

# FAITH AND VICTORY

THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH. — I JOHN 5:4

HAVE FAITH  
IN GOD

GOD IS  
LOVE

YE SHINE AS LIGHTS  
IN THE WORLD.  
— PHILIPPIANS 2:15

JESUS  
SAVES

A PAPER  
FOR ALL  
CHRISTIANS

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## "Sonny" Inquires

"Say, Daddy! can all of these churches be right? Wherein some are all colored, and in others all white? Where the Mexican and the Japanese each worship alone?

Will God have them separate around His White Throne?

"If we're too proud to meet with them here, Do you think He'll permit us to gather up there? How many fair heavens has He gone to prepare? Can we each have a Heaven? and a Jesus, up there?"

"Please tell me wherein God's Word we can find We may fix up a church to suit our own mind? If we are a part of His Family on earth— Have really been born of a spiritual birth;

"When He comes for His Bride, just whom will He take?

What color will He like? or selection will make? Will God have a heaven for each race of its own? And those who are half-breeds, share half time in each zone?" —Erle E. Forbes

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## Warning

To the Church of God, the Brethren in Christ, whoever you are; Greeting in the name of Jesus:

In traveling about the last six months I have seen a few things which have stirred my soul, and the dear Lord has impressed it more forcibly of late, speaking to me through His word; and I feel it is pleasing to Him for me to write you a few words of warning and exhortation. In Heb. 2:1-4, we read: "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward, how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?"

Brethren, we have believed the words of Jesus and every transgression and disobedience has received a just recompense, for the blood of Jesus was sufficient, and you and I are in possession of salvation through faith in His blood, and obedience to His Word. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" There are so many ways in which we might neglect it, and we wish to notice some. We might neglect watching and praying and enter into temptation, thus lose out and be lost; but there is yet another way. In the text above, we notice that God gave gifts of the Holy Ghost according to His own will. Read 1 Cor. 12. In the seventh verse we read: "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." Every one of us has a gift; not that we ourselves only should profit, but that all may profit by it. Now read 1 Tim. 4: 12-16. This exhortation is given to a minister in which he is commanded not to neglect the gift that is in him. But some feel they are tied because some one else is not doing their duty, but Jesus says go, and He will be with you. Read Matt. 28:18-20. For man's gift will make room for him. (Prov. 18:16.) What about the man who is not doing his duty? Jesus says, "If you love me keep my commandments;" again, "He that loveth me not, keepeth not my sayings." (John 14:15, 24.) So if any one will not do what he knows God wants him to do, he will lose his own soul. And if he does not become willing at all, you just leave him in God's hands and go on and do your duty, trusting God to take care of the other one and the results of your own labor.

Some seem to be afraid to go into new places for fear they may get among those who are not straight. They are the very ones who need the straight, clean Word. We don't need to be building Babylon by going where there is an open door. Get the mind of the Lord and if He says go, then go in His fear, but remember the clean Word will bring persecution sometimes. If we are not consecrated to go through them, we are not His followers, for He suffered them for us and we ought to

be willing to suffer for Him. I do not mean that we should try to bring persecutions on ourselves through a certain way of preaching, but preach the Word in the meekness and gentleness of Christ; yet with all boldness against sin of every kind in the fear of God, and He will take care of the results. The message of salvation is to all the world, and "ye are the light of the world." If we neglect the message, we neglect the light; for the message is committed unto us, not to the ministry only, but to all the church, that all should work together—every one in his own place—for the spread of the gospel message; so when the minister goes out, he can point out a people who are living the life and standing with him on the Word of God—blessed fellowship! But let us remember—"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation." So, stir up the gift that is in you. (2 Tim. 1: 6-10.) —Ray Key.

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## Criminal

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All civilized nations are infested and cursed with men who are highly criminal in the sight of God and man, and are recognized as such by civil law, as they spend much of their lives behind the prison bars. Many of them are worse than dumb brutes and their hands are stained with innocent blood. If there were no provision in the arm of the law to pen such nefarious thieves and assassins, they would soon convert the world into hell's pandemonium.

But there is a fraternity of hierling preachers in every land who are infinitely more criminal in the eyes of God, as these rob and murder the souls of men, while the crime of the former is simply the theft of property and the destruction of natural life; but this class of criminals are soul robbers, pilfering men's eternal possessions and destroying their souls in hell forever. It is true this class have not signally blackened their records by dipping their hands in literal blood as does the midnight assassin, yet they are the diabolical scout-watchers dressed in sacerdotal sheepskin, sent out from the Infernal Regions, to pick up, confuse, bewilder, and destroy the lambs on the Mount of God. To reach their nefarious end, they become the most mild, inoffensive, fascinating beings in all the world, without the least mark or token of enmity. Some of them, perhaps, may not be quite so zealous and active in doing good as one would wish, but who would imagine these quiet, graceful gentlemen of the town, who walk our streets in saintly garb, could do any harm? or who would ever suspect any danger from them? And these blind leaders, these holders of the keys of knowledge, have the people so under bolt and bar that if any should charge them with anything criminal, and

thus interfere with their lucrative business, would only be to blacken his own character in the eyes of public opinion.

The immortal Wesley, in speaking of these easy, good natured creatures, (preachers) against whom no charges can be brought, only they are a **dead silence** on popular sins, says: "These are false prophets in the highest sense of the word. These are traitors both to God and man. These are no other than the first-born of Satan; the eldest sons of Apollyon, the Destroyer. These are far above the rank of ordinary **CUT THROATS**; **for they murder the souls of men**. They are continually peopling the realms of night; and whenever they follow the poor souls whom they have destroyed, 'Hell Shall be Moved From Beneath to Meet Them at Their Coming!'" —Sel.

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## "NEITHER DO I CONDEMN THEE"

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Jesus said "Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more." There are two parts to this sentence. First: "Neither do I condemn thee." That is one of the most wonderful sentences ever uttered, when uttered by the Saviour to a soul lost in sin. He did not condemn the woman for any deed which she had done in the past, but it takes the last part of the sentence also, to make the soul happy; which is: "go and sin no more." If we sin, we shut out God's blessings so they can not flow into our souls. Jesus might speak ever so many times, saying to us, "neither do I condemn thee;" but if we did not accept it, which is the same as believing it, we could not enjoy this freedom which comes through forgiveness. Jesus did not come here to condemn souls, no never; but to hand out to them their pardon. Jesus bore all our guilt and shame on the cross, in order to let us go free. When we really believe Jesus words: "neither do I condemn thee," it will make us want to do right in everything, and no longer travel the sinful road. Since Jesus bore all my sins on the cross, I want to accept my pardon, don't you? What we need to do is just believe what Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn thee." then obey His command: "Go and sin no more," then all would be well with our souls. —Maig Noiltt.

## AN UNDERMINING EVIL

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The Lord has deeply burdened my heart with some thoughts on certain facts we are facing as to the awful condition of our country, and I trust it will benefit some one.

