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Christ Is Born



Christ is born, the King of Glory,
Born in yonder Bethlehem;
And the shepherds heard the story,
Which the angels brought to them.

Christ is born, the King of Glory,
Born to save the human race.
Tell, Oh, tell the wondrous story
Of His tender love and grace.

Christ is born to bring salvation
To a fallen, sinful race;
Preach to ev'ry tribe and nation
Of His love and saving grace.

God in His great love and kindness
Saw this world all lost in sin,
Lost in darkness and in blindness,
And no peace and rest within.

So He sent a mighty Saviour
To set all sin's captives free;
By His pow'r and by His favor
All may have the victory.

Hallelujah, tell the story,
And proclaim His wondrous birth:
Christ is born, the King of Glory—
King of kings of all this earth.

I am glad to say serenely,
Christ is also born in me.
May I ask the question keenly,
Is He also born in thee?

—F. F. Ortmann.

Preparation

On every side we see much preparation. The squirrels are busy at work carrying nuts and acorns, preparing for winter. The honey bee goes to and fro preparing honey, so that when the snow has covered the ground and the flowers that bloomed out in the summer time are beneath it, lifeless, no longer producing pollen, the bee can be safely sheltered in its home with something to eat, simply because it has made preparation.

When we see and hear wild geese and ducks flying south, we say, "It's going to be cold weather soon." They are preparing for protection against winter storms by going to a warmer climate.

The wise farmer gathers in his wood before cold, snowy days come. The wife who thinks of the future gathers the nice ripe vegetables and fruit, while they are fresh and cans them for winter use.

There is the mother so busily engaged in sewing. Why? Because it is almost time for school to begin, she must prepare, so everything will be in readiness to send the children to school. The family who is financially able begin in the fall to buy new clothes for winter. Thus we see preparation in so many ways. The military training taught to our youth of today means preparation for war.

The birds of the air, the animals of the woods have only to prepare for this life. Seasons come and go, they live, then die and are no more, but man—the highest of God's creation—should prepare for more than just this life only. There is a great future where the soul of man never dies that we need to prepare for. That long, long eternity where we must live forever and ever. Amos 4:12 says, "Prepare to meet thy God."

Man is failing to be wise if he only lives for the present world. If his plans are only to give the body comfort, alas! alas! all will be a failure. If we seek to save our life here we'll lose it in eternity.

We must build our hopes beyond this life. Must make preparation daily to live again in heaven, sweet home above.

Some have invested their life's earnings in a home here, where they plan to relax and enjoy the comforts and conveniences of this life for themselves but how soon destruction can come and leave them homeless. Hope will indeed be blighted, if we live for this life only. God has made so much preparation. Prepared a world for us to live in, prepared all the beautiful trees and flowers, the brooks, the fruits in their season, but better still, "eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him, but God hath revealed them unto us by his spirit." 1 Cor. 2:9.

God prepared a body. Heb. 10:5. Even the body of our Lord and Savior which was offered as a sacrifice for sin, for the blood of bulls and goats was not sufficient to take away sin. Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us, so "Come, let us reason together." Prepare to meet thy God.

—Ruth Murphey.

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What is Faith?

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1.

What faith really is and how anyone can possess it is a perplexing question to many professing Christians. A man and his wife with several small children are in need of food and clothing; the mother is a praying woman and knows God in her heart and soul; she asks the Lord to open the hearts of his people who are able to help her and to consider their needs. The answer comes, for the very next morning two brothers in the Lord, learning of their needs and feeling the urge of the spirit of the Lord in their souls, brings the needy family a bountiful supply of needed things. This woman had faith in God, and what she got in answer to her faithful request was that which she had hoped for, which we call substance of things. It is none other than the super-natural power of God, the great force or energy of the Holy Spirit set in action unseen by natural forces that does and will produce results when certain conditions in harmony with the will of God function.

Answered prayer in the healing of the sick or saving of the soul is a sure evidence of the reality of God. Apparently a heavenly messenger so to speak,

appears with an antidote. Relief comes but you see nothing unusual with your mortal eyes, no more than do you see the cooling breeze that blows on a hot summer day, yet you know it has a substance or it could not bring relief.

Do you expect an angel to appear to you telling you that your prayer is answered? or do you expect your wants, regardless of your needs, supplied first before you will have faith? Seeing not, but yet believing is an evidence of things not seen. The Lord Jesus said to doubting Thomas; "blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed; John 20:29.

Because some people are unfaithful and not to be depended upon, is no reason that everyone is that way. All of us or most of us at least, have confidential friends or relatives whose words of assurance are as good as refined gold; dependable, loyal and faithful. In such you can have perfect confidence. Doubt and unfaithfulness are as strange or unknown terms in the realm of heaven as was the word surrender to the faithful loyal men of Sparta under Leonidas at Thermopylae, or the Roman soldier in Caesar's time. Not long ago a Christian woman, the wife of a minister, told me that she needed a certain sum of money to meet a great need. She believed God would in some way, sooner or later supply this need and answer her request through someone. A few days later a woman called and asked her if she needed help, as something seemed to assure her that this woman was in need, and she could not feel at ease until she had made inquiries.

James says, "faith without works is dead," being true all about us every day, for we meet people who believe in a life after death and that the Bible is a true book and a definite message from the Lord God. They join the church declaring they believe in Jesus without ever having confessed that they were sinners or of repentance unto salvation according to gospel standards. They know little or nothing of the joys of a redeemed people made new in the likeness and new born life in Christ Jesus.

The Word of God defines such as dead faith possessing no substance of spiritual life and energy; void of any consideration or of any confidence in such by God as being worthy of eternal reward.

Satan is delighted in professors of Christ who doubt many of the fundamental truths so highly essential to Godly living, but is at variance and wrath with those who leave his domain and confess their sins with godly sorrow and repentance unto a

new born life in Christ Jesus.

The works of faith reveals to mankind a certainty of divine power, for the benefits and blessings derived from faith in God to supply our needs is the very substance of that hoped for in the declaration of the apostle Paul in the text given for it embodies a life-giving principle.

