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Keeb Straight Ahead

Pilgrims, keep the way called narrow Though the tempter try to foil, If you turn into his by-paths, He your snow-white robe will spoil, True it oft can bear the washing, 'Tis so pure, and white and plain, But you'll find as I have found it, That it's never more the same.

When we leave the narrow pathway, For a broader freer walk.

Saints will heave a sigh of sorrow, And the world is sure to talk.

Where is Israel's God? they question. He of whom we've heard the fame?

Surely He is not so wondrous. As we've heard His children claim.

For they've quit their pilgrim journey, And returned to Egypt now;

No more wear the snow-white garment, And there's trouble on their brow,

Oh, dear souls what e'er be tide thee,

Keep the straight and narrow trail. Though the tempter try to win you,

Trust in God, He'll never fail.

-Ethel Meadows.

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"And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they may all be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe thou hast sent me.

I wish, first, to note that this prayer was the

outflow of the burden that Jesus bore, not only to Gethsemane and to Calvary, but was that, that caused Him to make the supreme sacrifice. Second, that it was for all people of all nations, kindred and tongues that could be induced to believe in Him. Jesus knew that the creatures He came to save were intelligent and would not be convinced with what they had heard without proof. They would be like the man that said to another, "Your actions speak so loud I can't hear what you say."

Still there is much effort being made today to convince men against reason. Jesus prayed, "Make them one that the world may believe thou hast sent me." There never was an age in which there was so much talk and so much activity to convince men of the reality of Christ and His atonement, as this, and never so much division. I, for one, am alarmed over this situation. The way people ignore this prayer and go on naming their own excuses and making their own plans, it looks like they don't think this prayer was very important. It does look like it is plain enough that it ought to shut every mouth that attempts to open in deference of division, especially after reading 1 Cor. 1:10. "Now I beseech you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ve all speak the same things and that there be no division among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgments.

Yet there are some that contend for division, but I am glad that the best people of all denominations are seeing the need of unity and are dissatisfied with division. But they seem to be like the man that saw men as trees walking. Their vision is not clear, and a united church looks too good to be possible. In fact, it isn't possible in man's way and that is just Men have been trying for centuries to the trouble. make unity their way, but every time they unite one bunch they make another division. Men don't like to surrender their ways, but that is just what it will take. Jesus said. "Make them one as we are." He also said. "Not my will, but thine be done." And,

"Sanctify them, that they may be one."

Yes, but says one, I don't believe in sanctification. It is not for that one. Paul said, "He was sent to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, that they might receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith." So if you don't believe, you will not receive. Another said, "I believe that we are sanctified at death." That no doubt, would make us more in harmony than some of us will ever be while we live, but that isn't the Oneness that Jesus prayed for, because that would not convince the world of the reality of Jesus. Others say, "I believe we grow into it." And some of them have been growing "into it" for 40 years more or less, and are farther from it now than when they began to grow. And some of them are so far from being ONE that they can hardly agree with anyone. Jesus said, "Sanctify them that they might be one." Paul speaks in Rom. 15:16 of the sanctification Jesus prayed for, "That the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." Offering up or surrendering their all to the Lord, their will included. Thy will be done. "Present your bodies a living sacrifice," Rom. 12:1. Not a dead one, dead in trespasses and sins, but having been made alive, then make the offering. That is our part, then believe God for His part. Acts 26:18. By faith. Rom. 15: 16. By the Holy Ghost do it? Acts 15:8-9. It purified their hearts like He did the 120 on the day of Pentecost or at the beginning of the Holy Ghost dispensation. Notice it was by faith not by exertion; not by sign, but by the fact that He takes up His abode and sheds the love of God, Himself, abroad in our hearts. Rom. 5:1-5. "He will not come in till we surrender our all to Him." That is, die to the world, ourselves included. The world cannot receive Him, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him. Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them, through thy truth. Thy Word is TRUTH, the Word says God is love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him."

Many people claim to be sanctified or filled with the Holy Ghost or the spirit of God and at the same time they don't love God's children, much less their enemies. Jesus said, "Love your enemies." Love suffereth long and is kind. How does the world see us? Do we suffer long when men despitefully use us and say all manner of evil things against us, and persecute us? Are we kind toward them? If so, the world will take note. "If ye have love one to another all men will know that ye are My disciples."

Don't think that your life is a secret; even the world is watching us. An unsanctified heart is the seat of division. Peter said, "Ye younger submit yourselves to the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility (1 Peter 5:5)." If we have the indwelling spirit that is what we will do. I think I hear someone say I would be compromising if I would submit to some. Not necessarily. Jesus didn't compromise the truth when the populace accused Him before Pilate, and He answered never a word. Neither did he when they said, "If ye be the Christ, come down from the cross and we will believe." He could have done so, but would not.

But am I not to contend for the faith? Certainly Speak the truth in love but be sure you don't go beyond that. Endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. I am fully convinced that if we are truly sanctilied we will be more submissive and have more compassion for erring souls than most of us manifest; and if so there will be less division. Brethren, are we giving denominations and the world a club to maul us with? Certainly if we allow division to go unchecked among us, we are. I believe if we abide in Him and let Him thoroughly purge us, that we will have such love for each other that there will be no room for divisional spirits-that they will receive a fate like Ananias and Sapphire, or those who tried to cast out devils in the name of Jesus of whom Paul preacheth.

I say, God is on the throne and He will protect His saints. Jesus said, "Sell that ye have and give alms. Provide yourselves with bags that wax not old, a treasure in the heavens." Brethren, let us make the supreme consecration that the spirit of God may so flood our souls and so cause us to have such love, one to the other, that the world may be convinced that we have faith that was once delivered to the saints. Yea brothers, burdened for the salvation of our dear young people, let us prove to them that there is reality in the salvation of Jesus!

-George Peek.

PRAYER REQUEST

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Dear saints please pray earnestly for the healing of my husband, Bro. McDonald of palsy and all feel led to do so please fast and pray Sunday, Nov. 7. He is trusting God and has much confidence in the saints prayers. —Essie McDonald.