Without controversy, conditions are growing worse and worse, and I am persuaded one of the greatest causes is **women** not filling their place.

Since Woman Suffrage, there has been a rapid decline in moral conditions: women bobbing their hair, which is against God's Word; and so many other things until look at our world today.

One man said, "Women were once the anchor of our country, but now our country is like a ship at sea without an anchor." How true it is.

One of the greatest disasters in our land is married women working away from home, holding business positions, and leaving the duties of home with some one hired to be there while they go out to earn their own money and do as they please instead of obeying the commands of God in His Holy Word to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands. (Tit. 2:5).

No longer do women in general want to be under submission to their own husbands, (Eph. 5:22) and bear children, guide the house, giving none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully (1 Tim. 5:14).

My heart cries out daily against married women working away from home, since I see the results of it: dissatisfaction in the home, divorcing and re-marrying, and also little children left in some one's care who is hired to see that they have something to eat, and are put to bed; but alas! without Mother's love, her attention, or training. Are not these sad facts?

Furthermore, when married women work, men lose their responsibility of providing for their family, which is their duty as the head of the house, and also they lose respect for the wife. A woman **can not** fill her place in the home and work away. Sometimes sickness makes it necessary for a woman to work. We want to be reasonable, but may God help us as women to endeavor to stay in our place, and thereby glorify God, our Creator.

In Jesus' name, Ruth M. Murphey

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### DO WE GROW?

"Mama, do you grow?" asked a small boy of his mother, gazing with wondering eyes into her face.

The mother pondered over this unexpected question and then slowly answered, "Yes, Son, I grow, but oh, so slowly."

No, she wasn't talking of physical growth, but of spiritual growth—yesterday those harsh hurting words didn't hurt as they did a month ago. She mentally viewed the past year and saw how through prayer and striving she had grown more patient. Too, she had more faith.

### Are We Growing?

1 Peter 2:2 says, "As new born babes desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby." We are expected to grow. "I feed you with milk and not with meat for hitherto ye were not able to bear it." (1 Cor. 3:2.)

Paul told the brethren at Corinth that they were

carnal. There were divisions and strife among them. They were only babes and needed to grow. "For everyone that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness for he is a babe." (Heb. 5:13.)

Paul again tells us in the fourth chapter of Ephesians to "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love."

Do we not trust him more than we did? Surely experience has taught us that His way is best, even though our hopes and plans may seem blighted. We only know the past and present. He sees and knows our future.

Have you ever watched how fast a baby grows? Many times we have heard the remark, "Hasn't that baby grown!" The mother does all she can to protect the health of her child so it will grow to be a strong man or woman. It isn't long until the babe is out of its crib and crawling around. Soon it takes its first shaky steps, and it isn't long until it can get around without help from older ones.

In the same way spiritual babes grow. It assimilates or digests spiritual food, and by experience grows stronger. If the babe continues to receive the proper food, it soon becomes more stable and can eat meat. If it grows slowly, perhaps it isn't getting enough food. The food it is getting may not be digesting; that is, isn't putting into practice that which it knows. Again, the child may need exercise.

Dear Lord, help us to grow more like Christ and "Take root downward and bear fruit upward."

—Fern Fortner.

Chicago, Ill.—Dear Brother Pruitt: I am Sister Dravis' grandson, Billy. And I think your paper **Faith and Victory** is great. I like the poems and the letters; we get our Sunday School lesson from it. I am 11½ years old and I am saved. Pray for me.

I want 25c of tracts. I want: "Snakes in An Atheist's Grave," "The Bible," "48 Hours in Hell," "A Remarkable Vision of Hell," "Christless Grave," "Prisoner Boy's Last Message," and one good tract for my teacher. I will pass these tracts to sinners. I do not want to be the only one to go to heaven, but I want all. Pray for me that I will not be afraid to tell of Jesus.

Here is a song of verse I wrote:

### MY KEEPER

Jesus is my keeper, He also is my guide;  
He helps me in all trials and brings me out of strife.  
He loved me when a sinner, I love Him now I do  
If I should be without Him, I don't know what I'd do.

He is a comfort to you when you are all alone,  
He guides you through your sickness and grieves  
when you do wrong.

The devil even fears Him but can't be on His side.  
Then why not be with Jesus? He is a constant guide.

In the One Body,

Billy Branen.

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## Editorials

The printing work is moving along nicely here in the "Lord's Print Shop." Many packages of tracts and papers are going out daily to all parts of the country. The workers are all happy and contented in God. Just this last week we sent out 92 packages of tracts to as many different prisons scattered over the United States, and we are praying that God will search out souls in those dark places. The congregation of saints here at Guthrie are in a general sense manifesting the meek and lowly spirit of Jesus, and are rejoicing in the Lord. Last Sunday afternoon some of us visited the jail and held services there, telling them about the love of God for sinners. There were some very young men in there. It seemed so sad to see them confined behind the bars, and we were moved with compassion toward them. The Lord helped us to tell the precious story of redeeming love and how God would save them from sin, and they would escape great misery and trouble which would be their lot if they continued on under the power and influence of Satan. We left them some tracts to read, and we are praying that God will save some of them.

Some of the young saints are going out to school houses and doing what they can to get truth to souls. Peter talks about God's children being a "Spiritual House," and says that they are lively stones. (1 Peter 2:5). Praise our God for the lively ones.

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The "Unspeakable Gift"—what is it? A gift that you can speak, and speak, and speak about; and then cannot speak all that ought to or could be spoken. A gift like that certainly must be a very elegant and wonderful Gift—a gift that would far surpass any earthly thing. The Apostle Paul spoke about the "Unspeakable Gift" after thinking about the "Exceeding grace of God" that was in some brethren. (2 Cor. 9:15.) This is a gift then that comes right into our hearts and abides there and is so great and so glorious that we can never find words to express the rich treasure which it is.

We cannot buy this precious gift with silver and gold, for God gave His only begotten Son (John 3:16). Yet, we can buy it without money and without price. (Isaiah 55:1). By willingly surrendering all to the Lord, we can buy the "Pearl of great Price." Just sell out to the Lord, have no reserve in your soul and the "Unspeakable Gift" will be yours.

Some one may say, "What has Jesus done for me, that I should have so much faith and confidence in Him as to value Him above all else in the world?"