—John H. Griffith.

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Contentment

Dear readers: As I sit in my room and look out over this wicked, restless city of Chicago and see the unrest and discontentment of mankind, I feel impressed to write some on contentment.

The apostle Paul says, "Godliness with contentment is great gain," in fact there is no real contentment only in God. So many people who are professing to be children of God, have never learned to be content. To be content means to be at rest in spirit and mind, satisfied with your lot in life and with God's dealings with us regardless of our surroundings or conditions in life. Paul said that he had learned to be content in whatsoever state he was in. He also said that most of us have to learn that somewhat by experience. That is, in poverty, in trials, in affliction, in distress, in sorrow and in persecution. Be content. REST. Do not worry or complain at our lot in life. Some are content when all is going well, plenty to eat and wear, a good comfortable home, a car, a good position, no sickness nor trials, but how about it when reverses of life come, get out of work, sickness in the home, no money, the flour barrel empty, the home gone, someone telling lies on you?

Then can you with Paul say, "I have learned in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content," satisfied not to murmur or complain?

I am glad that I with Paul have learned that sweet lesson, to be content. It took trials, yes, fiery trials, poverty, afflictions, much persecution and often being misrepresented and lied on to get me to learn to be content. Life in the Christian way can never be as we would always have it go, but we must commit our way to God. Wait on Him. Again Paul tells us that having food and raiment let us be therewith content. That is all we need. Food and raiment and shelter with Godliness is the sweetest life yet. Although we may be alone and forsaken by others, to be content is to be carefree, no worry, or complaint, just satisfied.

Reader, is that the way with you? Do you find in Jesus all you need? or are you craving more of this world's goods? If so, BEWARE!

Again Paul says to be content with such things as you have. Can you do it? You may not have what your neighbor has, their home may be well furnished in every way, they may have a good car, much better things to eat and wear than you. Do you want just such things as they have or are you really content with such things as you have?

Content to be poor, have but little of this world's goods, content to be without a car if God sees fit for you to be without one. Dear reader it means much to be content with such things as you have.

The cows or the sheep will eat grass until full, then go to the brook and get a drink, then they will go to a shade tree, lay down and rest. They are perfectly content, no worry nor unrest. Dear reader be quick to learn the lesson of contentment. If you want a good tract on healing and direct answers to prayers write me for one. Please enclose postage.

—Cleo Murry,

R. 2, B. 206, Joplin, Mo.

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Christ Is My Light

One day when I was troubled,
My Lord, He heard my cry,
He came and whispered softly,
"Come closer to me my child."

I heard the invitation
And followed by His side,
Then Jesus said, "Come higher,
Where a brighter light will shine."

Oh, Jesus knows my weakness;
He gives me grace to stand,
And as I travel upward
He holds me by the hand.

And as I do my duty,
As He said, "Watch and pray,"
I shine among the ransomed,
And He keeps me day by day.

The time will soon be ended,
Then Christ will say, "It is enough."
And take me home to meet Him
In that mansion above.

—Sister Roethler.

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From age to age this voice shall cheer:—

Whate're may die or be forgot,

Work done for God, it dieth NOT."

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EDITORIALS

The printing work is moving on nicely and smoothly under the directing, governing power of our God as our eyes are upon Him and His ways of management in the office work are precious and encouraging to our hearts. He says in His Word, "Delight thyself also in the Lord and He will give thee the desires of thine heart." Psalms 37:4. Truly, if we delight ourselves in the Lord and take no choosing of our own, then His ways will always be precious to us and will fulfill the desires of our hearts. I pray to God that more people would prove the Lord by completely yielding to Him. The course that God would have us take in life is extremely different from the way that we would naturally want to go; but when our will becomes His will then His ways seem always right and best to us.

The good encouraging letters received lately together with the many subscriptions coming in on the "Three months subscription" offer, rejoices our hearts, as we know that God, through the Spirit is working with His dear children everywhere. When a child of God is being blessed and helped and encouraged through the reading of the paper and tracts they become anxious to pass the good things on to others and in this way God's spirit works and the gospel keeps spreading and reaching out to more souls.

Paul says that there is a crown for every one that loves his appearing and Peter says that the crown will never fade away and the Revelator says, "Be faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10. Knowing that the crown is at the end of our earthly race let each of us be steadfast, unmoveable always abounding in the work of the Lord that no man take our crown.

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In the 12th verse of the 3rd chapter of 1 Peter we have some inspired scripture that should be a great comfort and encouragement to the saints of God and at the same time, in the same verse we find truth uttered that should discourage any one in continuing in sin. "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and His ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." 1 Peter 3:12.

It is truly a great comfort to know that the eyes of the Lord are over us and our hearts ought to be much encouraged to know that His ears are open unto our cries or prayers. It is very pitiful to know

of a soul professing to be the Lord's and do not have any testimony of definite answers to prayer. There are some people in the world today who claim to be the Lord's and yet say that He does not heal now, that it all passed away with the apostles. The fact is, healing of the body has only passed away with unbelievers. Another fact is, that the Lord still has apostles in the world and He continues to use them in anointing and healing the sick. There is hardly an issue of the Faith and Victory paper printed without several testimonies of God healing the body. In our home and among the saints here at Guthrie, the Lord is always healing some one. God has always healed His people and always will. When King Asa lost faith in God and became enraged at God's prophet and put him in the Prison house he afterwards became diseased in his feet and the disease was very great and he sought not to the Lord, but the Physicians and Asa died and slept with his Fathers. 2 Chron. 16:10.

Hezekiah was sick and was told by the prophet that he should set his house in order for he would die, but Hezekiah prayed unto the Lord and the Lord healed him and added fifteen years to his life. Isaiah 38:1.

David tells us to bless the Lord and not to forget all of his benefits, for he said that God forgiveth all our iniquities and healeth all our diseases. Psa. 103:3.