Special Offer "Three Months For Six Cents"



In this issue we are inserting a subscription blank to be filled out by each reader with "Three months subscriptions," to the Faith and Victory paper. You can solicit for subscribers or you can put down the names of those whom you think would appeciate the paper and send in the needed amount yourself and thus help get the gospel to ones in need of truth. Each one of us ought to do all we can to get the gospel of peace to men. It would be pitiful indeed if souls were lost eternally and we had done nothing to get the truth to them. Let each one stir their hearts to do something for the Master. We are giving Premiums for every twenty names and for forty names and \$2.00 we will send you a beautiful 1938 Scripture Text Calendar. Single subscriptions are six cents for three months and twenty subscriptions for one dollar. We are preparing to send the paper to a large number of new subscribers this winter and are looking for these blanks to come back from our readers filled with new subscribers so the truth of the gospel can get into a great many new homes. Many get the truth in this way that would never get it otherwise. Let each one of us be at our best for God and souls. This is your opportunity to do something for Him that has loved you and washed you in His own precious blood. Resist the power and influence of Satan and do something for your loving Savior and precious lost souls.

The saints at Guthrie are going to have an allday meeting on the first Sunday in November, to be held at the chapel on the corner of 6th and Warner. They will have dinner on the ground and will observe the Ordinance of the Bible in the after-moon. We extend an invitation to all saints and others to meet with us on that day and feed your soul on things of eternal worth.

We will have Special Prayer for the sick between eleven and twelve o'clock on Nov. 7th.

The State assembly meeting at Guthric, Okla. will begin this year on the 24th day of Dec., first service to be at ten o'clock in the morning.

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Marshall, Mich. Dear Brother Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I sure have great reasons to praise God this evening since I have been reading the last issue of Faith and Victory. It sure inspires my heart to know that there are some old timers left who are standing for the Bible truth that was taught in the beginning of this reformation. It makes the heart leap for joy to know that there are some that have not compromised, that are not afraid to tell people the Bible truth, not afraid to tell people that they commit adultery by living with a divorced mau or woman, not afraid to tell mothers about their nude daughters and their painted lips and fingernails, the picture shows, beer gardens and all those abominable things that young women indulge in today. I praise God to know that there are a few who are not afraid of losing their bread and butter if they preach the Bible Truth.

Do you suppose that God wanted to see all the children of Israel destroyed? No, but for disobedience it had to be done. Just so in the case of marriage, in being disobedient to the Word of God in marriage. My Brother what would these people do? Suffer the penalty for disobedience the same that we will all have to suffer for disobedience. Brother D. S. Warner pounded it into me by the Word of God and I am afraid that it will take more pounding to get it out than it took to get it in. I am glad that God made it possible for us to see our wrongs, if He hadn't we would never know where we stood.

I praise God that he has put it in the hearts of the good old saints to plan a National Camp-Meeting. I may not be able to be there in person, but my prayers will surely be there. I just felt so enthused to write this after reading the *Faith and Victory* and know that the hearts of old time saints are rejoicing again. Praise the dear Lord. I would like to be in a real old-fashioned meeting, where the Spirit of God was there. It would be something beside clubbing, begging and making God's house a house of merchandise by making and selling. There was a couple of women here about a week ago putting on a chalk talk and making pictures and selling them in the house of God.

-Wm. L. Vanzanett.

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## **EDITORIALS**

In this November issue of Faith and Victory we have many testimonies of our dear readers inserted and could have put in more if we had the space as several good testimonies had to be left out because of a lack of space for them.

We rejoice with those dear ones that have the victory and we are praying for those who had requests for prayer. There is nothing in this world that gives more substantial satisfaction together with comfort and deep joy than to know that one is saved, ready for heaven and eternal glory. Jesus Christ is the only remedy for all the ills of the soul. When Moses lifted up the brazen serpent in the wilderness all that looked was healed of the snake bite. All souls have been sin bit and Jesus has been lifted up and all who look to Him can be healed. Glory be to our God, who gave His Son, the unspeakable gift, that we might be freely healed from all of Satan's poisonous bite.

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That we as the followers of Jesus are to "put to death the deeds of the body" and "Sow to the Spirit" Gal. 6:8, is scriptural truth that no honest soul can deny. The Bible teaches us that we are to follow in His steps "who did no sin neither was guile found in His mouth." 1 Peter 2:21.

In Isaiah 42: 19 we read. "Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf as my messenger that I sent?" This prophecy is relating directly to Jesus. Jesus was blind to the glittering enticements of earth and deaf to the honor and praise of men as far as being partakers of those things concerned. If we follow in His steps we should be like Him. If our affections are on things above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God and we are dead and our life hid with Christ in God, we will not care to put on adornment to please the worldly minded, neither will we flatter them for their praise, honor or money. The "Liberty of Consciences'' doctrine carried beyond plain scriptural teachings is a dangerous doctrine. It is a mighty weapon in the hands of Satan and his agents to switch souls on to the broad way to hell.

Every professor that is active in religion has an influence that will increase for good or bad as the years come and go. In Rev.14-13, we read of the righteous, "Yea, sayeth the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Our influence for good or bad will go on after we are dead and gone. While we are living it is very imperative that each one of us see to it that our influence that is living now and will live is for good and contrary to the world or sinful men with marks of pride with fashions and fads.

Some twenty-five or thirty years ago a few influential ministers began to receive a little love of the world in their hearts and pleaded for a little adornment on the front of their shirt; of course they would not have anything conspicuous. But shortly it was something else and others wanted another thing and pride kept growing and increasing, rooting down and spreading until today we see what the beginning of this little influence has wrought. We see whole congregations so badly infected that you cannot tell them by their dress and proud looks from the ordinary, non-professing, worldly minded sinner. This is not an exaggeration of conditions, but it is plain naked truth. It is so flagrant that even those that have drank of this poison and have been stupified by it's influence arouse at times and greatly lament the conditions.

Brother, and Sister, it will be a sad thing to have an influence like that to follow you now and after you are dead and gone. The only safe thing for us is to keep entirely free from the sinful world and it's adorning ways, together with all actions that would show a lack of faith in the living God. God is so good that He bears long with those that are drifting and He allows them to have the desires of their heart, but He will bring them into judgment.

"Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." Eccl. 8:11.

"For God will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil." Eccl. 12:14.

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In your paper this time you will find a "three months for six cents" subscription blank for your convenience in writing down subscriptions for the Faith and Victory paper. This blank is arranged for the setting down of twenty names and addresses which if filled out and sent in to this Office with one dollar enclosed will entitle you to your choice of one of the four books named. If you get forty subscriptions and send them in with two dollars enclosed you may have two of the books and a beautiful 1938 Scripture Text Calendar besides. The subscription prices are so cheap that it will be easy for you to get your friends and neighbors to subscribe for three months and we do not know how much God may sink the truth down in upon souls in this length of time and stir them to seek God for salvation. Let us do our best for Him that loves us so much.

