the visible Church of the Living God. When Saints learn how to love their enemies and those who may be out of the way, according as the Bible teaches it: then God will have a greater opportunity to magnify himself and show the spiritual body of Christ which is the Church, to men who are hungering after and desiring these things.

The saints of the State, seeing the need of a dining hall here at Guthrie, purchased three lots just across the alley north of the chapel. These lots have a house and barn on them with good large shade trees and can be converted into a fine place for a dining hall and also a place to hold tent meetings. They also decided to enlarge the chapel building as it was far too small to accommodate the crowds that attended the meeting. We are expecting a forward move of God's work and a continual engathering of precious souls.

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In the second chapter of Phillipians, Paul teaches the saints to, "Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves." If teachers and ministers would obey this instruction it would do away with much of the strife, contention and divisions which exist in some places.

Paul says, let nothing be done through strife or vainglory. Teachers and ministers ought to learn to cease striving so much to have their own way, but have more faith in God and get quiet and let God work. Patience or longsuffering is a fruit of the Spirit and is greatly needed in keeping peace and giving God a chance to work and rectify any wrong or disorder that Satan may stir up. That word vainglory means seeking honor for yourself or having a desire for people to think that you are some body. All glory and honor that cease with this life is vainglory and honor and should not be coveted and sought after by any Christian. The Christians' seeking should be wholly to glorify the Lord. If they do good deeds or give alms they should not be particular about any one knowing it unless they were sure that it would be to the glory of God.

Jesus says, "How can ye believe, which receive

honour one of another, and seek not the honour which cometh from God only?" John 5:44.

It seems that some get so wrested from the truth that they live on praise and honour of men. The minister will flatter those in the pew and they in turn will flatter the ministers. When a congregation gets into such a condition as that, they will not like a preacher unless he is of that type. Their works and sayings if weighed up by God's word would amount to all vainglory.

How, oh how true are the sayings of Jesus, "Many are called, but few are chosen." All those who have really been forgiven and have been born again are called ones. They set out to follow the Lord but become taken up with the world and its ways and are not diligent to keep themselves unspotted from the world and many of them may be teachers and preachers, but they get to loving the praise of men and preaching and teaching to please men rather than God and so on they go, called but not chosen to dwell with God. On the other hand there are some who are diligent to obey God and continually seek His honor and keep crucified unto the world and the world unto them and God sees their works and notes their love for Him and His truth and will choose them to dwell with him throughout all eternity. By far the largest portion of worship today is vain worship. Dear reader, it need not be so with you.

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In the second chapter of Phillipians and the twelfth and thirteenth verses Paul exhorts the brethren to, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling: for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure."

I recently heard from a dear man in Canada who had been under the influence of "moral preachers" and he was much discouraged and his soul was longing for real spiritual life. He wrote us that they were hard on his fleece. Moral teaching and practices will not save any soul. Men must have a change of heart, they must be born again according as the scripture teaches in the third chapter of St. John. One without the spiritual birth cannot see the Kingdom of God. Morality will never bring it. Man will first have to come to the knowledge that he is a great sinner in the sight of God and must have a change of heart in order to have power to please God. We read in the seventh chapter of Romans how that when Paul was under condemnation, sin by the commandment became exceedingly sinful and finally he cries out, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

The sin that was in him he called a body and it was bringing eternal death to him. He needed a deliverer just as truly as all unsaved men need a deliverer today. Man cannot deliver himself. Paul thanked God for he found deliverance through Jesus Christ our Lord. After he was delivered he says in the first verse of the eighth chapter, "There is, therefore, now (present time) no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, (take notice he says to them that are in Christ Jesus) who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit." One will have to first get salvation before he can work out his salvation. It is absolutely necessary for one to have the Spirit of Christ before he can follow him. Paul says in the ninth verse of the eighth chapter, "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of His." Those who have salvation work it out with fear and trembling. They love God so much that they fear to do wrong lest they grieve and wound Him and therefore they are diligent to obey him and be led by His Spirit. They want to keep so yielded to God that He can work in them both to will and to do of His good pleasure. They do righteous deeds as the Spirit moves in them and prompts them and thus they have His righteousness. Those who do good deeds because of moral teaching only have self-righteousness and there is no eternal reward for such deeds. Paul says, "As many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God." One cannot be led by the Spirit of God unless they first get the Spirit and by yielding to Him continually they retain the Spirit.

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During the Assembly meeting there was a desire in the hearts of the ministers present to have a ministers' meeting some time in June. This was to be a general ministers' meeting so all the ministers could get together in a love and fellowship meeting and all could have a better understanding of a moving forward of the work of the Lord and wherein any differences existing could be cleared up by the Lord's help, and all be of one mind and of one heart in one accord. It seems to us that this meeting should begin on Friday, June 18, which would give us Friday, Saturday and Sunday and if need be we could hold in session longer. This date would give ample time to get through with this meeting before the Camp-meetings begin for the summer season. The state agreed to supply cooks and food for all who attend. Every congregation ought to see that their pastor gets to this meeting; all ministers and teachers interested in soul-saving work ought to be present and those who feel themselves out of line in any way with

the general body of God's ministers ought by all means to be present with a humble heart to take God's ways.