Please listen to me just a moment, my dear sinner friend. You and I have transgressed the laws of God, and the penalty of sin is eternal death. (Rom. 6:23). No one could pay that penalty but Jesus, because He was without sin, and His blood being in-

nocent could atone for our sins. He willingly went to the cross and suffered the shame and curse of a wicked sinner's death to lift the penalty of eternal death that hung over us. He was made sin for us who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Cor. 5:21). If we will only believe it and yield ourselves wholly to him, He will send the gift of the Holy Ghost into our hearts, which will live in us and make us able to live free from sin even as He had power to do; for the "Gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6:23.) Remember, when He bled and died upon the cross He paid the penalty for our sin and purchased us back to God. After we believe, if we will yield entirely to Him, He will "seal us with that Holy Spirit of Promise" (Eph. 1:13). When a Notary puts his stamp or seal on a contract, it becomes valid, legal, and will stand in law. When God sends His gift into our hearts, it shows that we are legal heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ (Rom. 8:17). The gift is an earnest of our inheritance, just a small portion of what we will inherit or possess, which assures us of the redemption of His "Purchased possession, which is our bodies, that He will change and fashion like unto His glorious body. (Phil. 3:21). We now live in this earthly house, a dilapidated shack which is decaying and will perish; but with the Gift, we have the assurance of a "building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." (2 Cor. 5:1).

We have just spoken a few words about the Gift, the "Unspeakable Gift," and it truly makes us thank God for this exceeding great and precious Gift.

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Often we hear the remark that Paul forbade women to preach. Let us search the Scriptures on this subject a little and see if they fully teach this.

In the 14th chapter of 1 Cor. and the 34th verse, Paul, in writing to the Corinthian church which was in great confusion and disorder and many getting out of their place, told the women to keep silent in the churches; "for it is not permitted unto them to speak, but to be under obedience." He had told them in the above verse that God is not the author of confusion. If men had been making this great disorder and confusion, no doubt, he would have spoken to them in the same manner, and rebuked them for their unholy ways. He said that the spirit of the Prophets are subject to the Prophets and told them all to prophesy one by one. If we take this Scripture and claim that it teaches that a woman was not allowed to preach, we will have Paul flatly contradicting himself, which he did not do.

In 1 Cor. 11th chapter and 5th verse, we find Paul telling how a woman that prayeth and prophesieth should have her head covered. He did not believe in women bobbing their hair for her hair was given to her for a covering.

In Acts the 2nd chapter and 18th verse, we find that Peter, in quoting what God would do in this Gospel time, said, "And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out, in those days of my Spirit, and they shall Prophesy." Turn to Acts 21st chapter, and you will read in the 9th verse that Philip had "four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy." Some one may say, yes, but to prophesy means to tell future events. I grant that it does in one sense, but let us take the Bible definition for prophecy. Turn to the 14th chapter of 1 cor. and read the third verse: "But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort." The first message that God gave of His resurrection was sent by a woman. I am sure that God is not putting women forward to be leaders and governors in the Church in a general sense. There are many women today that are claiming to be prophets and preachers whom God has not sent at all. I have met up with a good many women preachers, and those who are really called of God to preach are very humble souls. They are not hasty and forward, and are more meek and humble when men prophets are around to lead and to govern. We note that God did not choose one woman as an apostle for Pillars in the Church when he was setting it in order. Some prominent false religions have women as founders and leaders, and in many other ways they show themselves to be the weaker vessel. They seem not to have the stability and governing power that men generally have. Paul says that she was in the transgression in the garden of Eden, which shows her weakness. If it had not been for the weakness of the woman, man might have stayed in the Garden of Eden. God forbid that we should lay our hand upon any woman to hinder her whom God has endued with power and the gift of prophecy.

#### NOTICE

There will be an all day meeting the first Sunday in March (March 5) at Shawnee, Okla. at the chapel, 207 South McKinley. The saints every where are specially invited to meet with us. Come to put in the day in the service of God. The church in Shawnee will provide dinner for all the visiting saints. COME! We expect to have another such all day Assembly, also ordinance meeting, the fifth Sunday in April. We expect a feast of good things from our Heavenly Father's table. Yours in the faith,

O. B. Wilson 728 N Union St., Shawnee, Okla.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Sister Dungan of Kans. writes us that she and her children are afflicted. Her shoulder and back has been hurting for many years and getting worse. The children have some kind of breaking out on their bodies and the baby is sick. Pray earnestly for them.

**CAMP MEETING NOTICE**

The Church of God Camp Meeting at Hennessey, Okla. will begin this year on the 30th of June, closing on the 9th of July. The saints have decided to hold the camp meeting in town this summer in place of the country as before. All are invited to join with us in this meeting. —John and M. Agnes Williams.

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Sister Ellen Chandler of Fallis, Okla. wishes to thank all who have been so kind as to send offerings to rebuild her house that burned down. God will reward you for this love manifested. With the amount subscribed at the assembly meeting, we have enough to build the house and also to furnish when built. Those that subscribed means for the building of her house while at the assembly meeting and have not remitted, please send it in as soon as you can so this house can be built as she is in need of it.

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**NOTICE TO ALL THE SAINTS**

The saints at Guthrie, and Hennessey, Okla. are making up means to buy a stone, a marker, to put up at Mother Winn's resting place in the "Summit View" Cemetery here at Guthrie. We have a good picture of Father and Mother Winn which was taken last fall; and we are going to send one of these pictures to each individual who sends in an offering to help erect this stone. Send your offering here to the office and it will be applied on the cost of buying and erecting the stone.—Thank you.

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**NOTICE OF BOOK FOR SALE**

We have just printed a book for George Peek of Richwood, W. Va., entitled "Sketches of My Life." It contains 122 pages and is quite interesting to read. He tells of how the Lord saved him and of His preaching the gospel, also a number of the last pages are filled with writing on the subject of "The Latter House." It contains several pictures, one being a picture of the ministers at the National Camp Meeting at Monark Springs, Mo. in 1938. A copy of this book will be mailed to you on receipt of twenty-five cents (25c). Send for one today.

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To the dear Saints: We feel like adding just a few more words to what has been said about our dear Sister Jane Carpenter who resided at Baton Rouge, La. and passed away Dec. 30, 1938. She had been a real mother in Israel. Her husband died an early death and left her with her small children to care for, and she reached out and gathered to herself many other orphan children, and besides mothered other children in the neighborhood, and then above all, she was a mother and inspiration to the saints. She was so devoted to the Lord and was careful to keep prayed and read up so she was ready either for service or ready to go at any

moment. She must read the Bible every day, even though her eyesight was failing badly. There was a certain window in the house where she could see better than elsewhere, and there she was often found with her beloved book. In her dying hours she testified to a doctor and others how she had trusted the Lord these many years and that He would care for her until she left this world. We so greatly miss the encouragement she was to us, for every few weeks we visited her and heard her tell her experiences in the Lord and how she loved Him and the saints. Her memory was keen to the end. How we miss those precious seasons with her, and now must look elsewhere; but we are expecting to be with her again, and all others of the dear saints who watched and prayed faithfully to the end. She even felt that the Lord would care for her body after death, so requested that she would not be embalmed; which request was carried out, and her body kept wonderfully well for about 36 hours, even after it was hauled over a rough road to the cemetery. She is greatly missed by her dear granddaughters in whose home she lived, who carried out her every wish, for which we wish to commend them and pray the Lord to burden them for real salvation through which source only, they may meet their dear grandmother again, in glory. Praise the Lord!