We are so anxious to get the truth of the scriptures to the souls of men that we are going to list the names and addresses of everyone that sends in twenty or more "three months subscriptions" and send them a Christmas present just a few days before Christmas.

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When we read in the papers of the unmerciful slaughter of human beings in Spain and China through war we receive knowledge of the wicked works of Satan. The killing of soldiers is only a portion of the immense suffering and prolonged sorrow of cripples together with grief-strickened mothers and children. Nations boast of their civilization but war brings out what's in the heart.

The heart of man is the seat of his affections. If he loves self and this world more than he does the truth of God's Word, then when the show down comes he will kill and thereby take that which he cannot give. Simeon prophesied of Mary that a sword should pierce through her soul that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. Luke 2:35.

This prophecy came true when Mary the mother of Jesus stood by the cross and saw wicked men hang Him and put Him to shame and contempt. John 19:25. It was like a sword piercing through her soul that was full of love for her son. While this was true yet, the hearts of many professors were being laid bare showing them to be wicked and full of evil, selfishness and pride. Many today that are professing to be Christians are deceiving their own souls, because, while professing they obey not the truth of the scriptures. Be sure your sin will find you out. God will have a way of bringing out that which is in the heart.

Not long ago a brother with tears in his eyes was telling me how that he was taking subscriptions for the Faith and Victory paper and handing out tracts and while stopping at a Catholic woman's house and handing her tracts, asking her to subscribe for the paper he said that she took all the tracts she could and then grabbed his book out of his hand that he had the subscribers' names on, tore it into and threw it all into the fire. One possessing a heart like that would murder you if it were not for the law of the land. The Bible teaches us that even hate in the heart is murder in the eyes of God. Read 1 John 3: 15.

From the revealing hearts today we can know that the people as a general thing are very wicked and corrupt at heart in spite of all their professing and it should stir us as saved men and women to do all we can to get the real truth of the gospel to them. We ask the prayers and co-operation of all our readers in getting the truth printed and sent out as a life line of hope to perishing souls.

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In the Oct. issue of Faith and Victory we made mention of the "National Camp-meeting" to be held next summer at Monarck Springs, Mo. Since the paper has gone forth to its many readers we have been hearing from many of the saints in various parts of the country expressing their satisfaction about it and saying that they were coming or were praying with that end in view and were rejoicing because of the prospects of a meeting like that where those that love the truth can meet together in the unity and oneness of the spirit and hear the old-time Gospel taught without being sugar coated over with mealy mouthed compromisers, neither stormed out by narrow-minded, self centered and frothy-mouthed Fanatics who hold the truth in unrighteousness and are ready to spiritually murder some one if the stripe of them does not harmonize with their distorted vision of God. Many who are in the "drift to the world" and have been grieved at heart for years have written us and are rejoicing that the real saints are coming together again and are expecting to be in this Natoinal Camp meeting. Let all the saints everywhere pray that God will truly rule in all matters pertaining to the meeting and that Christ our Lord will have the preeminence in the meeting.

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On Oct. 4th your servant was 56 years old and in the evening after coming in from the Office work I was sitting in the front room reading and I noticed several cars stop in front of the house. I got up and went into the dining room thinking that some of the young folks were coming to spend the evening with our young folks here at the Office and soon a string of saints came filing in where I was and began to toss some bundles on the table and it dawned on me that I was surprized and indeed it was a surprize, for I had not thought of it at all, although I had noticed that wife and some of the others of the family had been making some peculiar manuvers that day. We spent an enjoyable evening singing hymns and making melody in our hearts to the Lord. Among the many other tokens of love received was an Elgin watch given to me by wife. She had been saving up money while I was away this summer from a little milk money and bought the watch with it. My children gave me a new Portable typewriter which I am very thankful to God for as the old one was very badly worn and gave me much trouble at times.

I can surely use this typewriter to the glory of God as I have very much typing to do. All the other gifts were appreciated and I shall use them to His glory. May God bless each and every one. It was a very pleasant surprise.

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My wife left for Los Angles, Calif. on the 7th of Oct. and will be gone out there for several weeks. She took some tracts along to use in work for the Lord. We have three children living at Glendale, Calif. and near there and they were very anxious for her to come. It is very lonesome here without her and makes much more work and things for me to see after while she is away, but I was glad that she could get away for awhile as she has been confined here in the work for a long time and needed a little change and I believe it is all to the glory of the Lord that she has a vacation from the work. Pray that the spirit of God will quicken my mortal body for the extra responsibilities and management of the printing work.

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Our heart is encouraged in the work of getting the tracts and papers to the men in Prison throughout the land. At this writing we are preparing a large pile of packages of tracts to be sent to different prisons. We are sending a package of tracts weighing 25 lbs. to one prison as there are over a thousand men there and the manager writing for them says that this literature is needed among them. We are asking God to make our readers to feel the call of praying for and giving to the furtherance of this good work. Pray for us and for them.

# CAMP-MEETING REPORT

The report of the camp-meeting that was held at Okmulgee, Okla., Sept. 17-26, good attendance throughout the meeting, the Word was preached with Holy Ghost authority, only two took a stand for the truth. There is more joy in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth than over ninety and nine just persons which need no repentance. I believe it is true because Jesus said it. Luke 15:7. Some went to the altar for soul help, on healing day many went to the altar for help to their bodies. On Saturday afternoon we had ordinance service, ministers C. S. Forbes of Chandler, Okla., G. W. Winn of Guthrie, Okla., U. Phillips of Dover, Okla., Preston Davis of Hennessey, Okla., Manley Spears of Boley, Okla., M. J. Phillips of Boley, Okla., G. W. McMillan of Boley, Okla., Lenton Gaines of Tallahasse, Okla. J.

Johnson, W. H. Knight, S. L. Bucks, J. B. Sorrell, Hattie Douglas, Anna Sorrell, all of Tulsa, Okla., Chas. Bowers of Monett, Mo. and Mary William of Hennessey, Okla. and Velma Smith of Oklahoma City Okla. 17 of the saints here are much encouraged to live and work for God. Pray much for us, is our earnest desire.

Your Sister in the one body,

-Frances Bell.