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SHOW LOVE TO YOUR BROTHER

"Bear ye one another's burdens."

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Bro. Ulysses Phillips, a Holy Ghost minister, living near Dover, Okla. is in very much need of a car. He lives on a small farm and carries on the work of God in his own community, having Sunday School and preaching and also he has different appointments over week-ends and often called upon to make trips to pray for the sick and also to officiate in funerals, and if anyone needs a car that can be depended upon, he is surely one of them. He is worthy of any favor that God may grant you to show to him.

We made mention of this need in the Assembly meeting, and the saints present gave him an offering of twenty dollars. The saints at Hennessey and some in other places have given offerings for this purpose and at present there is something over forty dollars toward the car. He has an old model T. Ford at present and it is so badly worn out that it is very unpleasant to try to go any where with it. We thought by trading the old car in and paying perhaps \$250.00 difference we could get him a car that he could depend upon to get to his appointments.

Our readers ought to be pretty well acquainted with Bro. Phillips' writings, as often articles and poems in the Faith and Victory paper bear his name.

You can send your offerings for this car here to the Office or direct to him at Dover, Okla. Please do not think lightly of this matter. Every congregation ought to have a special offering for this purpose.

Yours in His service,

—Fred Pruitt.

OBITUARY

James Madison Whiting, was born in Ill. March 30, 1854. He departed this life January 14, 1937, age 82 years, 9 months, 15 days. He was married to Clara Etta Sharp June 9, 1876. To this union were born six children. Two sons died in infancy. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Clara Whiting, one son, H. O. Whiting of Combs, Ark.; three daughters, Mrs. Nellie Poulos, of San Bernardino, Mrs. J. W. Shriver, Sheldon, Iowa, Mrs. A. C. Sturgis, Hilda, Mo., 12 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He became a Christian at 15 years of age and lived a devoted Christian life. About 22 years ago he found The Church of God and died in the faith.

Funeral service was conducted by G. E. Harmon. Texts: Rev. 14:12-13; 1st. Thess. 4:13-14; 1st. Cor. 15: 12-23, 50, 55, and Job: 14:14.

The Church Of The Living God

In Matthew the 16th chapter we find that Jesus said to Peter, "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Jesus is the rock: the chief corner stone. 1 Pet. 2:6 and Isaiah 28:16. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:11. This is the foundation that will never be destroyed as it is an everlasting foundation, the foundation of the Church that Jesus said he was going to build for the one he is building stands upon this strong foundation. No man can build a church upon this foundation as this foundation is Jesus Christ, and His body is the Church. Eph. 1:22, 23. Jesus is the head of this body. Col. 1:18. He has built it together not apart, read Eph. 2:20, 21 and 22. It is framed together and is knit together and the church which is his body, strives together and is raised up together and made sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. This beautiful body or church is his holy bride. John saw it coming down from God out of heaven and called it, "New Jerusalem" and he saw it prepared as a bride, adorned for her husband. Rev. 21:2. Each member in this body has been washed in the blood of the Lamb and has on a white robe, a wedding garment, each one has something from heaven in their soul. Jesus says of his holy bride or disciples, "Ye are not of the world even as I am not of the world." The door of this Church is Jesus for He says, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture." John 10:9 This Church is built up with "Lively Stones." No one can join this Church as Jesus is the door and all that enter in by the door will be saved from sin as there is no sin in this body. The only way one may become a member of this Church is to be born again, from above which is a spiritual birth, being born of God. This church is not an invisible body as it was and is the light of the world. It is not hid but is as a city set on a hill which cannot be hid. Matt. 5:14. The members of this Church are a spiritual body and have the mind of Christ and are all joined together and compose the Church of the Living God, which is the pillar and ground of the truth. Jesus is not the builder of any sect, he is not the author of confusion and has no part in divisions and strife and teachings contrary to the Word of God. All such are man made and man is the head of them. Their foundation is sandy and they will fail.

The Church which Jesus built has a sure foundation and it has a law given to it, the law of love. Jesus says to his Church to love one another with a true heart fervently: the Church is cemented together in the bonds of true fellowship and love. This Church is very rare and costly as it cost the brightest Jewel of Heaven. It was purchased by the blood of Jesus. Acts 20:28. Jesus gave his life upon the cross and there purchased this heavenly body. Words are not equivalent to express the grandeur and beauty of this glorious Church which is without spot, wrinkle, or any such thing and is holy and without blemish. Eph. 5:27.