From one who loved her dearly, —Katherine Key.

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**Written in Memory of our dear Sister Mary Britain who passed from this life Nov. 28, 1938.**

I have learned through words of sorrow  
That we've lost our sister dear.  
And I feel so sad and lonely  
For to me she was so near.

And through life I'll not forget her,  
Though she's left her earthly home—  
Passed the gates to life eternal  
To her everlasting home.

To the land beyond the river  
For she's crossed the swelling tide,  
And with angels she's rejoicing  
Over on the other side

Yes, in heaven we shall see her  
Far beyond the skies of blue  
We'll be meeting in the home land  
With the saints of God so true.

O, the everlasting portion  
When the pearly gates unfold  
And we meet our friends and loved ones  
On the shining streets of gold.

And I always shall remember  
 The sweet smile upon her face  
 And I think of her in heaven  
 Filled with God's redeeming grace.

And we look to her enjoyment  
 And we're glad that she's found rest  
 In the home of heavenly mansions  
 Dwelling with the saved and blest.

—Mrs. W. O. Hennings.



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Urbana, Ill.—Dear Brother Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' name. I feel led to again send a report of the Lord's work here in Urbana. We are happy to report great victories in Jesus' name. God is still mindful of the saints in Urbana. Souls are still praying through in the old fashioned way.

Two young mothers, a middle age lady, and a Hebrew man have just lately prayed through. Others are seeking. Hard restitutions are being made that we know it was only God who made them willing to meet them. One young man is seeking and we covet the prayers of the saints for him. He has already made some restitution that was hard and he is not clear yet. Pray that he will speedily break through to definite victory.

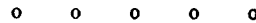
Our congregation is enlarging until we begin to wonder some Sunday mornings as we see the crowds coming if we are going to be able to accomodate them. New ones are coming right along now. Heads of families are being saved, and the Lord has given us such a fine number of boys and girls in our Sunday school. The enlarging of the building is now the burden of our hearts. We feel it must be soon as I can not possibly take care of more than we are already caring for. If all should happen to come the same Sunday who are coming now, we would have a full house. We ask all the saints of God to agree in prayer about this, and if possible that it may be built by spring. We are the only workers in this twin city who see the light on the true church and are preaching that gospel. At first we met much opposition and were criticized and scorned; but, thank God for grace to keep us sweet. The Holy Ghost is doing the advertising and people are beginning to awaken to the fact that God is with us and are asking for prayer. One woman, a member of the church

the Lord led me out of, came over and confessed that it was marvellous what God was doing here and she said, "We will have to admit that God has led you and not man." She said she is coming to the services. I thank God for the assurance He gives me when I am in prayer for many more that He is going to lead out as He did us.

Since I last sent a report, the Lord opened a way for me to preach twice in Kentucky, down in my own home town. They are looking forward to some one from here to hold a revival there this summer. It is such a wonderful field to work in—just ripe to harvest. Pray that God will help us to get a real Holy Ghost work established there in that city; also there is a call coming from Dallas, Texas for me to come and help in some meetings there. Ora Bell Geiger, a dear sister who labored so faithfully to help establish this work here, is now there laboring among the people and sees the need of a Holy Ghost work being established there. We needed a car for our work here, and God answered prayer and made it possible for us to get one. Now the new hall on the front is what is needed and we feel if the saints of God will be agreed with us, we will see this granted soon.

The people must hear the truth. While there are many who will not heed, I feel there are many who are going to hear His voice and "come out of her my people." There are many more interesting things I could write in this report, but in the near future you may hear from us again, the Lord willing.

—Mrs. Iva F. Slade, Pastor.



Ravia, Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and the Saints: Some of you will no doubt remember me, and perhaps some not very favorably; but I am sending a prayer request that is very important, and since there is a soul at stake, I beg of the saints to just forget whom the request is from and pray for whom it is for.

My poor brother is in the latter end of the last stages of T. B.; and, O, how pitiful is his case. He has never met the truth only through me, and while he says he has confidence in me, I wonder if I haven't been a very poor example of it to him. He told me once since I came that he did not want to get saved, but I knew his stubborn nature and the tactics of the enemy to try to discourage me, and I kept on praying for him. This morning he is more broken up, and says he is sorry he has sinned against God and would live a different life if he could live it over again.

I am asking the Lord to burden his children for this precious soul like they would be if it were their own brother; and I am sure if they could hear the pitiful cries and groans that I hear from him, they surely would be touched with his case.

I add this in my own behalf. I am doing all I know to do to get right with God's people again, and hope some time to be able to satisfy every honest

one that I am honest and have not chosen a wrong way willfully, but became entangled by neglecting to be led of God. As many as see this letter, please forgive me, and assist me by your prayers; that I may make this all plain when I have the opportunity.

God bless all the saints, and please remember my prayer request.

Your saved sister, Lela Berry.

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Holland, Mich.—I just returned from meeting and feel like testifying to the goodness of God. I can say just now that Jesus means all the world to me. He saves and sanctifies my soul; and has taken out all sin, and all that pertains to this old world. He helps me to live for Him from day to day, and I am satisfied with His ways. By His grace I mean to walk and live in the light of His Word.

I was over to see Zerrit Joostberns and he said that our God had heard the cry of His saints and healed his body. Thanks be to our God that He is just the same today as He ever was. His healing power is just the same as ever. God help us to have faith in our God who is able to hear our cries.

—Brother C. Brandt.

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Marshall, Mich—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and **Faith and Victory** Readers all over the Land: Greeting in the holy name of Jesus. I am truly thanking God this morning for salvation, and for that inward peace in the soul, that divine witness of the presence of God in my life which I can not express. Praise His holy name for ever! My determination grows stronger as I journey along. I am so determined that this year may be the best for God I have ever lived. Please pray to that end. My surroundings are hellish. It seems the very devil has broken loose in Marshall, and it is only the grace of God that makes me able to stand. Jesus said to Paul, "My grace is sufficient." If it was sufficient for Paul, it is for me. Praise God! It does my soul good to read the good articles in **Faith and Victory**. It is the only source from which wife and I receive the Bread of Life besides the blessed Word of God, of course. I would like to receive it four times a month instead of one.

Space will not permit me to mention all the things which I would like to mention, but I want to request all the saints of God to remember dear Bro. and Sister Strong for the healing of their bodies and financial needs as well.

If we could live and die like dear old Sister Winn, it would be glorious.

I feel that God impressed me to write this testimony for the **Faith and Victory** paper. I have asked the Lord to give me this testimony for the glory of God. Please pray for my unsaved children that once knew the way and through this awful land-slide in the so-called Church became discouraged and

gave up the battle. Ask God to help them to see their mistake. Pray earnestly for wife and myself. Her health is failing.

Bro. and Sister Wm. L. VanZandt.