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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear saints: We desire to ask all the saints that feel led of the Lord to set apart Nov. 6th and 7th for fasting and praying for complete healing of Bro. Adam Eck, who has been sick in bed for three months and two weeks. He is suffering with parionds. His trust is in God, says his decision is to trust God all the way. Let each congregation have special prayer on Nov. 7th at 11:15 A. M. that God will make him a well man again. His wife is also very zealous in trusting God for his healing.

-Sister Margarett Eck.

Pray for sister S. E. Humphrey's sister who is troubled with her heart.

Pray for Grace Myres' mother who has a nervous break down.

Pray for sister Becky Gibney of Shermandale, Pa., who is in poor health.

Sister Della Harris asks the saints to pray that God will give her victory over the enemy in every way and also heal her afflicted body.

Sister Elizabeth Murdock of Henryetta, Okla. asks the dear saints to pray for her unsaved family that the Lord will call them back to the fold before it is too late.

Pray for sister B. Montress of New Jersey, she is afflicted in body and needs your prayers.

Pray earnestly for Bro. Don Sheets as he has many burdens.

Pray earnestly for sister Eulalia Sherman of Mich., who has heart trouble and a severe hurting in stomach which may be a cancer starting.

Pray earnestly for sister Becky Brown of Mo. who is severely afflicted in her throat, can hardly eat or drink. Pray for her nephew who is not strong.

Pray for Elnora Wright of Ohio whose eyes are inflamed and unless God undertakes may lose her eyesight. We are sending her an anointed handkerchief.

Sister T. W. Atkinson asks the saints to pray for her little boy, who is afflicted with infantile paralysis on right side from waist down, also wants you to pray for her that she will not suffer so very badly when confined in Dec.

Sister Hattie Legg of Moss, Miss. is suffering greatly with back and hips. Pray earnestly for her.

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## MUTUAL INTEREST CORRESPONDENCE

1. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of-

2. Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ3. Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of—

4. Put on therefore as the elect of God, holy and-

Search out the balance of the scripture, set it down on paper and write an explanation of the scriptures as you understand them. Send your explanation to Ed Callan, Bend, Oreg., for correction, or confirmation. In this way we can search the scriptures and grow in grace and knowledge and glorify God. Enclose postage for return of your corrected or confirmed paper.

Ask any question you wish concerning the spiritual life. Come, let us reason together, write plain, and may God bless you and I, in our sincere effort to help all who will inquire.

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Hammond La. To the dear saints scattered abroad, Greetings in the name of Jesus: Just a few days ago we returned from a trip north to Ohio and Indiana, and east to Sumter, S. C. First, we attended the Ithaca, Ohio camp-meeting, then the New Castle, Ind. camp-meeting following, which were among the best that we've ever attended. Several ministers were present from different states, and it meant so much to us to hear them tell their experiences in the work of the Lord and hear the truth fall from their lips just like we first heard it years The unity prevailing was precious and we just ago. pray the Lord to help the saints to continue to have such camp-meetings. The strictness with which the truth was held up on all lines is what particularly appealed to us, for we know it is easy to drift, which the saints must watch. We can drift with no effort, but it takes all the grace God can give us to stem the tide of sin and worldliness.

From there we went to Sumter, S. C., in answer to a call for meeting for some time, and found Bro. and Sister A. Newell holding to the truth. He has known it for some while and when the majority near him went with "the tide" of lowering the standard. he could not see it as they did, but held to the plain old gospel way as he had always been taught. We held services there several nights and we hope the few who came out will receive the Word into their hearts. One soul was saved near there. Then we visited Sister Mary Jones near Hartsville, S. C., and had a few services in her home. We feel that she is doing all she knows to get the truth to others and we found her to be a precious saint of God. One sister there gave her heart to God. We also had one service with Sister Vera Hilburn of Spring Garden, Ala. Sister Hilburn lives to the light God gives her and we ask the prayers and encouragement of the saints for her, she is standing alone there it seems, a Sister about 34 years of age. Our prayer is, that the Lord may bless these dear ones, to keep them encouraged to

continue in well-doing until He says, "It is enough, come up higher." We also visited Sister Audrey Buttram of Athens, Tenn. who has been living a devoted life to the Lord for several years. She has the care of her invalid father now for several months, and let us pray God to keep her strengthened in body for the task and bless her soul in so-doing. We have known her for some time and find in her only a desire to please the Lord, and we feel that He is blessing her efforts for good, though there may not be many outward manifestations. We also met Bro. and Sister Carroll there who live near Sister Audrey. Our hearts go out to the dear isolated saints, and we urge you to be true. The few saints at Madisonville. Tenn., also met at Athens, and they need our prayers. The Lord has some good material in that section of the country, and we hope to meet them in heaven by the grace of God.

Before we left on our trip we were in three good meetings down here, first, our camp-meeting here at Hammond, followed by a meeting near Osyka, Miss. then one near Loranger, La. Brother Pruitt of Guthrie, Okla., Bro. G. E. Harmon of Glendale, Calif. Sister Nellie Poulos, of San Bernardino, Calif. and Sis. Lizzie Calhoun were ministers present during camp-meeting and Bro. Pruitt and Sister Poulos stayed for the other meetings and the Lord blessed their efforts in getting the truth to souls, and we fcel lasting good was accomplished.

We are now at home for awhile, doing what we can to help precious souls. We here extend our Christian love to all the new saints, also the others that we met at the meetings, and pray God's choicest blessing upon each of you and give you souls for your hire.

Yours in the one body -- Ray and Katherine Key.

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Delaware, Mo. Dear Brother Pruitt: Greetings, in the name of Jesus. I thank the dear Lord at this time for saving and keeping power. I am ri the straight and narrow way. There are many ways in the world today, but there is just one way that leads to Heaven's door. Thank God for the real Bible way. Inclosed find 25c for my renewing of the paper for one year. I do love to read the good articles. They are real soul food and a real helper in many subjects that puzzle me.

I pray God's blessings upon you all and your good work.

Please send me the October paper.

Your Brother in Christ, ----F. T. Strain.

# « Young People's Section » «

## Another Day

Another day of service, Another day to trust Another day forsaking, Earth's pleasure with its lust.

For I'm a loyal soldier, To Christ I will be true, I'll try to win a lost one, To walk this way anew.

Christ needs more willing workers Come join the happy band So news of this salvation, May spread throughout the land.

He heals the broken hearted, He lets the sunshine in, He bids the loads be lifted,  $\Lambda$ s He frees the heart from sin.

Oh, yes, I truly love Him, I'm happy in this way, And so your case I'm pleading Won't you come to Christ today? —Mrs. H. Sorenson.