Jesus said, "I am the vine and ye (individuals) are the branches." John 15:5. If we abide in Him we will bring forth much fruit. We, as individuals are grafted into the vine by spiritual birth. All the saved children of God are in the vine. Ye are all in Christ, in one family and have one Father which is God. This is a Kingdom which cannot be moved. Hebrews 12:28. This Kingdom will stand forever and of the increase of his government there shall be no end and is possessed by the Saints of the Most High and is an everlasting Kingdom. Dan. 7:27. Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life." The way is clear for every one, the book of life is open and Jesus says, "Come for all things are ready." It is a free salvation to all mankind. It is offered to any who will come, without money and without price. Isaiah 55:1. "Seek Him while he may be found, call ye upon him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way (his way) and the unrighteous man his thoughts (his thoughts) and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God for He will abundantly pardon." Sinner friend, he will pardon you if you will forsake your way, repent and return to Him. Satan is against you. God is for you. Take sides with God, and He will make the devil behave himself and you will be freed from sin and condemnation and then you can abide in the one fold, the Church of the living God.

—F. W. Spour.

Get up. Get up for Jesus,
 Ye soldiers of the Cross;
 A lazy Sunday morning,
 Is certain harm and loss.
 The church bells will be ringing
 In duty be not slack.
 You cannot fight the good fight
 By lying on your back.

Eternity-Bound Soul

Dear friend, we are all bound for eternity. Some day soon or late, we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ to give an account of the deeds done in our body whether they be good or bad. I feel burdened more than ever before this morning for lost souls. Oh, dear unsaved friend, don't wait until it is too late to pray. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. One of the saddest scenes that I have ever seen was a dying woman who was praying, "Save me, Lord! Save me, Lord!" She repeated it over and over. Only a few hours later she passed away to spend eternity somewhere. The truth had been preached near her. This very lady called her mother to help her, but her mother could not help her. Your friend might scorn you if you get saved but if you reject God your friend can't help you when Jesus comes.

Oh dear friend, don't let this be your doom. Come to the Lord while you are in your right mind, and have health and strength. Dear friend, don't go along with a mere profession, because it won't do you any good. You will be eternally lost without God. We who are saved must keep pressing on, be prayerful and careful and live so other lost souls will come to the Lord. Maybe some lost soul will get some help before it is too late. —Luetta Bramlitt.

BE NOT CONFORMED TO THE WORLD

We read in Romans 12:2, "Be not conformed to the world." This consists of dressing as the world does and of pleasing, or having a desire to please others rather than God also of putting on of apparel which is to please the carnal man for man looketh on the outward appearance but the Lord looketh on the heart. 1 Sam. 16:7. It is the desire of the human side of life to look nice in the eyes of man, but what about the all-seeing eye of God? Does it please Him when we dress to adorn ourselves, just to look nice, or to try to hide the peculiar look that God expects of all of His true children? For God's people are a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Titus 2:14. And if Satan can get us to just put on a little of the world it will cause the peculiar look to leave, then in a sense we dress as the world. There are ornaments that unsaved people deck themselves with but, thank the dear Lord, the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit is in the sight of God of great price. 1st Peter 3:4. So we as God's people must dress ourselves as God has laid out, and live as a peculiar people, being careful

not to offend our weak brother for whom Christ died. But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience ye sin against Christ. 1 Cor. 8:12. —Mrs. W. A. McCoy.

MEETING REPORT

I feel impressed to write a little about the Assembly Meeting of the Church of God held in Guthrie Okla. through the Christmas holidays of 1936. The meeting is passed, but glorious effects will continue to live on and on. We were blessed to arrive at the meeting on the 2nd day and found the camp on fire for God. It seemed that there had been a fresh baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. And the fire had burned up all the rubbish, and oh what a glorious time our heavenly Father did give His children. All praise and glory and honor be to our Father and to our precious loving Saviour.

There were about thirty four ministers in the meeting, Bro. Geo. Harmon and son from Calif., and several ministers and other saints from the state of Missouri, also Brother O. B. Wilson Jr. from Kansas, and many visiting Saints out of the state. Nearly all of the state ministers were present. I can say of a truth I have not seen such unity of the ministry and of the Saints these twenty seven years of my saved life. To God be all the glory. There were about twelve found peace in Jesus, and a number sanctified. One precious Sister followed the Lord and was baptized in the river. Praise the Lord.

Our business meeting was conducted with much love. Our secretary, Bro. Diggs rendered his report with satisfaction. The Lord provided that the camp-meeting board might purchase a place for a dining hall, which they did. The property is close by, consisting of three lots with a building that can easily be remodeled for a dining room and rooms for sleeping quarters. I close with this, but the half has not yet been told. Your Bro. for the whole gospel truth. —M. J. Phillips.

FREE TRACTS

We have just printed seven thousand tracts entitled, "The Square Deal Tract." This tract is written by W. J. Donovan of Santa Cruz, Calif. It is a good tract to give to the unsaved. Bro. Donovan is anxious to get these tracts scattered out to needy souls and anyone wanting these tracts can get them by sending postage to pay for the transportation charges. This is an eight page tract with a green cover on it, very attractive and neatly made. Sixty-five tracts makes a pound so you can easily figure the amount of postage required to send a good quantity to you.

We also send out a package of fifty different tracts as a sample of tracts which we print and keep in stock for tract distribution. I want you to feel free to send for these tracts. They are at your disposal. We are ready to wrap and send them to you as we receive your order. Thousands are using these tracts to the salvation of souls. Why not you?