The saints of the most high are truly now possessing the Kingdom and are receiving definite answers to prayer. Reigning with Christ on the earth and among men as they have power to live free from sin and over all the power of the enemy.

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The old time gospel is sounding good to a great many souls and from many different states we are hearing from souls that are desiring to get in touch with and to be associated with the old time saints that preach and practice the real truth of the Bible.

The coming National Camp-meeting at Monark Springs, Mo. is attracting much attention from a very wide area of the country and very many are looking forward to that meeting as a source of spiritual uplift and refreshing Bible truths.

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As there are so many that have not sent in subscriptions for the "three months offer" we are going to extend the time until the 20th of Dec. We are sending out blanks again in the December paper so that you can fill them out and send in to the Office

before the 20th and then we can get the papers started with the January number. Besides the book premiums with the twenty subscriptions we are going to send a beautiful 1938 scripture text Calendar to every one who will send in forty or more "three months subscriptions." To show our appreciation of your co-operation in getting the gospel to souls this winter we are listing the names and addresses of every one that sends in twenty or more names and will send you a Christmas present a few days before Christmas.

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The true Church of God is not a sect. It is divinely given, divinely organized, divinely held together and divinely fed and nourished by the great Shepherd of the flock. Isaiah said the government shall be upon His shoulders and He should be our counselor and the Prince of peace and that there will be no end to His government and peace and that he would establish it with judgment and with justice. Read Isaiah 9:6, 7. Isaiah saw the church or Kingdom much better than many do today. Every member in this body or church is a particular one and God has placed it in the body as it pleases Him. Every member in this Church has been born from above and by continued faith and obedience retains life from heaven in the soul. They function in their place by the appointment and working power of God. Each member is absolutely free in God to move as he leads. It is a "glorious church," so the apostle Paul says, "not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:27. And again in speaking of the Church or the Household of God, Paul says, "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ himself being the chief cornerstone; in whom all the building, fitly framed together, groweth into an holy temple in the Lord, in whom ye also are builded together (not apart) for an habitation of God through the spirit." Those that will loosen themselves from the organizations of men and the world, together with man's clicks and clans and strange doctrines, God will, by His Spirit fit them in the body and function in and through each member to the gathering together and the glorifying of His name. The Church or body of Christ is not a sham or shadow or mystical body as sects speak of it, but it is a reality and is just as visible in the world today as Christ and His disciples were when they were together. Praise God for this glorious divine institution.

As it was announced in the Nov. paper that the saints at Guthrie would have special prayer for the sick and would observe the ordinances of the Bible—feet washing and the Lord's supper, we are glad to report that the meeting was a precious and blessed one as God manifested His power and presence.

There was a number of saints from near places who came and enjoyed the service with us, 44 happy saints took part in the ordinance in the afternoon. In the morning the time was used in reading requests and hearing requests for prayer and with continued prayers and supplications for the sick and needy. Quite a number wanted to be anointed and prayed for and so the time was mostly taken up in this way and with a number of testimonies and exhortations. It was a real refreshing day for the saints.

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Recently we have heard from different Prisons where the tracts have been scattered. One brother said he gave out tracts to 1400 Prisoners and he felt that the tracts were doing a good work among the Prisoners. During the last week by securing a little extra help we have sent out 84 packages of tracts to as many Prisons.

The offerings sent in for this purpose by the saints will not be forgotten by the Lord. As you send means for this purpose of sending tracts into the Prisons it is just like preaching the gospel to them by proxy. They are all God's creatures and have a soul that will live on, somewhere. We do not know how many souls will be snatched from the burning by this manifested love to them. Dear readers continue the good work and God will bless and reward you.

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Oklahoma State Assembly

The Church of God assembly meeting will be held at Guthrie, Oklahoma at the saints chapel situated at 6th and West Warner Sts.

The usual good meeting is expected. The saints here are preparing in every way for this meeting by laying by offerings for this meeting with provisions and are preparing to take care of all who will attend. All that come should bring pillows, blankets and comforts as otherwise you may sleep cold. The saints are fixing rooms and beds with mattresses and all the comforts and blankets that they can spare. Straw and ticks will be furnished.

As this is a state meeting, *Every Congregation*

and Saint ought to feel that it is their duty to the saints and to God to lay by means and other provisions for the need of the meeting. Send your offerings for this meeting to Fred Pruitt at 920 W. Mansur Ave. and also the provisions for the cooking room send to the Faith Pub. House and all will be used for the meeting.

This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan and none need stay away because of shortage of means. All are welcome to come.

There will be ministers here from all over state and from other states to preach the old time gospel which if believed will free men from sin and corruption and cause them to clean up for Heaven. Ministers who are on the compromising line and those who hold the truth in unrighteousness will not be expected to get in the pulpit. If you have differences with anyone, go to them and confess and clear up with them and with God, as no disturbance of a devilish nature will be allowed in the meeting.

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OBITUARY

Sister Zelma Shaw Parker

On the 19th day of June 1903, near the small town of Meno, Oklahoma, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shaw.

In her childhood with her family, she moved to California, where she was saved in her youth by being born into the Church of God. She lived a Christian life until death. Trusting the Lord fully for the healing of her body, never resorted to any medical aid, but ever looking to the Lord.

She lived a consecrated life and was loved by the Saints, and her many friends. By her gentle, loving manner, showing forth the life of Christ, always ready to do service for the Master. Especially in the composing of music for many hymns and spiritual songs.

On the 23rd of December 1934 in San Bernardino, Calif., she was united in marriage to Bro. R. A. Parker. Their marriage tie, being a beautiful example instituted by God, they lived happily together until she was summoned home.

She leaves to mourn her departure a loving husband, a devoted mother, and uncle, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held in Oklahoma City, conducted by Sister Josie Winn and Bro. Stafford Winn. The Text Job 16:21. Many beautiful thoughts were expressed in memory of her life.

Afterward her husband brought her body back to San Bernardino, Calif., her former home. Another impressive service was held. Bro. L. E. Davy assisted by Bro. S. T. Walker conducting the same.