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The apostle Paul writing to the church at Rome says. "For they are not all Israel which are of Israel. That is, they which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted for the seed." Rom. 9:6, 8. God made a promise to Abraham that through his seed the Israelite people, the world would be blessed. Primarily, this benefit would be a spiritual blessing and not a temporal blessing. As divine blessings must be received by faith, therefore this promise was of none effect to the Israelite himself unless he believed and accepted Christ-the channel through whom this blessing was to come. As a matter of fact the majority of the Jews rejected Christ and as a result did not benefit by this promise, but were left in darkness and their house desolate. The acceptance of this promise through Christ makes us the spiritual children of Abraham, though we were once "strangers from the commonwealth of Israel." Abraham believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness," even so we believe God through Christ and become spiritual Israel and heirs of the promise, though we are Gentiles according to the flesh.

Jesus, in answer to the Jews, who said they were the children of Abraham, said (John 8:39): "If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham." He implied that they were not the children of Abraham (spiritually) because they did not believe the promise (Christ) like Abraham believed God. Jesus further said, "If God were your father, ye would love me."

The text says, "For they are not all Israel which are of Israel." They were all Israel according to the flesh, but they were not all spiritual Israel because of their unbelief. Rom. 2:28, 29. "For he is not a Jew which is one outwardly. But he is a Jew which is one inwardly: and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter." To be a Jew or a child of Abraham one must have a change of heart, be born again into the Israel of God through Christ. Every child of God is a Jew and an heir of the promises. Only the Jews (spiritually) will be saved. Dear reader, though you are a Gentile you may be "brought nigh by the blood of Christ who has broken down the middle wall of partition," and be heirs according to the promise. Your privileges in the gospel will then only be abridged by unbelief.

The Church of God, which includes every person saved from sin, is spiritual Israel today. The text may be applied here again, "For they are not all (spiritually) Israel which are of Israel.'' Jesus further brings out the thought when he said, "Not everyone that saith, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven." Many people claim to be God's people and say, Lord, Lord, but they do not believe Him to the extent that they act like it and do His will. Abraham believed God and proved it, "Faith without works is dead being alone," James says. Even among the real spiritual Israel of God they are not all Israel. "He is a Jew which is one inwardly." One might claim to be in the Church and yet be on the outside, though

he may have subscribed to the articles of faith of many religious organizations called churches. Jesus says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." And He asks the question, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Reader, it means more than just professing to be a Christian. A class of people is spoken of as "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; FROM SUCH TURN AWAY." Brother, if you find yourself affiliated with such a group obey the injunction. If it was good advice then, it is certainly proper today.

That Abraham should be the father of many nations was another part of the promise made to him. Obviously, the promise was not literally fulfilled. but its significance is wholly spiritual and clearly fulfilled. Christ, the seed of Abraham, brought a message of salvation to every nation. -"to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." The angel, in announcing the birth of Jesus, spoke of the "glad tidings that shall be to all people." In Revelation the elders fell down before the throne of Christ and sang this song, "For thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." Therefore Abraham has become the father of the host of faithful saints in many nations. "After this I beheld, and, lo! a great multitude, which no man could number of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." Rev. 7:9.

The Revelator, speaking of the saints, says: "And hast made us unto our God, kings and priests and we shall reign on the earth." Rev. 5:10. Praise God we are made to reign over sin right here in this world. This truth agrees with the language of Paul to the Church at Rome, "For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:17. Peter, speaking of God's people, says: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal PRIESTHOOD, an HOLY nation, a peculiar people." 1 Peter 2:9.

-L. D. P.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Chico, Calif. Dear Saints of God: Today finds me still rejoicing in the way of the Lord. The way seems sometimes hard, but thank God we always have an everlasting friend to confide in.

God saw fit to send us a darling baby girl Aug. ninth and we need your prayers that we might raise

he may have subscribed to the articles of faith her as she should be raised. We want to teach her of many religious organizations called churches. Jesus says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." And He asks the question, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" to do and how to live to please God.

> Our baby has had a terrible cold the last few days and sometimes almost has the croup at night. Pray for her that she might be healed. We are trusting in God and know that He can heal her completely.

Your Sister, ---Mrs. I. W. Terry.

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Ithaca, Ohio Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Today finds me happy in a Savior's love and a deeper determination to go all the way with Him. Thursday Sept. 30, I had a severe attack of appendicitis and was suffering terribly and was prayed for and on Friday night the Lord wonderfully healed me and on the following Sunday we went 53 miles to New Castle, Indiana and was in a very precious meeting. A testimony meeting Sunday A. M. and Sunday P. M. a number of saints observed the ordinance of the Lord's house. I'm so glad the blood has never lost it's power and glad to say that God will still heal all who will obey and trust Him. So you, who are sick and suffering, look to Jesus for He is able to heal the body as well as to save the soul. We were glad to read the testimonies from the ones in prison. We know that God is no respector of persons, that He can save the ones behind prison bars as well as the ones on the outside. We are sending a little offering to be used in the Prison Fund or wherever else the Lord may lead. May the Lord bless and encourage your hearts to press on and do His will is my prayer.

-Verga M. McCoy.

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Henryetta, Okla. To the saints scattered abroad: Greetings to you all in Jesus' name.

I want to testify for the glory of the Lord. This leaves me still saved and trusting in the Lord. I have been sick now since the 14th of May. I have lost the use of my hand. I have been helpless, could not get up and down, but the Lord has answered prayers of the dear saints and raised me up so that I can use my hands a little. All swelling is gone, but my hands are still sore and stiff. I am looking to the Lord for complete healing.

Many offered remedies and would tell of doctors that could heal, but I had a doctor that can heal. He has healed me many times. I would say like Job, "Though Hⁱ, slay me yet will I trust Him."

I thank the Lord for what He has done for me.

It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done and I give Him all the glory.

Pray that I may be able to be what the Lord wants me to be. I am determined to fight this battle through at any cost.

Your saved Sister, —Elizabeth Murdock. (Any of God's ministers passing through are welcome to stop and have meeting at any time.)