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

LET ME NOT DRIFT

Oh let me not drift from Thee away,
Dear Lord, in the rushing tide:
Though I am but weak, I long to stay
Ever close to Thy precious side.

Help me resist the wiles of sin,
Confronting the soul made free:
Dark foes are without and fears within,
To ensnare and sever my life from Thee.

Oh let me not drift from Thy tender care,
As through this wicked world I go:
There is laid for my feet a snare,
As Satan is walking to and fro.

I cannot escape unless my feet,
O'er dangerous path Thou wilt guide,
Be my defence when against me beat,
The angry gale of sin and pride.

I know Thou art faithful and true:
Thy word and Thy love never fail,
Thou canst all the storms of life subdue,
That would Thy trusting child assail.

Oh let me not drift on a shoreless sea,
My Saviour when life is o'er:
Go over the swelling tide with me,
And pilot me safe to the shore.
—Selected by Grover Williamson.

EDITORIALS

Time, precious time, is passing on and soon it will end in eternity. "Time and tide waits for no man." That which you would do for God and souls must be done in the time allotted to it, or it can never be done in that specific time. Even the year of 1937 is swiftly passing, and remember, dear reader, that the voice of the seventh angel is beginning to sound, in which time the mystery of God shall be finished, and then very soon the angel, standing upon the land and the sea with uplifted hand, shall swear by Him that liveth forever and ever that "there should be time no longer." Rev. 10:5-7. Time from beginning to end is merely a speck between two eternities. The finite mind is unable to grasp the meaning of eternity. On the other hand, many do not realize the shortness of time and the careless sinner says, "There is plenty of time" to get salvation. The Bible tells us that today is the day of salvation and now is the accepted time.

Many careless people seem to believe that the hour of death will supernaturally transform or prepare them for heaven and numbers vainly express the hope that they expect to be saved in heaven when death ushers them into eternity. Furthermore, multitudes of church members admit that they don't expect to quit sinning until after death, as though death had power to change their moral natures from a sinner to a saint, made clean and pure and fit to dwell in the holy presence of God. How sad for numberless souls, for the devil himself well knows that death only seals the destiny of the soul for the place for which he has prepared during his life time. If you sin all your life away on this side of the grave, then on the other side you will reap a sinner's reward. Dear reader, remember that there is not enough power in death to change one fiber of your moral nature or cleanse one spot from your guilty soul. The blood of Jesus Christ is the only perfect cure for sin and it must be applied by faith to the heart *in this life*. Sin is the only thing that will keep people out of heaven, and Matt. 1:21 says, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for He shall save his people *from* their sins." And if people don't get saved *from* sin they don't get saved from anything. The very word "salvation" means deliverance from sin.

Believing the doctrine of "eternal security" or "once in the grace of God always in grace," is sending more people to a devil's hell than any other mis-interpreted doctrine of the Bible. Just yesterday a poor preacher said that it was the most glorious doctrine in the Bible. Oh how sad that the devil persuades people to stretch their imagination so far from the truth to make them believe such a lie! It is just like the lie that the devil told Mother Eve in the garden of Eden. They think they can do wrong and get by.

A man once testified that he was a "sinner saved by grace." When a sinner is saved by grace, he is then no longer a sinner, but a saint. When one is saved from sin, then he is not a sinner.

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The editors of "Faith and Victory stand for all the Bible truth. Therefore, we necessarily stand *against* all that is not the truth. We are not against people of any class, but we are against the devil

and deceptive doctrines which have hold of them. Our aim is to point everyone to Christ and the Word of God which are able to set them free from deceptive spirits and doctrines and bring them into the glorious liberty of the truth.

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An article in the last October issue entitled, "Old and New Sabbath" has been printed in tract form. Those who could use some of these tracts for the glory of God, write to this office for them.

—L. D. P.

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Boley, Okla. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Today finds me saved and encouraged to trust the Lord for soul and body. Last summer I was so sick I didn't think I could live. I gave up to die I was in such a bad condition. While at the camp meeting talking to Bro. Miles he encouraged me to be anointed and prayed for, and the dear Lord healed my body. Now I am well and can do any kind of work, so I give the Lord all the praise. Pray for me and family, —Sis. Ella Carter.

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Holdenville, Oklahoma —To the dear Saints of God: Greeting in Jesus precious name. This morning finds me saved and striving to become a better Christian each day.

There is no Church of God Saints in this town. I have never wanted to be in their presence any more than I do now. I can't hear the saints pray or sing, which is such a comfort to me. I have been here one month. I attended the Holiness Church. They seem to think I have been taught the wrong way, but I feel free in this way, and I don't mean to get in any man's Church as I belong to the Church of God. I am very young and I am asking all the Saints of God to pray that others may see my heavenly walk in my school classes as well as in other places.

Yours in the one body,

—Verna Louie.

The Watchman Saith!

"Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, Touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." Isa. 52:11. Surely the watchman has said much in this chapter, and especially so in this verse which we use for the thought we have. Today, we have ministers going about, trying to pass themselves as saint preachers; much of the time they succeed in doing so, though they are mixed up in almost everything. Now, brethren, I am convinced that God is doing all that He can to bring his watchmen together in unity and power, but He can never do so, as long as His ministers are so weak in holding up a standard that almost anyone can take their pul-

pits and deliver their doctrine, whether it be on the extreme line or on the compromise; either is detrimental to God's cause. Some have gone so far on one side that they look like the world, they dress, act, talk as the world does and go to the same places and partake of the same things that the world does. Some have recognized ministers with more than one living companion. Now, what sayeth the watchman? "A bishop (minister) then must be blameless, the husband of one wife." 1 Tim. 3:2. Now, brethren, God will recognize only those who meet his qualifications. This worldly mess of pride, pomp and show has no place in the church that Christ built; I am sure that where it belongs is over in the sect Babylon, where most all of the proud of heart are, even though they may carry the name of the Church of God. On the other hand there are those who would tell you just what you should wear, what color and how much you should wear, in fact they could give you their plan of what they think it takes to be a saint, render judgment without mercy, drive people from the truth, leave the sinner in a sad condition, stir up strife and contention, because all of the saints would not fall in line with their preaching.

Now, brethren, these two elements are in the world, and we must meet with them. Let me warn you, keep both out of your pulpit. It may hurt sometimes, but when we know that some one is not in harmony with the ministers and saints of the church, we should hold the truth in love upon them, until they measure up. I, for one, have settled the question that I will have no one preaching who we know is not in unity with my brethren in the ministry, and if I do not know them, I mean by God's help to do as Paul says, "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you." 1 Thess. 5:12. Brethren, let the judgments of God run down as a mighty stream, and while doing that, remember that it is the love of God that leadeth to repentance. Now, the prophet says, "Depart ye, go ye out from thence," so if we haven't thoroughly gone out yet, let us depart at once, and touch not the unclean thing. He also says, in verse 1, "Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion." Now, just remember, if you are God's minister, you have the strength, if you will only use it. He says, "ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Acts 1:8. In verse 2, he says, "Shake thyself from the dust: arise." How wonderful it is that we can arise not in our own strength, but in the power of his might, against the powers of sin. Now, let us notice verse 8, "The watchman shall lift up the

have had sickness among our large family of 13 children and the Lord always comes to our rescue and heals them. Dear ones, sometimes I get much work on my hands, such as patching, sewing and quilting. As my 5 older children are boys the Lord has lifted the burden many times by sending me some help. I can truly say he is a friend when I am in trouble who always holds my hand. I can say like one of old, "Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for He is good and his mercies endure forever."

I feel impressed to tell of the good meeting the Lord gave us in South Mansfield, La. in Sept. 1936. Sister Rosa Dillahunt, Bro. Manly Spears, Bro. Reed and others were present. The Lord wonderfully blessed in that meeting especially the last night. Some were saved from sin and others received help on different lines. I believe the Lord has some precious saints in that part of the vineyard. I have received letters from some of them asking us to hurry and come back to La. The truth went forth in its purity by the preaching of the Word, and by testimonies.

May the God of all grace keep us ever true to him. Amen! As ever your Sister in Christ,

—Gertwall Francisco.

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Myrtle, Mo. —Dear Bro. Pruitt and other workers there at the office: I received the tracts you sent me. Thank you for them. I will hand them to others to read.

I want to say this morning that I am saved and trusting in the good Lord for all things. I am glad that I have ever learned to trust him.

Bro. and Sister Strech were here a few weeks ago and visited with us two days and nights. We were certainly glad to have them with us. We enjoyed their visit as we talked about the Lord and how good He was to us all. We were much encouraged in the Lord.

They left here to go to Fremont, Mo., to hold a Meeting. I pray the Lord to bless Bro. and Sister Strech, for I believe their hearts are in the work of the Lord to see lost souls saved.

I ask for the prayers of the saints of God that I will ever be all the Lord would have me to be. Your Bro. in Christ,

A. J. Sorrell.

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Okeene, Okla., —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: May the dear Lord bless and keep you encouraged to go on in the straight and narrow way. We are so thankful this morning again for this wonderful Bible salvation which has made us so happy and determined to stand up for the truth stronger than ever before. We sure enjoy the paper and get such a blessing and more light from God's Word out of it at all times, and what it really means to profess to be a follower of Christ. We want to live closer to Him each day and become more like Him in love, humility and all that it includes. We are enclosing a little offering to use in the Lord's work where ever needed. And we also want you to remember us on the 13th of this month, for the Lord to heal us and keep us in our souls, as we have quite a battle at times. There aren't very many with us. We are for the whole truth. Praise God! Yours in the one body,

—Mr. and Mrs. Haas.

Bend, Oregon, —Dear Bro. Pruitt and family, and all the saints laboring at Faith Publishing House: Greeting in Jesus Sweet Name: according to the promise of life, which is in Christ Jesus. Glory to God! for enabling me to write in this manner. I pray that you have all grace, mercy, and peace, which is the result of living and having our being in Christ Jesus.