The body was laid to rest in the family plot.

We loved thee in life;
 We love thee in death,
 But Jesus Loves thee best.
 A precious one from us has gone,
 A voice we loved is stilled.
 A place is vacant in our home
 Which can never be filled.

Aunt Emma Holden.

Mary Lucenda Brisen Griffen was born in N. C. June 5, 1887, departed this life Oct. 28, 1937, at the age of 50 years, 4 months and 23 days. She was united in marriage to James Griffen June 28, 1911. To this union was born 3 children, George Griffen, Neosho, Mo., Mrs. Lee Erickson of St. Joe, Mo., and Lucille Griffen of Neosho, Mo. She also leaves her Father, W. D. Brisen and one sister, Mrs. Jackson, Bagruell, Texas, besides other relatives, friends and neighbors to miss her and remember her sainted life.

Her husband preceded her in death by 21 years.

The text was Revelation 14:13. Funeral by Bro. John Strech.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Bro. J. H. Biswell entreats the saints everywhere to pray for him as he is afflicted with stomach and bowel trouble.

Please pray for Sister Gibbs' daughter, Margaret as she has kidney and bladder trouble and other afflictions.

Pray for Mrs. Evelyn Hayes who is in the Hospital with cancer of liver; she is trusting the Lord for her healing.

Pray for Sister Thelma Chatfield of New Mex. as she is a young minister and needs our prayers. She is doing what she can there in that place and nearly all alone. Ask God to keep her courage up.

San Bernardino, Calif. Dear Saints scattered all over the land: In the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour I am requesting prayer for the healing of my body, I am standing on the promises of God. "Therefore I say unto you what things soever ye desire, when ye pray believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24.

Please pray Saturday Dec. 25th and I know that God will answer the prayers of the saints.

Your brother in Christ, —A. G. Bardis.

Halifax, Nova Scotia—Faith Pub. House: Dear Ones in Christ Jesus our Lord—Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

I have been reading your very splendid tract, "A Husband's Challenge," and my heart cries out for some of them to use for the glory of the Lord. I have not a cent to send you, but I am praying that God will continue to supply all your need, and that He will continue to bless you in your ministry of love. I can use all the tracts the blessed Holy Spirit moves you to send me for the glory of the Lord. Thank you.

Sincerely in Jesus' name.

—Sister Bertha Allen.

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—NOTICE—

To my dear brethren scattered abroad: Greetings. We have proceeded with the plans and work on the camp grounds as far as means have been provided. We trust that the Lord will as soon as possible move our hearts, so as to be able to continue the work to its finish. Some have asked for an explanation of our plans for the National Camp-meeting here.

The intentions are to build a dining room 28 by 46 feet with a cooking room added. The building will be erected in the community park at Monark Springs, Mo., 6 miles east of Neosho. The building will remain in the park and will be used by the community for meeting purposes, excepting the times that the saints desire to use it. We the church of God have access to the park for the purpose of camp-meetings or other meetings as we choose. So we feel this is a great step of advancement. We trust those who desire will respond at an early date, as we desire to finish the building during the winter months. Any means left over the expense of the building material will be assigned to the needs of the camp-meeting next summer. There will probably be two or three beeves to buy with much other provisions which will be needed before the meeting begins next July. Let us all pray for the success of the meeting and also help bear the burden as there will be a great crowd of precious saints meet together who have never enjoyed such an opportunity. God bless you one and all.

Yours for the truth,

—Bro. Strech.

(Send all offerings for the purpose of building the dining room to Bro. John Strech, R. 5, Neosho, Missouri).

Our Mind

There are just two classes of people in this world. The one class is carnally minded. The other class is spiritually minded. To be carnally minded is death—dead souls. To be spiritually minded is life—resurrected souls. The devil through crafty, cunning deception put the carnal mind in Adam and Eve and they have passed it on to all of us. Jesus' mission to this world was and is destruction of the carnal minded, for it is the enemy of God.

The mind of Jesus is love and obedience to God, love and sacrifice for man. There is no middle ground between the carnal minded and the spiritually minded. Each one who has reached the age of account ability is learning his or her own fruits. The works of the flesh or carnal minded are seen.

The first carnal minded child (Cain) born into this world was a murderer. "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer." This world is full of hate and murders, children murders. Thousands of women are stained with the blood of their unborn children. Others are stamped with crime by ungodliness of mothers. How many children come into this world, carried in live and welcome; as was Joseph and Samuel. No wonder many preachers have to go outside the Word of God to get their sermons to please itching ears and carnal minds.

We weep over our shackled fallen brethren and wonder who will be able to stand. Dear souls let Jesus win you to the way of self denial.

—Mrs. J. Edis Wetzel.

Little Rock, Ark. Please send me a sample of 50 different tracts. I read one of your tracts "48 Hours in Hell," I want one of those. I want to send in a testimony also. Just about seven months ago, I had blood poison in my right hand, had an operation and the doctors said they did not think that I would live. I had my finger amputated and after I got home from the hospital I had a nervous break down, but God so wonderfully healed my hand and body that I am thanking and praising Him for it. I want to tell the whole world what God has done for me. I want to hand out tracts the rest of my days and do the little things that God lays on my heart. I will appreciate the tracts very much.

Bless you folks in your work. Pray for me and my deaf girl, (who has been deaf from birth), that God may heal her if it is His will.

—Mrs. A. W. Aycock.



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« Young People's Section »

My Savior's Care

Christ Jesus is my Savior,
He saved me from my sin,
He took a hard rebellious heart,
And made it pure within.

Christ Jesus is my healer,
No other one will do,
I've tried and always found Him,
A Savior kind and true.

Christ Jesus is my helper
A friend when others fail,
He whispers sweet to comfort me,
When dangers fierce assail.

Christ Jesus is the only one,
Can meet a sinner's need,
Whose heart is always heavy,
He is a friend indeed.