### WHERE GOD DWELLS

One evening I heard a radio program of how the Mormons built their wonderful temple—a house for God, a place to worship—and of the toil and sacrifice it took in building. Then God's Word came to my mind of what He said on this subject, so I began to look in the Book of books.

In Acts 17:24 we find: "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, **dwelleth not in temples made with hands.**" Also Acts 7:48: "Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet. Heaven is my throne and earth is my foot stool; what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?"

But where does He dwell? Let us look further. Jesus said in John 14:23: "If a man love me, he **will** keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him." "Abode"—dwelling place. This place is also called a house—Heb. 3:6: "But Christ as a Son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." 1 Cor. 3:16: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the spirit of God **dwelleth in you?**" 1 Cor. 6:19: "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" 2 Cor. 6:16: "... for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will **dwell in them**, and walk in them: and I will be their God and they shall be my people."

Some may ask, who does this mean? Again we turn to the Holy Scriptures—Rev. 3:20: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Again, Rev. 22:17: "And the Spirit and the Bride say come. And let him that heareth say, come. And let him that is athirst come. And **whosoever** will, let him take the water of life freely."

Thus we see the invitation is to all who will come. Praise God for His wonderful truth that teacheth all men to repent and believe the gospel and be saved. Obey the Word and let Him dwell in us. No doubt there are many more scriptures on this subject, but these are enough to show He is not pleased with costly and magnificent buildings erected by man, because He does not dwell in such, but only in a clean and pure heart.

—Hazel E. Creson



# « Young People's Section »

## Working For The Master

Life is short and very fleeting,  
And our work to do today;  
If we finish for the Master,  
We must hasten on our way.

Let us sow beside all waters  
Hoping it is not in vain;  
For great joy at last 'twill give us  
Gathering in the golden grain.

He who was a Man of Sorrow,  
And so often knew deep grief,  
Lived a life of self denial  
Others' happiness to seek.

Let us lift the Royal Banner  
Comrades of the Saviour's cross;  
Trust Him fully, doubt Him never,  
Souls to save at any cost.

When the sun of life is setting  
And the race at last is run,  
Blessed then to hear Him whisper:  
"Thou faithful servant, well have done."  
—Susie Whipple.

### EDITORIALS

Throughout the Word of God the word "light" is used as a figure of speech to denote God's favor or gradual revelation of Himself to mankind. The existence of God's creation in the garden of Eden is the ideal relationship of man to his Creator. That place was full of light, because its inhabitants were created morally holy and upright — in the very image of God Himself. But, alas, man transgressed the laws of God by listening to the enemy of God, and fell from that highest plane of holiness down to utter darkness. How dark is that place separated from God!

Thank the Lord, man was not forgotten and left without a star of hope. Even in the very decree of God which drove man from Eden, there is found the prophecy that the seed of the woman would bruise the serpent's head. This promise as a golden thread can be traced throughout the Old Testament prophecies and finds its fulfillment in the coming of Christ to pay the penalty for sin and redeem man back to God.

Ever since the fall of man, God has gradually

unfolded His divine plan. Light and understanding has come by degrees. When man followed this increasing light, they were blessed with spiritual understanding. The prophets of old caught glimpses of the wonderful light in the distant future. The prophet Isaiah, in speaking of the glory of the church in the abundant access of the Gentiles, exclaimed, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Isa. 60:1. He further says, "For the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended."

God spoke and revealed Himself through dreams and visions, spoke to the people by all the prophets, and through types and shadows which pointed to Christ who said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12. A light is that which shows us the way. John the Baptist was the last prophet before Christ, and Jesus said of him, "He was a burning and a shining light."

Now in this dispensation of grace since Christ the Light has already come, there is a responsibility upon us concerning this light. Jesus says, "Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you." Walk means to move, or increase in the grace and knowledge of God. God's light is moving—always increasing. Jesus further says, "While ye have the light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light." John 12:36. If we believe and walk in the light, we will have the light in us; therefore, Jesus said to His disciples, "Ye are the light of the world," and "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Walking in the light unifies God's people. "If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another." 1 John 1:7. A unity of the Spirit exists where individuals are walking in all the light that God gives them. Many spiritual benefits are derived from walking in the Light of God, but trouble always follows those individuals and congregations who fail to obey the revealed will of God for them.

—L. D. P.

Bakersfield, Calif.—Dear Young Saints: I feel impressed tonight to write my testimony through the paper. I am saved and very much encouraged to live for the Lord. I never mean to turn back, but I ever mean to go all the way with the Lord. He blesses us here at Bakersfield many times. We have such good meetings here, but the devil is still busy after the saints, trying to discourage and hinder in every way he can. Sunday night, Jan. 26, 1939, while

meeting was being held, our sister Mayetta Pierro was sorely afflicted in her mind. It seemed she would completely lose it, and she would have but the Lord so wonderfully blessed her. She was raging so badly she would neither lay down nor sit down, and she would scream and weep so loudly you could hear her anywhere on the place; but the saints held on to the Lord in her behalf. The Lord blessed her mind so she would lay down and then the devil came along and locked her jaws. But the Lord rebuked it all and wonderfully healed her completely. When she left church she was well and normal as ever. This was the cause of her husband getting saved. Sister Pierro sang song 419 in the Select Hymns—"I Am Healed."

I desire an interest in the saints prayers that the Lord will continue to bless me and all the young saints here that we be a bright and shining light to all that are lost in sin. We have quite a number of young saints here.

Your sister in Christ, Helen Blackwell.

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Bakersfield, Calif.—To All the Young Saints Scattered Abroad: I feel impressed to add my testimony to the little paper. It encourages me when I read the testimonies of the saints. I am saved to all I know, and mean by the grace of God to continue to keep saved. The Lord is doing wonderful things in this part of the vineyard. Let us young saints be encouraged, the Lord will carry us through.

There are twenty-eight of us young saints here. We have our meeting every Sunday at 4 o'clock, also Sunday School and service every Sunday morning and night, and prayer meeting on Wednesday night. The saints here seem to be much encouraged. The Lord gave us a good meeting Sunday, Jan. 29. Bro. and Sister Turner, Bro. and Sister Morgan of Pasadena were with us. There were four saved Sunday night. The ministers here are Brother Isaac Chandler, Z. E. Francisco, L. E. Gaines, and Birdie Weldon. The Lord sends His word through the ministers with much power. I am much encouraged to press. My determination is to make heaven my home. Pray much for me that I keep the victory.

Your sister, Henrietta Blackwell.

## Tobacco Quotations

"The following table from an article by Prof. P. L. Lord in the *School Journal* (New York) shows the status of boys in average public schools in New York City. There were twenty boys in each group, chosen by lot, one group from boys who smoked cigarettes and the other from those who did not smoke. They were taken from the same classes in the same schools, the ages ranging from ten to seventeen years, average fourteen years. The reports were made impartially by ten teachers, the

boys being under observation for a number of months.