Do you have a tract treating the subject matter contained in John 3:3, especially the phrase, "Except a man be born again He Cannot See The Kingdom of God?" If you have such a tract, you may send me several of them to help open blind eyes. These are Jesus' words to Nicodemus, who was a master of Israel! yet he was void of spiritual understanding pertaining to the kingdom of God. He could not see it nor enter, nor receive, nor remark about it until he should become regenerated with the life and understanding of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

I am persuaded that many people make the new birth consist of profession and claiming holiness which they have not. It is a great blessing that God has shown us how to keep ourselves from "Idols."

Your loving Brother,

—Ed Callan.

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Bigelow, Mo. Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: We will write you this evening in Jesus dear name. We are thanking the Lord for His goodness to us. We are encouraged to press on in this sweet way the Lord has prepared for His children to walk in. It has been a long time since we have written to you, but we think of you all often and pray God to bless you in your good work.

We are sending our testimony of God's mercy and love to us. About the 16th of November our little boy nearly four years old was trying to catch the truck his father was driving and fell under the back wheel and was run over. It ran over his hips. There were 43 bushels of wheat in the Ford truck. My brother saw it run over him; he thought he was crushed until he could not live. Floyd knew he had hit him because there was nothing in the road. He said it felt like he had run over a stick of wood. Vomit was running out of his mouth and nose; he looked like he couldn't live; he could hardly get his breath. I thought once he must be going. We had him anointed and prayed for, then laid him on the bed. It was just a few minutes until he was resting good. The next day the could stand on his feet. The third day he could walk. He is fine now. We give God all the glory; we know the Lord was our helper in time of need. Pray for us. We want to be all the Lord would have us to be.

Yours in Christ,

—Bro. and Sis. Floyd Knapp.

OBITUARY

Andrew J. Baker was born Feb. 15, 1881 at McKinney, Texas. He passed away on Sunday, Dec. 13th, 1936 at the age of nearly 56 years.

He was married to Edna Jones on July 20th 1916. To this union one child was born which preceded him in death.

He was born into the Church of God in Dec. 1917, and never from that time until death was he discouraged in the true way. He was a kind and

loving husband and a real companion to his Christian wife.

Funeral service was conducted at the saints' Chapel at Guthrie, Okla., his former home, by Bro. O. B. Wilson of Shawnee, Okla. Text—1 Cor. 15: 19, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

Okmulgee, Okla. —To the Saints Scattered abroad, Greeting in the precious name of Jesus: This leaves me saved and living for God to all I understand. The good Lord burdened my heart for a trip to Louisiana which was strange to my own thoughts, because I had intended to go to Mansfield where Sister Dillahunty and I went last year. This was a new field, and the Lord wonderfully blessed there. Many saw the light and accepted it. Praise the Lord. The Lord saw fit this year to lead me out into another new field, where no saint preacher has ever been to preach and shine out this wonderful light of the Gospel. I went to Shreveport, La. my old home. But the sectarian preacher barred me from the pulpit, but the Lord blessed me in testifying for the one church and some saw the light but were afraid of their leader. Some in Shreveport received healing for their bodies.

I went from there to Blanchard, La., about 16 miles away. I was there 4 days and nights, and left 3 standing firm for the truth, trusting in God for both soul and body. Some received healing for their bodies, praise the Lord. I left there for Natchitoches, La, where I had never gone before and knew no one there, and no one knew me, but I saw a name in the Faith and Victory paper, and I wrote to that person that I was coming. The Lord was leading me. When I arrived there they received me with a welcome in their homes and for the gospel in their souls, white and colored. They did not know how to prepare a place for meeting but we went to the different homes and preached Christ. Several took a stand for the real Bible truth. They said they were asking the Lord to send them some true minister and the Lord was telling me to go, and I obeyed for which the Lord blessed them and me. They want me to come back. I will return when the Lord says so and provides. I am using nearly all of my little means to go and work for the Lord. I gave out papers and tracts.

Then I came by Mansfield. By some way they failed to meet me there; so I took the bus for Shreveport, La. and from there home. Dear ones, pray much for me as my heart is burdened for lost souls. I thank the Lord for opening the hearts of different ones to help me make that trip of about 450 miles or more. Jesus said, there is more joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth than over ninety and nine just persons who need no repentance.

Your servant in the work, —Frances Bell.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God."

BIBLE  **STUDY**

"The entrance of thy words giveth light."

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Sunday, January 3, 1937.

**THE SON OF GOD BECOMES MAN
DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS**

From Dec. 28 to Jan. 2.

- M. The Light of men. John 1:1-9.
- T. The Incarnation. John 1:10-18.
- W. The Purpose of the Incarnation. Heb. 2:9-18.
- T. The Servant Lord. Phil. 2:1-11.
- F. The Gospel of Life. 2 Tim. 1:13-14.
- S. Oneness With the Father. John 14:7-11.

Printed Portion**John 1:1-18.**

John 1:1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Memory Verse: No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

John 1:18.