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Chicago, Ill. Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: Read your good letter and tracts and they are being given out. I heard of a man and wife who were breaking up their love, putting the children in an institution and were each going their way. It's a two hour ride from where I live and I wasn't very well acquainted with the people, only met them in my daughter's home, but somehow I just couldn't get them off my mind. I prayed for them, wept for them and then I got some time off and went to see them. Most of the furniture had been sold or given away and they were waiting for the express man to come and take the rest of the things, each ones things being packed separately. The Lord so wonderfully opened the way and I gave him the tract of "Little Broken Hearts." He read it and big tears came into his eves and he left the room. I gave her several tracts and she fell on my shoulder and cried bitterly, then I could tell her that it was all on account of sin that this separation was taking place. While she cried and I was still holding her. I called on God to come and deliver these young folks. I know God heard me and I am waiting for the answer. Please pray for them.

Yes, there are many little broken hearts. That is a wonderful tract. Please send me a few.

I am so satisfied with the way God is working. He is doing all He can with the material that He has to work with.

Some souls are being saved and isn't one soul worth more than a city? Yes, more than the whole world.

In love,

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Nauty Glo, Pa., -Dear Bro. and Sis. in Christ:

-Sister Melican.

I am enclosing 25c for the *Faith and Victory*, to be sent to a friend of mine. I gave her some copies and she is very much interested in God's work and the salvation of precious souls. I read the tract you sent, thank you very much.

Some time ago I sent a request for prayer for my unsaved husband and now he s saved and happy in the Lord. Praise the Dear Lord. Please pray that the Lord may help my husband get rid of tobacco, he is trying hard but needs help from God. 1 am saved and rejoicing in the Lord, but need much prayer for I have great responsibilities resting upon me and need help from God.

Your sister in the Lord. —Mrs. Ellis Shrock. u--o--o--o--o

Coyle, Okla. Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt:

Today finds me saved and on the altar for the Lord. I intend by the grace of God to go all the way with Him.

I am greatly impressed to make heaven my home, in spite of the heavy burdens, trials and temptations that I have. I intend to go all the way with Jesus. I have some burdens that seems almost imbearable, in fact they are imbearable without the Lord. He is the only one that has helped me this far. I am asking all of the saints to pray for me and with me that this load may be lifted from me and that I will be able to stand up for Christ, willing and ready to do His will at all times.

I know that the Lord can do anything if we have faith, ask Him and believe that He will. That is why I felt led to write my testimony asking all of the saints who read this to agree with me in prayer that my burdens and troubles will vanish and the devil will be rebuked and I will have a sweet walk with Jesus Christ.

May the Lord bless you all is my humble prayer. —Ophelia E. Campbell.

Monrovia, Calif. Dear Brother Pruitt: I received your welcome letter day before yesterday, oh, how glad I was to hear from you, I had been so very weak and painful in my limbs that I could hardly get about. A few days after I had written you I became well, and so full of joy I couldn't imagine what on earth had happened to me. I went to work doing double duty after I got your letter I realized that God had answered your prayer, healed me and blessed my soul, bless His dear name forever.

I was so glad that you sent me the tracts, I wish that you had sent more of them. The one "Not a New Movement," is wonderful that's my teaching exactly. Oh, I am so glad that others see the Word of God as I see it. Please send me some more new tracts if you have any. They are such a help to me.

-Ella Connor.

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St. Louis, Mo. Dear saints: It has been many months since I have written and I want to ask you to please pardon my neglect as my health has been bad and I ask all the saints to pray that I may be well again. I want to tell you that your little paper is full of the old time gospel and that is just what all hungry souls crave. I like to read the letters from saints telling what God has done for them and I also can tell of His keeping power and help in every time of need. I can praise Him for many wonderful answers to prayer and I feel like traveling on to higher heights and deeper depths in Him.

Your Sister in Christ, —Mrs. L. M. Ritter. o o o o o o

Cowlington, Okla. Dear Saints: Greetings-I will write vou a few lines. This leaves me saved in the Lord. I have been saved only about three months. I am trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ and my desire is to live for Him all the way through. I ask you saints to pray for me that I will shine for my Lord, my Maker. I love Him, Praise His name, I am the only one that trusts the Lord in my home and that makes it hard for me to live a Christian life. I am trusting that some day my home will be Christian. Sometimes I get broken hearted and go out to myself and get down on my knees and ask the Lord for help and He always helps me.

I wish you would send me some of your tracts that would help me grow stronger in faith. Where I live we only have services once a month and no help in my home but this little Faith and Victory paper, but I get lots of help from it. You saints that have faith in God, pray the Lord that I will live closer to my God.

Your Sister in Christ, ---Mrs. Mary Mason.

Sura, Fiji. Dear Bro. Pruitt: It's sometime since I have written to you on account of my being away to New Zealand for over five months and holding some meetings. While I was there I also had a stroke partly losing the use of my legs, arms and such. However I am very grateful to God for a speedy recovery that enabled me to carry on the Lord's work. The people were very good to me, giving me every comfort and paying all my expenses and a little to spare. Praise the Lord. The weather was very wet and cold--quite a change from here. I had very nice spiritual meetings with the brethren and urged all to aim at being one in Christ instead of being divided up. The people of New Zealand like other places are pleasure mad. The South African Footballers were there playing a match and the people were there before 6 A. M. waiting to get a good seat.

I am glad that the work here is growing, our little hall is full. Dear brother and all christian workers, may we more than ever realize our duty to warn the people to get right with God, and feed on the Word of God instead of running around after the bubbles of the world. The natives of New Zealand are hard to get into a real victory, but there is nothing too hard for the Lord. The Holy Spirit can change the heart and the blood cleanses, Praise the Lord. God bless you all.

I am yours in Christ, —C. W. Sperber.

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Madisonville, Tenn. Dear saints and readers: I send greetings of Holy love in Jesus' dear name. Today finds me saved and still encouraged to press on and do all I can for God and lost souls. My whole desire is to please God regardless of the cost. Dear readers I feel led of the Lord to tell you of how the Lord healed my body. When the Lord called me out of confusion I needed healing for the body as well as for the soul, my health was all run down, I was so run down that I was spitting up blood and was so sore across my shoulders I would sometimes be so that I could hardly use one of my arms. I wasn't examined by a doctor for I knew that I had T. B. of the lung. I sought the Lord and obeyed the Lord and was anointed and prayed for by Bro. Cleo Murry and some other saints and the Lord wonderfully healed my body. Many times the Lord has healed my body and the children's since. He is my all in all, praise His name forever. Dear readers who do not trust God for your healing listen to God's Word, "If ye abide in Me and My Word abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." John 17:7. Will you trust God or flee to man? Curseth be the man that trusteth in man and maketh flesh his arm.'' Jer. 17:5. "And Asa in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, was diseased in his feet until his dissease was exceedingly great, yet in his disease he sought not the Lord, but to the physicians and Asa slept with his fathers." 2 Chron. 16:12-13.