Then let us love Him better,
Draw nigh to Him each day.
Cast all our cares upon Him,
And don't forget to pray.

—Verga McCoy.

EDITORIALS

Christ's birth many, many years ago is remembered at this season of the year by the Christian world. After His life was lived and His mission fulfilled, He ascended to the Father. His mighty influence is still felt and He yet speaks today.

The life of Christ is the perfect life-pattern, the ideal life. The term Christian means Christ-like. Writing to the Christians, the apostle Peter says, (1 Peter 2:21-23), "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously." When Christ finished his earthly mission, he not only completed

the plan of salvation, but he left an example. He showed just what a Christian life should be. He practised what he preached. The example was given that we should follow in His steps, that his life should be reproduced in our life. "Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." He brought the truth, then also gives us grace to live it. Thank the Lord.

If we would follow in His steps, then we must know how he lived. The New Testament portrays the life of Christ—it is the central theme. His was an example to both young and old. In his boyhood He was subject to His parents—an example to children today. Early in life He felt an urge to be about his Father's business. During his public ministry, notice His example in word and conduct. His words were well chosen and carried deep meaning. He spoke words for edification and encouragement and not merely for entertainment, or to tickle the ears with high sounding phraseology. He had time to bless the children as well as the older folk. He comforted the sorrowing and bound up the broken-hearted. He had compassion upon the afflicted and the multitudes of humanity. Notice his life of devotion to his Father. He spent hours alone in prayer to God. He brought his messages from God to the people, and they were life-giving words.

He was meek and humble. His was a life of suffering, self-denial and self-sacrifice. He lived for others. No trace of self can be found.

He had no place to lay his head, or a place to call his own, neither did he make provisions for his burial in death. Jesus called his twelve disciples and said, "Follow Me." Dear reader, he is calling you to follow Him. To follow Him will mean to suffer with him, but it will be joyous when we realize He has suffered so much for us. Walking with Him is the most happy life ever found. His ways are best because they end best. Daniel's walk with God led him through the den of lions, but it gave him victory over his enemies and brought him into greater favor with the king. The three young Hebrews that walked with God were led through the fiery furnace, but their promotion in the King's court lay just beyond. Peter's walk with God led him through the dungeon, but an angel's visit was awaiting him. So with all the faithful saints—there is a crown after the cross.

Vital Christianity is more than a code of ethics, a set of rules and regulations, a creed or a doctrine to which one might subscribe. It is a life to live—an exertion of divine unction. There is seen in Christianity the power of resurrection. That inner, responsible being is made alive to God from a dead state of sin. The Holy Spirit comes into the heart and directs the issues of life. L. D. P.

CORRESPONDENCE

Perkasie, Pa. —Dear ones at Faith Pub. House: I praise the dear Lord for His goodness and great love He has shown to me. I meant to write sooner to renew my subscription to the little paper. I will renew for two years. 50 cents is for prison work.

I had been afflicted very much with tumors and a weak heart, but God took my case in His hands as I did not want to put myself in the hands of the Dr. So today I am on the road to recovery. I thank God for the prayers of His children and as we draw nigh unto God, He has promised to draw nigh unto us. James 4:8.

Yes, He is the same God. He will lend a listening ear if we cry with all our heart and life. It was an awful test of faith, but thank God it was good for me, for if we never had a need we would never have to cry unto Him. How I love to learn of Him so I can serve Him better. I am praying God that the Holy Ghost will possess me, fill me with himself that I will have power to stand in these evil days.

May the Lord help you dear ones at the Faith Publishing House and bless in every needed way and may He help me keep humble before Him is my prayer. Your Sis. Martha Beer.

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To the Saints scattered abroad: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I take this privilege to testify and report to you, as I believe most of those I have met are in touch with Faith and Victory. Quite a number have written me since the late camp-meetings that I have not answered yet, I will ask them to excuse me for slowness as I have been very busy. I truly thank God for victory in soul and body, I also thank Him for the good camp-meetings at Ithaca and New Castle. They were a real encouragement to me. The sweet unity and fellowship that prevailed brought precious memories of the first few years of my acquaintance with the saints 25 and 30 years ago, and I thank God that I am expecting to see more blessed days soon, if the Lord is willing. If not we will see better ones anyway, so let us be encouraged and sing and shout the victory until Jesus comes.

We had a real blessed meeting here at Craigville, Bro. and Sister Strong, Bro. and Sister Rapp, Bro. Yoder and Bro. Earl Brown were with us. Bro. Strong and Bro. Brown did most of the preaching, which came fresh from the throne. I believe there were 10 seekers for pardon or for the Holy Ghost, but that was not all even of the visible results of the meeting. Many were under conviction and many more were made friendly toward the truth for which we are thankful.

I have been here 20 years and I believe that is too long for a preacher to stay in one place, if the Lord will let him change. I have been away a few times, for a few months, but I have never been released altogether, but I desire to get free for evangelistic work as I have always felt that is my calling. I am not careful whether my work will be among the congregations of the saints, or in the new fields, just so the Lord leads and opens the way. Pray for us and the work here that God will lead us definitely and may God bless all the dear saints and in a special manner bless and lead His ministers and the publishers of the truth. May God graciously and in a special manner bless and supply the workers at the Faith Pub. House is our earnest prayer. —George Peek.

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Forest City, Mo. Dear Saints of God: Greetings in Jesus' name. May heaven's rich blessings be upon every true child of God and encourage your hearts to walk by faith in the straight and narrow way, knowing it leads to the home Jesus has gone to prepare. My soul is much encouraged by reading the testimonies of the saints in the little paper and knowing how God is caring for His own. Today finds me fully satisfied in Jesus, He's everything to me. The way is growing brighter all the time. While there is much confusion and strife in the world, yet it need not destroy our happiness in the service of God. If we will keep our eyes on Jesus and not look at the waves, we shall make a safe voyage over the sea of life and shall see inside of heaven when the sun of life has set. Jesus said, "In the world ye shall have tribulations; but be of good cheer I have overcome the world." And again we hear Him say, "Lo I am with you always," so if Jesus is always with us we can always overcome and always have the victory and "be of good cheer." Praise the Lord. The beautiful Church of God is still shining amid all the darkness of the land. Her sun shall go down no more, the gates of

Hell shall never prevail against her, because she is built upon the rock Christ Jesus. God is gleaning out those who will stand the test and live the life His word commands and cry out against all ungodliness. By the help of the Lord I am determined to be among those who have fought a good fight, and kept the faith.