Practical Truth: Christ became man that he might redeem a lost race.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- 1 The Preexistent Word (Christ).
 - A. Not Created —Without Beginning —Never Ending.
 - B. The Same Yesterday, Today and Forever.
 - C. The Word was God (Of Divine Origin).
- 2 That Light
 - A. Literal and Spiritual Darkness.
 - B. To Reject the Word—Utter Darkness.
 - C. Entrance Of The Word Gives Light.
- 3 The Glory that Accompanies the Cross.
 - A. Special Occurrences Accompanied by Divine Glory.
 - B. A pure and Holy Life in a Dark and Sinful World.
 - C. As He Walked so Ought We to Walk.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us yet it did not cease to be divine. In becoming flesh Christ took upon Him humanity to the full extent. "He was tempted in all points like as we are yet without sin." By going through these experiences and exemplifying a victorious life in the midst of a sinful and formal people He is able to be touched by the feeling of our infirmities and is able to succor us in any trying circumstance.

The light shining in darkness. Truly it was a penetrating light that could shine forth in such gross darkness without a glimmer or shadow. As the divine light would uncover evil deeds and make manifest all kinds of sin in those days so also it will today. The penetrating rays of that light can still shine into the deepest recesses of the human heart. By the light from these rays a sin darkened, despondent soul may look unto Jesus, take hope and courage, and by steadfastly looking unto Him cast off the works of darkness and walk in the pathway of the just which shines brighter and brighter each day.

It is only as we walk in this light that we remain uncondemned, enjoy the blessings of salvation and remain ready for the appearing of the Lord. How we appreciate this divine light and are endeavoring day by day to walk in the light as it shines upon our pathway.

While Christ was here he said, "I am the light of the world" but when he was ready to go away he said, "Ye are the light of the world." And again, "Let your light so shine." What carefulness and godly fear we, as the redeemed of the Lord, should have as we are only so-jourmers in this country. We should be very careful that we receive none other than the oil of gladness in our vessels, that we have our lamps trimmed and burning ready to go out and meet the bridegroom.

All preparations have been made; every thing is now ready; the Lord is doing all he can to save sinners, even though they are members of some church. "Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh."

Sunday, January 10, 1937.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

From January 4, to January 9.

- M. The Necessity of the New Life. John 3:1-8.
- T. Attaining the new life. John 3.
- W. The gospel of salvation. Rom. 1:8-17.
- T. The victory of love. 1 John 5:1-5.
- F. A new creature. 2 Cor. 5:14-21.
- S. Living in Christ. 2 Cor. 3:1-11.

Printed PortionJohn 3:1-17.

John 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

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.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can can these things be?

10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. Memory Verse: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life, John 3:16. Practical Truth— New Life is provided through Christ to all who will repent and believe.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- 1 Why is a new birth necessary?
 - A The mystery of it.
 - B The cause of of it.
- 2 The nature of a new birth.

S. Walking in the light. 1 John 1:5-10.

Printed PortionJohn 8:12, 31, 32; 9:1-11.

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

9:1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

8 The neighbors therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?

9 Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.

10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?

11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.

Memory Verse: And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Practical Truth, Christ is the source of light both physical and spiritually.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- 1 Walking in the light with Jesus.
 - A Darkness: Physical—Spiritual.
 - B Light dispells darkness.
- 2 The works of God.
 - A The importance of Obedience.
 - B Examples of Obedience and the result.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

In the days of the apostles, Jesus' words were, "I am the light of the world." Truly He does enlighten and illumine every soul that is yielded to Him. His word also tells us our soul is the candle of the Lord and again David said thou wilt light my candle. While each of us have a candle (soul) yet how few have been lighted by the Holy Spirit and are aglow with the love of God that those who are in gross darkness might realize that all religion is not a sham.

His life was the light of men and He says to us,

"Ye are the light of the world." Then our lives should harmonize so much with that of the Lord that men may be drawn unto Him.

Of Jesus it was said He went about doing good, healing all that were sick. What a miracle it was for one who was born blind to enjoy eyesight. How little does a blind man know concerning the objects and conditions with which he is surrounded. So it is with those who have not been illuminated spiritually. The goodness and handiwork of God all around them and yet they seem to be unconscious of His favors that are continually bestowed upon them. Christ's coming into the life of man breaks the powers of darkness and the glorious light of the gospel dispells the darkness of unbelief and sin. How dark a world this would be without a Saviour and still the Saviour means nothing to those who refuse to be drawn unto Him. Truly Jesus is the light of the world.

Sunday, February 14, 1937.

JESUS OUR GOOD SHEPHERD.

DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

February 8 to 13.

M. Our Divine Shepherd. Psalm 23:1-6.

T. The good Shepherd's care. Jno. 10:1-10.

W. Good Pasture. Ezekiel 34:11-16.

T. False Shepherds. Ezekiel 34: 1-6.

F. The law of Sacrifice. Jno. 10:11-15.

S. The joy of finding. Luke 15:8-10.

Printed PortionJohn 10:1-16.

John 10:1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

6 This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what thing they were which he spake unto them.

7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep .

16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

Memory Verse: I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

Practical Truth: Christ is a shepherd whose care and leadership we may safely trust.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

1 Sheep Fold.

A Safety

B The good shepherd.

2 Christ the door.

A Not the traditions, nor law keepers.