	Smokers	Non-Smokers
Nervous .....	14	1
Impaired hearing .....	13	1
Poor memory .....	12	1
Bad manners .....	16	2
Low deportment .....	13	1
Poor physical condition.....	12	2
Bad moral condition .....	18	1
Street loafers .....	16	0
Out nights .....	15	0
Careless in dress .....	12	1
Not neat and clean .....	12	1
Truants .....	10	0
Low ranks in studies .....	18	3
Failed in promotion .....	79 times	2
Older than average of grade .....	19	2
Untruthful .....	9	0
Slow thinkers .....	19	3
Poor workers or not able to work continuously .....	17	1

"Gene Tunney, in speaking to the boys at the Riverdale-on-Hudson School, is quoted as saying: "The hardest battle in my life was not with Jack Dempsy or with Harry Greb or any other of my opponents, but with myself. This battle is going on all the time in the consciousness and in the conscience of every boy. Success comes only with the development of the power of will." In speaking to the younger boys, Mr. Tunny continued by warning them not to adopt bad habits of larger boys, such as smoking and swearing. 'You don't have to do that, it is only bullies who use profanity and they are always cowards. And smoking is a foolish habit, unhealthful, dangerous, and harmful. I have never smoked. Remember, you little fellows, that you do not have to be imitators.' The older boys he urged to learn scientifically about the mechanics of the body and to 'go through life clean. There are rules for every game, and the game of life is no exception.' —*New York Times*, Dec. 6, 1927.

"Warns Smokers of Cancer. The London specialist, Professor Blair, is quoted in *New York Times*, Nov. 30, 1927, as saying: "Smoking plays a large part in the production of the pre-cancerous state. Pipes and cigarette holders are gripped most comfortably in a position between the teeth where a stream of hot gases may be directed always on the same part of the tongue, roof of the mouth, or throat whenever the smoking is in progress."

"Dr. Gustave Starke is quoted as writing: "The question is often asked which form of tobacco is most harmless. There is no such thing as harmless tobacco. You might as well ask which form of alcohol is the most harmless. Tobacco remains tobacco, no matter how used, just the same as alcohol. It makes no difference whether snuffed, chewed,

used in a pipe or a cigarette, the effects are all the same, the only difference being the quality used. I do hope this will allay once and for all the question as to which is the most harmless way of using tobacco, because you cannot use a poison, no matter in what form, without getting some of it in your system and suffering from its effects.'—N. Y. Times.

" 'It will be noted that forty-four tobacco bills of major importance in about as many states have been introduced since Jan. 1, 1927. Of these, thirty-one have resulted favorably to the tobacco industry. There were only three instances which can be recorded as adverse to tobacco—the re-enactment of the Tennessee tax law; the increased tax rates, coupled with the jobbers stamping provision in South Carolina; and the city ordinance in Kansas City.'

—Tobacco Leaf, June, 1927.

In the year 1927 there were 1,610,200 acres under cultivation for tobacco in the United States. The intended tobacco acreage in 1928 as reported by the farmers to the U. S. Department of Agriculture is 1,863,200 acres, an increase of 253,000 acres. How we wish they were going to plant corn and potatoes and grain!" —Sel.

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Bristow, Okla.—To the Saints of God, Greeting in the Name of Jesus: This being the last night in the year of our Lord 1938, we thought that we would testify what the Lord has been to us this year. We are still saved and trusting the dear Lord. Praise His dear name! He has blessed us, brought us safely this far and tonight finds us giving Him the praise and the glory. We are satisfied in Jesus and mean to go with Him all the way at any cost, not tired nor worried but mean to live right on until the crown is won. Pray that we keep true to the Lord and meat for the Master's use. Wife is afflicted in her body with dizzy spells. We desire the prayers of the Saints for the healing of her body.

Brother and Sister J. H. Huston.

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Henryetta, Okla.—To the Dear Saints Scattered Abroad, Greeting to All in the Precious Name of Jesus: Today leaves me still saved and trusting in Jesus' precious name, and I mean to go all the way with Him. I mean to fight this battle at any cost.

This time last year I could not use my hand, but I laid all my sorrow at Jesus feet for my healing, and now I can help do some house work by the help of the Lord, and to Him I'll give all the praise. Although my hands are stiff and I desire the prayers of the Saints for complete healing, if this is His will.

When my life's work is ended and my summons has come, I want all my treasure to be laid up in that heavenly home. Lizzie Murdock.

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Benson, La.—Dear Brother Pruitt: It has been a long time since I have written to you. I thank the

Lord that I am able to write my own letter. Since I wrote to you last, the good Lord has taught me how to write. I asked Him to teach me how to read and write. I didn't know how to read or write one word. I thank and praise Him for His wonderful blessings which He has bestowed upon me. I am saved and living above sin, praise His name. My husband and a ten year old granddaughter in my home are saved. I have one son here with me. He lost his mind and has never been saved. I am asking the saints out there to pray that the Lord will heal and save him. Pray much for us. I surely do enjoy reading the Faith and Victory paper. It is food to my soul. Every time I get a paper I want to read it all before I stop. I get so much out of it. I pray God's blessings on that work.

Your sister in Christ,

Dollie Brown.

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Dear Brother Pruitt: In Jesus' Name, I will write you a few lines. I am saved and sanctified, and want to let you know that I love this way, the blessed way of holiness. There are two other saints here in this town, and there is a Pilgrim Holiness church nine miles out from town. They want me to join the Pilgrim Holiness church.

I do want to thank the friend who sent me your little paper, Faith and Victory. I have surely enjoyed every one of them. They are surely of the Lord.

I want to send in some requests for prayer:

I wish to request prayer for my unsaved husband who is afflicted, and my only son who was hurt very badly about a year ago. He is in the State Hospital for the insane. Pray that God will heal his mind, body, and soul. And last, myself. I am afflicted with high blood pressure, and my side hurts very much and is swollen quite large. I do not know what is wrong as I have not gone to a doctor; but, praise the Lord, He knows, and is able to heal me.

May the dear Lord bless all of you abundantly, is my prayer. —Mrs. Della Smith.

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Freeland, Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and workers, and all the saints of the Living God: We greet you in the name of Jesus. We thank the Lord our God for our brothers and sisters who was interested in praying for us through our persecution. We will try to explain this persecution briefly as we can.

Our children got the itch, and since we believed in divine healing, the doctors tried to break down the faith and make us use medicine, taking away our children. They thought to make us give in. Then after three months they took away my job, holding me out of a job for two months. Then the Lord answered prayer and they brought four of our children home. Then the Lord answered prayer and healed the children. We were down to our last dollar and I still had no work. The Lord answered

prayer and they put me back to work again on my same job. They kept two of our children five months longer. We asked the Lord to move our persecutor from his job so they might bring the other two children home. The Lord answered prayer, and he is going off his job; and before leaving, he sent the other two children home. Now we thank the living God for hearing and answering prayer, and for His keeping power. Pray for us that we be found worthy to stand in that great Day.