I desire the prayers of the saints.

Your blood washed sister, —Susie Whipple.

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Oregon, Mo. Dear Saints: Greetings, in Jesus' dear name. I have really been feasting for several days on the good things and wonderful testimonies in Faith and Victory. The day this little paper came into my lonely home, I kept saying over and over, "Lord increase my faith and give me victory." Then the Lord gave me this song:

Have you met sin's mighty host in stern array?

Have you grown faint-hearted in the fearful fray?

Do the powers of evil seem to gain the day?

All the ills that vex you, Jesus blood can cure;

For Jehovah's promise standeth firm and sure.

Ne'er give o'er the struggle, valiant be and true;

God is strong to conquer, and your foes subdue;

In the fiery furnace He will walk with you.

Oh, there's naught but blessing Father waits to give,

And there's naught but blessing we can e'er receive,

If we fully trust Him and His Word believe.

I live over 20 miles from St. Joseph, Mo., so am kept out of the Lord's services for weeks, sometimes months. In Hebrews 10:25 it says, "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is." Since the death of my husband I expect to move soon, please pray God that He may lead me just where He would have me go, for I promised God that if He would heal my boy, I would serve Him as never before.

In Isaiah 43:10 it reads, "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen." When God saves us he expects us to be his servant and to work for Him, not sit with our light under a bushel. I was glad to fast and pray for the many prayer requests. I ask the dear saints to pray for my boy, who is afflicted with heart trouble. I know that God is able to heal and deliver.

We read in Colossians 2:2: "Touch not, taste not, handle not; which all are to perish with the using."

May God open the eyes of the many blind that they might see, before it is too late in my prayer.

—Winnie Chilcoat.

Garrett, Ind. Dear Bro. Pruitt and Family: Today I shall answer your welcome card received sometime ago. I am glad you had a safe journey home, God takes care of His people. I am very thankful to the Lord as I am considerable better of my trouble. Pray that I will be fully cured as I want to show the people what God can do and I will be relieved of a big torment, I know He can take it away. I was at Benton Harbor, Mich. to see my brother and I showed him how the Lord had helped me after being prayed for at the camp-meeting. Please pray for him.

I am so glad that you baptized my wife and I. I wish you could have come home with us and stayed awhile. Pray for us in soul also; my wife is sick so pray for her. I am hungry for more good meetings and to be with God's people.

Your brother in Christ, —Scott C. Baker.

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Pecos, Texas. Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt:

I am sending 25 cents for a years subscription to the Faith and Victory.

I love to read the little paper. I get so much good out of it, especially since I am away from all the dear saints.

Pray for me that I may be faithful to the end.

Your Sister in Christ, —Mabel Melot.

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Spring Garden, Ala. Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: Greetings to you all in Jesus' name. This leaves me still saved and trusting the Lord. I want to say I love the Lord for He is my friend, my King, my guide. He is the best guide that I know of and I wish everyone would take him for a guide. My desire is to keep trusting Him from day to day. I do love to read the good articles in the Faith and Victory as they are real soul food and a real helper in many subjects that puzzle me. I can remember very well the first Holiness preachers that I ever heard and they were fine. They were Bro. and Sis. Watson.

Bro. and Sis. Key are on their way home after spending one night with us, also holding one meeting. I wish that they could come and hold a weeks meeting.

Please pray for me that God will completely heal my body and give me grace for every trial.

Your saved Sister, —Mrs. Vera Hilburn.

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Owasso, Okla. —Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pruitt: Dear Sister and Bro. in the Lord, I am praising God today for His wonderful love and mercy. I am trusting the Lord for both soul and body. Pray

for me that I will ever be found worthy to be called one of His Saints. Pray that I will ever keep in the center of God's will, ever doing the things He will have me do. Pray for me that the Lord will touch my body.

May God bless you all is my humble prayer.

—Mrs. Lela Capps.

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Some time before he died D. L. Moody said: "Some day you will read in the papers that D. L. Moody, of East Northfield, is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. At that moment I shall be more alive than I am now."

Shortly before his departure he was heard saying: "Earth recedes; Heaven opens before me." The friends, thinking he was dreaming, tried to rouse him. "No, this is no dream," he replied. "It is beautiful. It is like a trance. If this is death, it is sweet. There is no valley here. God is calling on me, and I must go." Soon after this he passed into the presence of the Lord.

—Alex Marshall.

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Hooperston, Ill. Dear Brother Pruitt: I will drop you a few lines this beautiful morning to let you know how we are. My wife and I are still serving the Lord and He is all in all. We are well and the dear Lord is good to us. I pray this letter will find your family the same. Please pray for us, as we sure need the prayers of you dear saints because the enemy is sure working hard everywhere to over throw us and every soul that is trusting God. We still love to read the little paper. Wife and I were just talking the other day how we would love to attend some of those meetings. If the Lord provides a way we are coming, so pray to that end that we might get to come. Brother Pruitt, the true Word of God found in your little paper has found a way into Hooperston. In many other places souls are hungry for the truthful way, but they are confused as to which is the right way, as there are so many ways marked out by man; they are taking man's theory of it and not reading the Bible enough.

Pray for them that they might see and understand the right way.

Your Brother in Christ, —Andrew Fink.

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Minneapolis, Minn. Dear Brother Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' name.

No doubt you have been wondering how it came out with my ear. I have been so busy that I have

just neglected writing. Well, I praise God for answering prayer. I suffered such earache that I just can't describe it. Sister Robart tried to help and sent for an agreement and then we had prayer. We just finished praying when there was a piercing pain, then it broke. What a wonderful God to serve. How thankful I am for the real saints.