B Warnings against hirelings.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

A literal interpretation of the sheepfold would seem strange to most of us today due to the change in surroundings yet when we speak of the good shepherd as the bishop of our souls we can readily testify as did David, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

The privilege that we have of following the chief shepherd assures us of light on life's pathway. While we are following closely in His footsteps we never become alarmed, regardless of the circumstances that may confront us. We are satisfied with his leadings because we are sure He knows the best for us at all times.

Christ is the door. People are trying to enter in by many different ways. Some by good works, some by keeping laws and traditions, others think that if they are sincere in their belief that they will make it in. How sad to think of the multitudes that depend upon what their preachers say and think. Of course a false shepherd would pat you on the back and flatter you some to receive your earnings. The word tells us to beware of false prophets. A false prophet in sheep's clothing may open the door of his church, but thank God no man can open the door of the true church because Christ is the door.

Sunday, February 21, 1937.

THE POWER OF JESUS OVER DEATH DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

February 15 to 20.

M. The Resurrection and the life. John 11:17-28.

T. The Raising of Lazarus. John 11:32-44.

W. Testimony of witnesses. John 12:12-19.

T. The Resurrection of Christ. Matt. 28:1-10.

F. Our Resurrection assurance. 1 Cor. 15:19-26.

S. Triumphant over death. 1 Cor. 15:50-58.

Printed Portion John 11:23-28; 32-44.

John 11:23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise

again in the resurrection at the last day.

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

28 And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.

32 Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,

34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

35 Jesus wept.

36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

37 And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

43 And when he thus had spoken he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

Memory Verse: Loose him, and let him go.

Practical Truth : God has power over the unseen world.
Time— A. D. 30. Place—Bethany.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

1 Help Needed.

A First and second resurrection.

B Shall never die?

2 Petition granted.

A The humanity of Jesus (Groaned, weeping)..

B The divine power ..(He that was dead came forth.)

3 Resurrection

A Not imaginary—but Real

B New Creation also real.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

We have for our lesson today another vivid, live, soul stirring subject, so it is up to each of us the amount of good that we can possess as our own.

We can all agree on the fact that a body in a state of corruption needs the resurrection power. To many the immortality of the body is as an idle tale or a dream afar off. It is the enemy's business to cause people to think of death and judgment in much the same manner, but that which appears as an idle tale today might be a sad reality with us tomorrow.

Time is swiftly closing in on us and if we continue in a careless, indifferent condition, presuming that all will be well some how, our time will cease to be, and our doom will be sealed throughout a never ending eternity.

Behold the souls that are dead in trespasses and sins. The fields are white for harvest. If we can be the means of but a few to awaken to their lost and undone condition our efforts will not be in vain.

The enemy reasons with me, why be alarmed, there is plenty of time, and too, I am as good as so and so, and they go to church but today is the day of salvation. How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation.

Notice the heavenly and humanity of Jesus in today's lesson. How he loved him. It is comforting to know that our great high priest is touched by the feeling of our infirmities. The very life of Jesus was poured out on calvary for us. How do you suppose the Lord feels as he calls unto the lost to come, while they spurnfully turn Him down. But behold the goodness and severity of God. Today He is our Savior, but soon He shall be our judge.

Sunday, February 28, 1937

THE NEW COMMANDMENT DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATION

February 22 to 27

M. The beauty of brotherhood. Psa. 133:1-3.

T. The New commandment. John 13:31-35.

W. Love the way of God. 1 John 4:18-21.

T. Love in daily life. Col. 3:12-15.

F. The proof of God's love. 1 John 4:7-17.

S. Grateful love. Luke 7:36-50.

Printed PortionJohn 12:20-33; 13:34-35.

John 12:20 And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:

21 The same came therefore to Phillip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

22 Phillip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Phillip tell Jesus.

23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say,

Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.

13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Memory Verse: By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Practical Truth: True Christ will cause us to love others to the extent that we will sacrifice for them.

Time—Tuesday and Thursday nights of Christ's last week.

Place—Jerusalem.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

1 A desire to see Jesus.

A Reproduction of His Life.

B Demonstrate Jesus, not ourselves.

2 Life through death.

A Dying out. (Controlling Self).

B Finding Life. (Bringing forth fruit).

3 New Commandment.

A The power of love.

B Loving Enemies.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

A beautiful picture of how a man desired to set Jesus may be found in our lesson today. Anyone really desirous of seeing Jesus will surely find Him because He came to seek and save that which is lost. Merely a glimpse of him would not suffice for the man wanted to come in contact with him. Neither will an outward show nor a loud testimony prove anything to the world but as we allow the reproduction of the life of Christ in us that the world may see and hear from Him.

Many of the professed world of today would be willing to follow the Lord and bear fruit for Him if it it wasn't for the price to pay. We hear Him say, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die it abideth alone." How vain it is for the carnal man to try to bear the fruits of the Spirit.

How selfish it is for us to live to ourselves only. The life of Christ was in direct opposition to such a life as this. His life was one of suffering and self denial. He loved us while we were enemies to Him. He died that we might live. Greater love has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friend yet Christ died for the ungodly.