Your brother and sister in the Lord Jesus,  
Earl and Edith Parsons.

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West Olive, Mich. —Dear Brother Pruitt, and Saints Scattered Abroad: I greet all of you in Jesus' dear and precious name. He is the fairest of ten thousand to my soul. I can still report victory in my soul for which I am praising the dear Lord.

I have been afflicted in body. I have been troubled with ulcers of the stomach, weak heart, and was terribly nervous. I tried to write when first afflicted, but was so nervous I was unable to write. I asked Sister Brandt to write and request prayer for my healing. I had been searching my heart to see if there was anything in my life for which the Lord would permit this affliction; but I did not find anything until the saints started praying. I had neglected to do what God had told me to do last summer.

The Lord gave me a real vision of hell—how the lost souls suffer in this place of everlasting torment throughout eternity. The Lord told me to write a tract of what I saw in that vision. I started to write it then but did not finish it. Several to whom I had told the vision wanted some of the tracts. Brother Brandt wanted one and when he asked me if I had them finished, I knew why this affliction was upon me. I have asked the Lord to forgive me for this neglect; and have finished writing the tract. Now I feel like going back to work. The Lord healed my heart trouble, my nerves, and my stomach. I surely do praise Him for this. Not alone for this; but also for His keeping power and for the wonderful way in which He supplied our needs while I was afflicted. I was unable to do a thing, for I would vomit blood and was getting weak. He supplied all our needs—food, clothing, and fuel. Sometimes we would only have one-half of a loaf of bread left, or a few slices. We would get on our knees and thank Him for all He had done. One time just before Christmas we were almost out. I knelt and thanked the Lord for all He had done. I had such pains that the sweat stood on my forehead, but before I got up I was somewhat relieved. Just as I got up and sat on the side of my bed, a car drove in. The folks in it brought a basket of groceries; and before they left our neighbour came in with a large chicken. I could not help but shed tears of thankfulness to our dear Lord. I could write much more about the goodness of our

Lord, but space will not permit.

The tract is finished. If anyone feels led to help to get this printed, he may do so by sending his gift to Brother Pruitt. I will also send the copy of the tract to him. Let us pray and do as the Lord leads. Forgive me for neglecting to do the Lord's work last summer. The Lord has already forgiven me, praise His name. Pray for me, for I need your prayers.  
—Gerrit Joostberns.

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Guthrie, Okla.—Dear Saints, One and All: I am saved, sanctified, and kept by the power of God. I praise the Lord for sweet peace in my soul, and the blessings I receive from time to time.

I am more tender hearted since I am sanctified, and can weep with those who weep, and rejoice with those who rejoice. Almost every day I weep for joy as I read God's Word and pray.

I enjoy reading the testimonies of others in the paper.

Your brother in Christ, J. J. Boebel.

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Merrill, Mich.—Dear Brother: To all the dear saints we send greetings. We desire your prayers for wife as she is sorely afflicted in her feet. Poor circulation caused her feet to become inflamed and infection set in and broke open between her toes. It runs continually. Her foot and leg pains her about all the time. Her body is so weak that she has to stay in bed all the time. We are fully trusting God, and believe that He will heal her, because we believe His word and are living up to its teachings.

She will be seventy years old March 13. We know that God has a purpose in this and we want His will to be done. May God bless all of you.

Your blood-washed brother and sister,  
W. T. S. Maurer.

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Silver City, Okla.—Greetings to All: Our meeting was wonderful. Five were saved and many were encouraged. Brother L. L. Jackson preached as never before. There was a large attendance of both colors. Sister L. C. Childs and Sister Paine were with us from Hoffman. They were wonderful help in the meeting. We also had a hard week's mission work. Seemingly they did it freely. Many other saints were here.

Your brother saved in the one way, Enoch Jones.

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Tulsa, Okla. —To All the Saints Greetings from the Bed-side of the Brother we Requested Prayer for on Feb. 12: He said he thanked all the saints for their prayers. He says God has touched his body. He said he didn't know how soon he would be able to get up, but he knew God touched his body. He said he would testify for the Lord or do whatever He wanted him to do. He said he would let the Lord decide for him. —Brother Deshon.

Dear saints, your prayers have done good. Let's

hold this brother first in our prayers till his body is all fixed over. God has wonderfully encouraged him in his soul. His poor withered body dosen't show any outward help, but God will work it over in His own way. Let us be encouraged. God wants His children to move forward. This salvation is a balanced salvation, so let us raise up the banner of healing; for our dear Saviour arose with healing in His wings.

Please remember me. I need the healing touch in my feet, broken arches. I am very heavy on my feet. I know God will heal me. —Sis. Hettie Barton.

(The following was written by Henry Scougal, who was born in Fifeshire, Scotland in June, 1650, and died at Aberdeen, June, 1678.)

Love can never be fully satisfied except it finds worth and excellency enough in an object to answer the vastness of its capacities. So eager and violent a passion can not but fret the spirit when it finds not true worth in an object wherewith to satisfy its cravings. And, indeed, so large and unbounded is its nature, that it must be extremely pinched and straightened when confined to anything of this world. Nothing below an infinite good can afford it room to stretch itself and exert its vigor and activity. What is a little skin-deep beauty, or some small degrees of goodness, to match or satisfy a passion which was made for God, and designed to embrace an infinite good? No wonder lovers will not suffer a rival. They know the scantiness and narrowness of the good which they love, that it can not suffice for two, being in effect too small for one. Hence love occasions jealousy.

But divine love hath no mixture of this gall. When once the soul is fixed on that supreme and all-sufficient good, it finds so much perfection and goodness as doth not only answer and satisfy its affection, but masters and overpowers it, too.

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Sunday, March 5, 1939.

PETER PREACHES TO THE GENTILES

Daily Readings and Meditations  
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- T. Peter Preaches to Gentiles Acts 10:34-38
- W. A Blessing for the Gentiles Gal. 3:6-14
- T. The Giant of Prejudice Luke 10:30-37
- F. Life for All Acts 11:1-18
- S. Universal Brotherhood Mic. 4:1-4
- S. The Father of Us All Isa. 45:20-25

Printed Portion ..... Acts 10:30-48.

Acts 10:30. And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

31. And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

32. Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

33. Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

34. Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35. But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.


36. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

37. That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

38. How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

39. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

"The entrance of thy Word giveth light."



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40. Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

41. Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even unto us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

42. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

43. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

44. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

45. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

46. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

47. Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

48. And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

**Golden Text:** "Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." Isa. 45:22.

**POINTS FOR EMPHASIS**

Review:

- Prayer and Worship
- Holy Spirit Guidance
- Christians Helping and Instructing Another.
- Life, Death, and Resurrection is Related

**COMMENTS AND APPLICATION**

In our last lesson we noted that Peter went with John to Samaria where Philip had been evangelizing.

