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A PAPER
FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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Among The Tombs

There was a man in the long ago,
Who lived among the tombs;
And was, of course, both night and day
Depressed with sordid glooms.

He cried by night, he cried by day;
Some heard his plaintive wail,
And tried so often to console
His mind, with no avail.

Although so often he was bound
With fetters and with chains;
He broke, and cast them to the ground;
He just would not be tamed.

But Jesus passed along one day,
And set the bound man free;
Instead of binding him again
He gave him liberty.

"Go tell thy friends," the Saviour said,
"How God hath made thee whole,
And had compassion upon thee—
Thy body, mind, and soul."

Oh say! ye dwellers in the tombs,
Bound by the cords of sin;
Fall down at Jesus' feet today—
Invite Him to come in.

He'll give you victory in your soul,
His servant you shall be;
For He will gladly make you whole,
And give you liberty.

—Ulysses Phillips.

Unity

Well has one said:

"United we stand, but divided we fall,"
A practical truth now accepted by all.
"United we live, but divided we die"
Is also a truth that we cannot deny.

We read in the precious Word of God: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt. 18: 20.) And in the 19th verse of the same chapter we read: "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."

Friends, saints, Christians, men and brethren, members of the one body, and church of the living God let me tell you: when and where God himself is present in a meeting, there is something worth while going on. And too, when the Master is not present in your meeting, there is little, if anything, worth while going on. For he himself has plainly said, "Without me ye can do nothing." (John 15:5.)

Now the great teacher also tells us how we must meet in order to have or assure His presence: that is, "In His name." Truly we are all of one holy family, and this family has only one name. (Eph. 3:15). It's a holy name; it's a precious name!

It is a name high over all,
O'er earth or hell or sky;
Angels and men before it fall,
And devils fear and fly.

This great name is God: God is love. This name retained the oneness and unity of God's people in the morning age; and it is doing the same in this evening age. The Word of God tells us that the Saviour prayed thus: "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one as we are." (John 17:11). He furthermore prayed in the same chapter: "For their sakes, I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also, which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us." (John 17:19, 20, 21).

Thank God, the Saviour did not only pray for the unity and sanctification of His body, but died for the same. As it is written: "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word." (Eph. 5:25, 26.) Truly, the good Lord has

done, and is yet doing much to emphasize the oneness of His people.

The Holy Spirit of God himself is the organizer of this great institution, and He (the Spirit) carefully sets it up in the one name. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body," (1 Cor. 12:13) "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ" and regardless of race, or color, all are one in Christ Jesus. (Gal 3:27, 28.)

Truly, one's name or the name of anything gives it a right to live or exist exclusive of all others. Let it be a physical or spiritual body. All organized bodies now incorporated to do business must have a name of its own. Right here is where many man-made organizations started.

St. Paul almost refused to baptize, simply because he found it a little difficult to keep the people from following him, individually.

Well has one said: "There is somebody wrong about this Bible, as sure as God is on His throne. All church organizations claim to be reliable, and every one a name of his own." Yea! each chartered, incorporated or authorized to do business of his own; each having a constitution, ritual, guide, and head of its own. Too many heads for the one body, too many incorporated names for the one organization pretending love and unity, when in reality a Babel-Tower of modern evil and confusion.

Those earthly names serve only to divide us, while the name of God unites us as one. "United we stand, but divided we fall." Well has the blessed Saviour taught us: "If a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end." (Mark 3:24, 25, 26.) As for our modern Babel, watch her go down! Truly, Christ is head of His sanctified body (Col.1:18) and has only one body (Rom. 12:4) on earth and in Heaven; (Eph. 3:15) and has only one name, thank the Lord. "Precious name! O, how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of Heaven."

Listen friends, it is as true in this evening time as it was in the morning time (as I have said), whenever white, colored, Indian, and all meet together in the name of God, in Spirit and in truth, there is something worth while going on, for God himself is present.

Father, Son, and Spirit be
 Three in one, and one in three;
 Just one God, and God is love
 On the earth as in Heaven above.
 Only one united band
 On one solid Rock to stand;
 Just one church and all His own,
 Just one Christ, the corner stone;
 Just one Spirit holy, pure—

For confusion it's a cure;
 Just one family of new birth:
 Part in Heaven, part on earth.