It pays to trust in God in all things for He has power over us.

Have faith in Him for without faith it is impossible to please Him.

Your Sister in the faith ____Mrs Rosa Cook. 0--0--0--0--0

Athens, Tenn. Dear Saints and Readers of Faith and Victory: Greetings in Jesus dear name.

I have felt for some time that it might be to the glory of God and an encouragement to the saints for me to send in my testimony to the little paper, Faith and Victory.

I thank God for His goodness to me, for saving

my soul that was lost and for His mighty keeping power that keeps me each day in the heavenly way. So onward and upward I climb. In the straight and narrow way I'm determined to stay till I leave this old dark world behind.

I'm so glad to know that the things of this old world have lost all their charms for me, the service of the Lord is surely my sweetest delight. I do love the service of the Lord and I find that the way grows brighter each day as I press on in the narrow way. The Lord has been my healer and keeper for several years. I'm so glad to know that my trust is not in the puny arm of flesh, but in the true and living God. For some time I have been afflicted with too much acid in my blood, great whelps would come out over my body. This surely has been a real test of faith. It seemed so hard to get the victory, but I'm so glad that I can report victory in spite of the devil and have been much better in body since dear Bro. Pruitt and Bro. and Sis. Key were here and anointed me and prayed for my healing and the Lord gave me the witness that I was healed. So I'm still standing on the promises of God and claim the victory in Jesus name. I'm so glad that the Lord permitted dear Bro. Pruitt of Guthrie and dear Bro. and Sis. Key of Hammond, La. to stop over for a few days with us, on their way to Ohio and Ind. camp-meetings. We had two real precious services which were real food to my soul. This was my first opportunity to meet Bro. Pruitt and I found him to be a real humble man of God.

May God bless you one and all and keep you encouraged to press on in the narrow way. Please pray for me that God will completely heal my body and give me grace for every trial as I have many trials and struggles for I know that God has promised grace sufficient to carry me through with victory in my soul.

Your saved sister, —Audrey Buttram. o o o o o

Jackson, Mich. Dear Brother Pruitt:---I am enclosing twenty five cents in stamps to pay my subscription to the Faith and Victory paper. My father Wm. L. Vanzandt of Marshall, Mich. gave me some copies and they read so much like the dear old Gospel Trumpet used to 15 or 20 years ago. It does my soul good to read it. The dear Trumpet paper is so polluted it makes me sad to look through it, much less to read it. Nearly 30 years ago we read the first Trumpet and endorsed the reformation truth, taught through its pages, but now with sadness in my heart I am turning it down, and renouncing the

whole Anderson works as perverted, and though I have been preaching the truth for twenty-nine years, I can no longer rejoice in their fellowship and doctrine because I cannot or will not profane God's Word.

I believe that you people are on the right road, I believe you constitute the reformation movement indeed and in truth and I am turning in with you. Please tell me if there are any groups of saints or any saints around Jackson, Mich. I am in the Kingdom for service where ever needed, I am ordained and have had pastoral experience, but feel more definitely the Evangelistic call.

I am an old radical anti-sectarian line, preacher of the old-time gospel without compromise or fanaticism. not a Rev., or a D. D., or a L. L. D., just a plain Holiness preacher, full of a burning message of God's eternal truth, that will clean men up and prepare them for service and heaven.

Please pray that God will direct me, and open doors of utterance to me, I am consecrated to go where He calls and do what He bids. Please send me samples of your tracts.

Your saved brother, ----W. W. Vanzandt.

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Atmore, Ala. At State Prison.—Dear sir. Recently your information circular reached me at the State Prison Farm, listing tracts for Prisoners. We need Christian literature at this Prison farm where there are 1400 men. The privilege to send tracts is extended to you. They will serve a definite purpose here. We strive to keep the tracts circulating so that as many as desire may read. Please remember that we can use as many as your finance at present will permit.

Very Truly Yours,

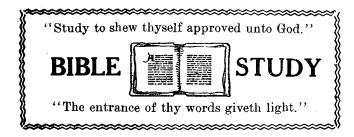
---R. O. Edwards. State Prison Farm.

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Ivanhoe, Texas. Dear Sister in Christ: Greeting, in the name of Christ our Lord and King. Inclosed you will find \$2.00. One for the Prison Fund, one for other needs. Oh, how I did enjoy those letters written by those men in prison, maybe there will be others that God can get to talk to. As I think of those dear ones behind prison bars I think of dear old Paul. I do like so much to read his writings in the Bible.

I sure do love to read Jesus' writings in the Bible especially the account of the woman at the well.

Yours in Christian love, Ima Lawrence.



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#### Sunday, November 7, 1937.

## CHRISTIAN CHARACTER AND PEACE Daily Readings And Meditation

#### Nov. 1-6.

M. New life in Christ. Col. 3:1-11.

T. The peace of Christ. Col. 3:12-17.

W. Christian ethics in the home. Eph. 4:25-32.

F. The gift of peace. John 14:25-31.

S. Peace among brethren. Matt. 5:21-26.

### Printed Portion......Colossians 3:1-17.

Col. 3:1. If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

3. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

5. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

6. For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

7. In the which ye also walked sometime, when ye lived in them.

8. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

9. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

10. And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

11. Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Chuist is all, and in all.

12. Put on thereford, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

13. Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

14. And above all these things put on charity, which

is the bond of perfectness.

15. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

16. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Golden Text—And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body.....Col. 3:15.

Fractical Truth: A new life in Christ means a transformation of character and pleasing to God.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The Epistle to the Colossians was dictated by Paul while he was in Prison at Rome. History verifies that the letter was written about 63 A. D., only a few years had passed since the Lord had dwelt among the people, healing and comforting the sick and weary and redeeming unto Himself a people at the cost of His life's blood. The light of the glorious gospel had shone from coast to coast revealing the Church in all its purity and beauty. No sooner had the Church became prominent, large numbers making it popular, until persecution ceased to be so strong, heresies came in and apostasy was the result. So it is today, any time a church ceases to have persecution it is headed for apostasy. Heresies, traditions, forms and fashions come to dictate instead of giving heed to the Spirit. Some says the Bible means one thing and some another; thus the people become blinded to the truth. While this letter to the Colossian saints was directed against the form and heresies, still our lesson today contains practical truth enough that any desirous person may know whether they are missing the way or not.