After the Christians at Samaria had received the Holy Spirit by the laying on of the apostles' hands, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem.

About this time Saul was converted and the persecution of the church quieted down. Peter and the other apostles went to different cities preaching the Gospel. Because of the truth and the miracles, many people believed on the Lord Jesus.

Heretofore the Jews had looked upon the Gentiles as a much lower people, and that the Gospel was not to them. This special out-pouring of the Holy Spirit together with the vision of Peter proved that God was not a respecter of persons, "but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted with him." Thank the Lord for a common salvation.

Read Col. 3:11 and Eph. 2:14-16.

Sunday, March 12, 1939.

**PETER DELIVERED FROM PRISON**

Daily Readings and Meditations  
March 5 to March 12.

- M. Peter's Deliverance Acts 12:5-17.
- T. The Delivering Angel Dan. 9:17-23.
- W. God's Power to Save Psalm 91
- T. Strength from God through Prayer Jas. 5:13-16
- F. Asking in His Name John 14:11-17
- S. Prayer as a Means of Service Matt. 9:35-38.
- S. Prayer as Fellowship with God Psa. 5:1-7.

Printed Portion .....Acts 12:5-17.

Acts 12:5. Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

6. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains; and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

7. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

8. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.

9. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

10. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

11. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

12. And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.

13. And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda.

14. And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.

15. And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she she constantly affirmed that it was even so: Then said they, It is his angel.

16. But Peter continued knocking: and when they

had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished.

17. But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.

**Golden Text:** "Prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." Acts 12:5

**COMMENTS AND APPLICATION**

**Time:** 51 to 54 A. D.

The incident in our lesson today occurred during the reign of Herod Agrippa, the nephew of Herod Antipas and grandson of Herod the Great.

The Death of James— This James was the brother of the Apostle John, one of Christ's first disciples. Persecutors struck at the leaders, thus hoping to destroy the movement.

Peter imprisoned— The execution of James was very pleasing to the non-Christians, so Herod arrested Peter, hoping to bring him before the people after the feast to execute for their further approval and amusement.

Four quaterions— a guard of 16 soldiers placed in charge.

Deliverance —As soon as Peter was arrested "prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." Are prayers for eternal and spiritual blessings only? No. "Ask," said Jesus, "and it shall be given you, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you."

The Angel visits— Gabriel to Mary; The Shepherds of Bethlehem; He who rolled away the stone.

Peter tells the story of his deliverance.

Herod's disappointment brought wrath and in turn vengeance was meted out to the guards—Man purposes but God disposes; "Man's extremity is God's opportunity."

It was not God's time for Peter to be killed, so for about twenty years he preached to the multitudes. "Behold the goodness and severity of God"— Peter miraculously delivered; Herod accepting honor as a God was smote by an Angel and died a dreadful death.

Oh Lord, increase our faith that we may each be a greater blessing to the cause of God.

Sunday, March 19, 1939.

**PETER EXHORTS TO CHRISTIAN LIVING**

**Daily Readings and Meditations**

March 12 to March 19.

- M. Growth in Grace Col. 1:9-14
- T. Living at One's Best 1 Pet. 3:8-18
- W. A More Abundant Life Isa. 58:6-11
- T. Purity of Speech Psa 24:1-6,

- F. The Fullness of Christ Eph. 4:1-7.
- S. Wrestling and Winning Eph. 6:10-19.
- S. The Perfect Pattern 1 Pet. 4:1-5

**Printed Portion** .....1 Pet. 3:8-18.

1 Pet. 3:8. Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

9. Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

10. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

11. Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace and ensue it.

12. 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.

13. And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

14. But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

15. But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

16. Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

17. For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

18. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

**Golden Text:** "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation." 1 Peter 1:15.

**POINTS FOR EMPHASIS**

The Effect of the Love of God in Our Hearts.

It will cause us to:

- 1. Walk humbly
- 2. Speak wisely
- 3. Overcome evil with good
- 4. Be willing to suffer for Jesus
- 5. Have an answer for the gainsayer.

**COMMENTS AND APPLICATION**

In today's lesson the Apostle Peter teaches us that we need to bring forth good fruit, if we profess Christianity. No longer "an eye for an eye or a tooth for a tooth" as under the Mosaic Law, but now we are to overcome evil with good—not seek to

avenge ourselves, "Vengeance belongs unto the Lord." Rom. 12:19. In word and deed we need to be holy as God who hath called us is holy. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh, therefore a real follower of Christ will speak such as is wholesome and beneficial, and not the foolishness and jesting of the world.

If we live godly in Christ, we shall suffer persecution. "Ye are not of the world," Jesus says. A Christian does not partake of the evils of the world. We will be known by the fruits we bear. Jesus, our perfect example, was without sin. He suffered for us. Should not we then, be willing to suffer for Him? We can only have a good conscience when we have confessed and forsaken our sins, and are living holy in God's sight. The life of a Christian is one of purity: "Without holiness, no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 12:14.

Sunday, March 26, 1939.

### PETER INTERPRETS CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS AND DEATH

Daily Readings and Meditations  
March 19 to March 26.

- M. Redeemed by Christ 1 Peter 3:18  
T. The Cost of Redemption John 3:14-18  
W. The Revelation Through Christ Heb. 1:1-4, 7-9  
T. The Burden Bearer Isaiah 43:1-6  
F. The Suffering Christ 1 Peter 2:20-25  
S. Fellowship of His Sufferings Phil. 3:7-14.  
S. The Ever Present Christ John 14:18-23

Printed Portion .....1 Peter 1:17-23; 2:20-25.

1 Pet. 1:17. And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

18. Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

19. But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20. Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

21. Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

22. Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

23. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

2:20. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffetted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if,

when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

21. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should, follow his steps:

22. Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

23. Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

24. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

25. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

**Golden Text:** "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." 1 Peter 3:18.

### POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- I. Our Redemption
  1. Not with silver or gold
  2. With the Blood of Jesus Christ
  3. Christ offered himself once for all
- II. Our Duty As Christians
  1. Have faith and hope in God
  2. Love one another
  3. Serve God with a pure heart
- III. Christ, Our Perfect Example
  1. He did no sin
  2. He reviled not again
  3. He committed Himself to God

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We are not redeemed with corruptible things, neither are we saved by good works or our own righteousness—we thank God it is only by the blood of Jesus Christ. God so loved the world that He gave His Son (John 3:16). The sacrifice offered for sins, under the law of Moses did not make the comers perfect. It was not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sin (Heb 10); but God gave His Son, Jesus gave His life for our redemption. Now we "behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Jesus came to fulfill the law, brought in a new and better covenant, so now we come to God by Jesus, as our great high Priest who is touched by the feeling of our infirmities. He suffered that He might know how to relieve us. Let us not forget by the stripes He suffered, we have healing to our bodies, even now. We were once disobedient, without mercy; but now through obedience, we are His sheep. He is the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. We need to be willing to suffer for Him.