Brother Robart works very hard and now has a cold. Sister Robart certainly needs our prayers.

Yours in Him,

—Margaret Nelson.

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N. J. Reformatory. Gentlemen: The bundle of tracts sent to this institution landed amongst the Catholic literature and someone laid it aside for me, knowing I was a tract distributor. So you see the Lord prevented the preist from destroying the tracts.

I have at least one real Christian prisoner whom I know can and will help in passing on good tracts.

However, we are to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves." Send a few of the best gospel tracts for distribution amongst the men behind the bars. Thanking you in advance I remain,

—Peter J. Myer, "officer" N. J. R.

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Hoffman, Okla. I feel lead tonight to write my testimony through the little paper. First, I want to say that I am saved. Second that I am healed. I want to thank all the dear saints for their prayers and supplications for me while I was going through this test. On Christmas day Sister Edwards and other dear saints from Okmulgee came to my bedside. Oh, how dear they all were to me. They held me up in prayer to God and He wonderfully heard and answered prayer.

I attended the Boley meeting, and I was very weak, I put in for complete healing in that meeting and got it bless His Holy name. Dear saints I was ready to go, but the dear saints at Hoffman and Okmulgee held on to God for me and I am here today with them and am praising God for answering prayer.

There are only 8 of us here at Hoffman so pray for us.

Your Sister in the one body, —Mrs. L. C. Chiles.

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New Castle, Ind. Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: This morning finds me saved and praising God for His great love and mercy. I am so glad that I have long ago made the decision to go through, regardless of friends, foes or surroundings. Oh, I am so glad that I ever found this glorious Bible way. The only

way. Praise our God. I just came home from Chicago, where I visited our children, also had a wonderful time visiting our dear sister Dravis and the congregation there. Now I am at home and oh, there's so much to do.

I want you to send some tracts to the Indiana Boy's School. There are over 500 boys there and I don't suppose that they get anything like tracts to read. I also want to send something for the Prison Fund as soon as God helps me to get it. I have a burden for those poor lost souls, I do not see them as criminals, but as souls for whom Jesus died.

Please send me just a few tracts to use here and use the rest of this money to send tracts to the Boy's School.

Do pray for me that God may use me to His glory.

Your Sister in Christ, Mrs. L. H. Hitchcock.

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Vicksburg, Mich. Brother and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' name. I am thankful that I am feeling as well as I do, I am also thankful for the good Lord's healing power and that soreness has gone from my stomach. Praise His dear name. I know the Lord is able to do all things.

From your sister in Christ,—Mrs. Eulalia Sherman.

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MOTHER'S PRAYER

Dear Lord,
Teach us to live with our children
Lives that are noble and true
Letting the love of our Heavenly Father
Shine forth in all that we do.

Sent in His infinite wisdom
That we may teach them aright
Ours for today, May we guide them
Unto the Heavenly Light.

Amen.

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Natchitoches, La. Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings of holy love to you all. This evening I have many things to thank the Lord for, I know that He is with me for I feel His power everyday. I took sick a few weeks ago and when I got up it left one of my eyes in a terrible shape and I could hardly see out of it. Praise the Lord, I took the Bible, opened it and the first chapter that I turned to was Mark 11:24. I began to read the words of our blessed Saviour and then I wrote to Sister Francis Bell for prayer at that time. She sent me an anointed hand-

kerchief and some helpful scripture. I used it through faith and the blindness passed away almost instantly, Praise the Lord for His goodness to me. The Faith and Victory paper is real soul food for my soul, I have had so much encouragement in reading the wonderful testimonies that appear in the paper.


May the Lord ever give strength to the weak is my prayer.

I am trying to walk by faith, so please pray for me.
—Sidonia Benjamin.

The offer of Faith and Victory paper, three months for 6 cents or 20 subscriptions for \$1.00 with premiums is extended until the 20th of Dec. Please co-operate with us in getting the gospel to souls this winter.

Look to self to be miserable, look to others to be perplexed, look to God to be happy.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God."



BIBLE STUDY

"The entrance of thy words giveth light."

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Please send in your orders for cards and picture rolls early. It would be much better to send the orders in before the Assembly Meeting for the mails will be crowded with Christmas packages and your order may be delayed. Let each of us be ready and encouraged to start the new year right. We shouldn't leave undone anything that we can do.

Sunday, December 5, 1937

CHRISTIAN REST

Daily Readings and Meditation

November 29-December 6.

- M. Christ's gift of rest. Matt. 11:25-30.
- T. The promised rest. Heb. 4:1-11.
- W. Rest of soul. Jer. 6:16-21.
- T. Needless anxiety. Matt. 6:24-34.
- F. The rest cure. Isa. 40:27-31.

S. The righteous dead. Rev. 14:13.

Printed Portion.....Matthew 11:28-30; Heb. 4:1-11.

Matt.11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Hebrews 4:1 Let us therefore fear lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest; although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.

6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, Today, after so long a time; as it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.

9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Golden Text—Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matt. 11:28.

Practical Truth: Soul rest is a privilege of God's people.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

1. Uselessness of worry.
2. Bad effects of worry.
3. Canaan, a type of soul rest.
4. The meaning of (REST).

THE NEED OF REST

“But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.”

There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked. Isa. 57:20-21.

The generations of earth have sought for soul rest in many and various ways. The restless person exposes both soul and body to alarming dangers in pursuit of soul rest.

The cares, trials and afflictions of life afford oppor-

tunity for much anxiety, but the condition of a human heart estranged from God is a most miserable state for one to experience. Discuss the many ways that restless people do in pursuit of rest.

REST PROVIDED

God has made provision through Christ for the removal of all sin and condemnation. It is a blessed privilege to experience all sins forgiven, but in addition to this He entreats us to cast all our cares upon Him.

THE GREAT INVITATION

“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.”