The exhortation that Paul gives is to seek those things that are above. The first necessary thing is to be risen with Christ. This relation implies a living union of the soul with Christ. The soul dead in trespasses and sins quickened by believing contact with Christ, rises into a higher and more glorious life.

Sunday, November 14, 1937.

## THE CHRISTIAN MINISTER

#### **Daily Readings And Meditation**

Nov. 8-Nov. 13.

M. A Good minister of Christ. 1 Tim. 4:6-16.

F. A Good soldier of Christ. 2 Tim. 2: 1-13.

- W. A Faithful witness. Acts 20: 18-30.
- T. A Good pastor. 1 Peter 5: 1-7.
- F. God's Steward. Titus 1:5-9.

S. A Faithful minister. Acts 20:31-35.

## Printed Portion: ......1 Timothy 4:6-)6; 2 Timothy 2:1-4.

1 Timothy 4:6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.

8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation.

10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

11 These things command and teach.

12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, m charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

2 Tim. 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

Golden Text: Neglect not the gift that is in thee. 1 Timothy 4:14.

Practical Truth: A minister needs to prepare adequately and labor faithfully in order to succeed in his important and exacting work.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The work of the minister is extremely important in extending the gospel and developing those that are saved.

The minister must be prepared and qualified for the great task put upon him. Some think that so many years in college is necessary for success, but we are persuaded that unless the Holy Spirit is directing the message that it will be in vain. Verse 6. Nourished up in the words of faith—not by emotional stories.

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8. Godliness is profitable.—To ourselves and others. 12. Be thou an example. Should be an example to the unbelievers in words, conversation, charity, faith spirit and purity.

14. Many have lost their gifts through neglect. Timidity, man, fear, etc.

15. Meditate upon these things. By meditation we receive strength and power. Man cannot do a more noble thing than to give himself wholly to the cause of Christ.

16. Take heed unto thyself—and unto the doctrine. Men are falling away from their steadfastness, False doctrines on every hand. Some holding the word in unrighteousness, others compromising, but we thank the Lord that some are continuing in the Word.

Can you think of some ways the minister of God must sacrifice? Name some of his rewards. What are some of the ways that we might hinder the work did by the minister? How may we help him in service? What does the Bible teach that our duty is in regard to sending the minister? Let us sow beside all waters.

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### CHRISTIAN WORKERS

## Daily Readings And Meditation November 15-20.

M. The Christian a builder. 1 Cor. 3:10-15.

- T. Sowing and reaping. Gal. 6:6-10.
- W. True riches. 1 Tim. 6:11-21.
- T. The workers reward. John 4:32-38.

F. The works of God. John 6:26-35.

S. The greater work. John 14:11-14.

Printed Portion ......1 Cor. 3:10-15; Gal. 6:6-10.

1 Cor. 3:10. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereon.

11. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13. Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

14. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15 If any man's work shall be burned he shall suffer loss, but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

Gal. 6:6. Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

7. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

9. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

10. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Golden Text—Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Gal. 6:9.

Practical Truth: Christian workers have a great opportunity and a great responsibility.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It is evident from Paul's letters to the church at

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Corinth that there were differences among them, concerning the leaders. Not only were there differences but they were contentious about their differences. Contention is not Christlike. Getting your eyes set on any religious leader opens the way for deception and error.

Christ should be the center of attraction for every person. We should and do appreciate the true ministers and religious leaders, yet we realize that all valuable things come from above. The foundation of truth has been laid in nearly every community. It is up to us to how we build from there on. Many are erecting a beautiful structure, (a repution or some seemingly wonderful work), but will it stand the test at judgment? Earthly popularity or anything done for a show will not be able to abide.

Let us be honest with those whom we deal. In dealing with souls would it not be better to do a more thorough work and really witness a change in the believers life than bringing to ourselves a large number that only receive a shallow work which does not give satisfaction. Any experience that does not give peace and complete satisfaction amid the trials, even in this sinful age, would be dangerous to trust in the judgment test. Look at the religious world of today and behold the structures of wood, hay, and stubble. Sowing to the flesh can bring only a reaping of remorse and disappointment, but sowing to the spirit in meekness and love will erect a beautiful structure that will not only stand the judgment test, but will reward our efforts with eternal life.

## Sunday, November 28, 1937. CHRISTIAN FRUITFULNESS November 22-27.

- M. Christian fruit bearing. John 15:1-16.
- T. Fruit-bearing Christians. Luke 8:9-15.
- W. The fruit God expects. Matt. 7:15-23.
- T. A disappointing yield. Isaiah 5:1-7.
- F. The fruit of righteousness. James 3:13-18.
- S. The secret of fruit bearing. John 12:20-26.

## Printed Portion.....John 15:1-16.

John 15:1. I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye except ye abide in me.

5. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

9. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

10. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love, even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

12. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14. Ye are my friend, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

15. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

16. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Golden Text—Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.....John 15:8.

Practical Truth: Through union with Christ, Christians may be fruitful.

## **COMMENTS AND APPLICATION**

We have a very good lesson for our study today. Before we start on this lesson it might be well for us to look at ourselves for a few moments. How is our contact with the Lord? One might ask how they could know whether they are accepted of the Lord or not. Some go as far as to say that no one knows for sure if they are saved. It is quite certain that they are not saved if they do not know whether they are or not. If we do not have that vital contact with the Lord that brings the assurance of an acceptance with him and if we are not enjoying the close relationship and communion with our Savior that gives us peace and satisfaction to our souls we should ask the Lord to draw back the curtain of self that we might take a survey of the condition of our soul as He sees us. If we are conscious that our soul has been resurrected from it's dead state in sin, how is it with us today? Do you have a good appetite for the word of God? Can you glance hurriedly over our lesson for today and let it go at that or do you continue to find deep rich truths in the scripture? Do you still esteem it a privilege to meet with the saints on prayer meeting night or does a few clouds or some earthly care cause you to neglect care of your soul?

Our lesson emphasizes the fact that we must first be grafted into the vine, which is Christ, then we must be purged that we bear more fruit. The fruitfulness of the branch depends upon its union with the vine, whence it receives its sap. Likewise the spiritual fruitfulness of Christians depends upon their union with Christ. If through neglect or sin, our fellowship with Christ is broken, then we become spiritually dead and fruitless. How sad to think of and how terrible the doom of one who departs this life in such a condition.