A governor, president or king could not offer an invitation equal to this. Invitations are usually sent to those that are well, happy and cheerful, but Jesus invites the poor, the degraded, the forsaken are as welcome as any, to the feast that Jesus has spread. How thankful we are that the invitation was, even to us.

When our bodies become weary and tired, it is very comforting for us to lie down on a nice bed or sit in a good chair. How absurd it would be for a nearly exhausted person to undertake a hard days work or start on a long journey. So it is with the sinful, restless soul endeavoring to find rest by gathering worldly possessions around him or indulging in fleshly lusts only to meet farther disappointment and troubles.

Sunday, December 12, 1937

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Daily Readings and Meditation

December 6-11.

- M. Christian Fellowship. 1 John 1:1-7.
- T. God with His people. Rev. 21:1-7.
- W. Fellowship with Christ. 1 Cor. 1:1-9.
- T. Fellowship in service. Col. 4:1-12.
- F. Sharing what we have. 2 Cor. 8:1-9.
- S. Christian brotherhood. Acts 2:41-47.

Printed Portion.....1 John 1:1-7; Revelation 21:1-7.

1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life:

2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

5 This then is the message which we have heard of

him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the Light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Golden Text—Our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. 1 John 1:3.

Practical Truth: Fellowship with God and with Christ is our privilege here and hereafter.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson today on Christian fellowship comes to us from the apostle John. He spoke of himself as the "disciple that Jesus loved." On important occasions Jesus chose to take John with Him. The fellowship between Jesus and John was very close.

In speaking of a quarrel we often say that it takes two to make a quarrel, so it may be said that it takes two to make a fellowship. God is holy and pure, thus He is in opposition to all that is unholy and evil. If we are in harmony with anything that is evil and wrong, we are out of harmony and fellowship with God. When we have fellowship with God, we love those things that He loves and hate those things that He hates. If we have fellowship with God we are in harmony with every child of God, which includes every saved person.

As we continue to know the Lord, our will and affections are absorbed by His divine nature and we can enjoy a closer communion and fellowship with Him. We desire to ponder His inspired words. Our meditation and our delight is centered on heavenly things. In this condition, we are able to put proper values on eternal things. As we dwell in the fulness of God, we endeavor to keep peace and harmony in our home, in our congregation and wherever we may go.

Sunday, December 19, 1937.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Daily Readings and Meditation

December 13-18.

- M. The birth of Jesus. Luke 2:8-20.
- T. The magnificent. Luke 1:46-55.
- W. Foretold by prophets. Acts 3:22-26.
- T. The Saviour. Matt. 1:21-25.
- F. The Son of God. Galatians 4:1-7.
- S. The world's redeemer. Luke 1:67-79.

Printed Portion.....Luke 2:8-20.

Luke 2:8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see the thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Golden Text—There is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11.

Practical Truth: The coming of Christ to earth was an event of vast importance.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The main events of the world group themselves into two major groups. Those that happened before Christ and those happening after. The learned understood by prophecy where He was to be born. Heaven knew of His birth. The announcement of His birth was carried

by angels.

Long had the people of the earth looked for the Saviour, but could not imagine Him coming by way of the manger.

Speaking in definite terms, Jesus became flesh at the little town of Bethlehem. By entrance into flesh Jesus took upon Himself humanity and for the first time experienced the limitation of His own handiwork.

He was the Son of God, yet He was restricted to a body as we are. Thus He is able to be touched by the feeling of our infirmation and can, with sympathy and tender compassion help us in every time of trial, even though it may be ever so peculiar.

In our lesson today we have the sweetest of all stories, the story of the manger babe. What does Christmas mean to us this year? Is it merely a time of good eats, presents, visiting and travel, or is it a time that we in the spirit of Christ commemorate the birth of our Saviour? Christmas is the birthday of the greatest of all who have been born.

The greatest gift that we can give is that of our heart to Jesus.

Sunday, December 26, 1937.

CHRISTIAN CONSECRATION

Daily Readings and Meditation

December 20-25.

M. Christian consecration. Phil. 1:12-26.

T. Loving Christ supremely. Matt. 10:34-39.

W. Ready to follow Christ. Mark 1:16-20.

T. Giving what we have. Acts 3:1-10

F. The price of perfection. Matt. 19:16-22.

S. Consecration rewarded. Matt. 19:23-38.

Printed Portion.....Philippians 1:12-26.

Philippians 1:12 But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;

13 So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;

14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:

16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:

17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.

18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

19 For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope,

that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

22 But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.

23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.

25 And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;

26 That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.

Golden Text—For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Christian consecration consists in giving ourselves to God to be used of Him. It implies that one's talents are set apart for sacred use. Rom. 12:1 "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service."

Truly this is a high and noble calling. Again the entreaty comes to us to walk worthy the vocation where with we are called. It behooves us to live carefully and prayerfully before God and our fellow men every day.

Regardless of the profession one makes, be it ever so holy, if it is not producing righteous fruit there is something very wrong with the individuals experience.

Bro. Paul not only gave these truths, but he lived them, that we might have another example. His consecration included the laying down of his life, if need be for his Master. He counted not his life dear unto him, but was willing. Seeing that the grace and power of God enabled the great apostle to make such a consecration, should it not challenge us to seek an increase of divine grace, that we may render a more perfect service to our Saviour. As long as selfish things like greed for, or gloating over a few dollars, conforming to the world in fashion, wearing that apparel that bothers our conscience, allowing the cares of life to keep us from meeting and hindering us from doing our best for the Lord and Master. Let us review Paul's consecration in regard to allowing the things of life to hinder and then look to our selves and behold how frail our courage becomes at times.

As this lesson ends our study this year we should be able to turn back through different lessons and review the particular points that the Lord impressed upon our minds. Can each of us as we look back over our labors for the year say that we have done our best? Have we endeavored to spread the gospel to all mankind? We have enjoyed our little place in His service and covet the saint-prayer's that we may do more the coming year. May the good Lord bless and encourage everyone is our prayer.