—G. W. McMillan.

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JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME

A few of the many instances of Divine healing witnessed by the undersigned for the good of suffering Humanity

For the lack of time and space I will only mention some of the instantaneous healing of a few: Sister Owens of Tyrone, Mo., given up to die by the Dr., with Typhoid and Pneumonia, was so near gone that she knew no one when we got there, was healed instantly in answer to prayer. Charley Lay of the same place, burned and crooked arm, healed and straightened. Brother Steve Rutledge of the same town, bad cancer on his face, healed completely so that in a very short time there was no visible trace or scar to show where it had been. Eugene Harmon, when three years old had membranous croup, choked until he could hardly breathe, but said, "Mama, pray." She did pray, I came in just at that time, agreed in the prayer and God instantly healed him. The writer was twice healed of Typhoid Pneumonia; the first time in Okla. Wife was worn out caring for me and went sound asleep (this was in Bro. Hewitt's home). Every body in the house was asleep, I tried to call wife but was too weak to make her hear. Here the devil tried to make me believe he had me, by lowering a black casket by my bed. I was alone with God. I rebuked the devil, and stood on the promise: "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." I called on God for strength, I could hear the old wind mill, and wanted water, my lips were parched and my tongue swollen. I got out of bed and staggered to the wind mill on the "promise," drank all I wanted and went back to bed. The next morning, I got up and dressed myself—I was healed. The next spell of sickness of the same kind was at Clovis, New Mex. Wife called in three ministers. They had no faith for my healing and thought I had to die. Wife called Sister Grider of Portalis, New Mex. She got to my house at midnight, and she and dear wife prayed the prayer of faith and God healed me. Sister W. I. Miles of Clovis was near unto death. Wife and myself were called. The prayer of faith was prayed and she got up and dressed for God had healed her. Sister Miller of Mo. was healed of erysipelas; also Sister Lay of a severe sickness; some cases of the itch have been healed; one double cure—a sinner at Tyrone, Mo. was healed and saved at the same time; some have been raised from the dead. The writer gone about an hour, cause unknown, was brought back by the prayer of his faithful companion. Again,

a two-year-old daughter of Arthur Hammond and wife of Melrose, New Mex. lay dying with erysipelas or shingles. The father phoned to the writer at Clovis to come. He prayed that God would spare little Bertha's life until we could get there, which He did, but as we stepped into the door she breathed her last. We prayed anyway, but there were no signs of life. Five or six professors in the house all said the child was dead as there was no heart beat and no pulse. We went into another room to be alone with God, and prayed God for the sake of those in the house to manifest His power. I believe this was repeated the third time before the assurance came, then we went back to the little one, (This must have been 45 minutes from the time it drew its last breath) and asked the parents if they could believe that God would yet raise little Bertha. The father answered, yes, so we anointed and prayed for her, and as we opened our eyes she was looking into my eyes and smiling. Another case was Brother Maxwell of Clovis, New Mex. who died with T. B. He had been gone about 45 minutes when Brother Erle Forbes, wife, and myself anointed him, prayed, and rebuked death, and God brought him back. I will mention one more case: an infant of Sister May Kiger of Mo. was very sick. Wife and myself prayed for it and it seemed to be all right. We were called to dinner in another room and while there we heard the mother scream, "The babe is gone," and from all appearance, it was gone. There were no signs of life until we rebuked death as we did in all other cases, and God heard prayer, brought it back and healed it.

All saints should trust God for healing. I have not taken a dose of medicine for about 40 years. Read James 5:11-15.

—G. E. Harmon.

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Be Not Afraid

Be not afraid when storms arise or sickness comes our way. Some folks say that the Bible instructs us to fear the Lord. Yes, it does; but let's see what it means to fear the Lord. Prov. 8:13 says: "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way." It doesn't mean for us to run into storm pits when we see a storm coming, for our God is able to keep us from all harm if we will have full faith and confidence in Him; and this we must do, for "without faith it is impossible to please Him." Read Isa. 35:4—"Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you." Praise His name, He cares for His own! Let us see what Mark 4:39-40 says, "And he (Jesus) arose and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he

said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" Read Matt. 14:26-31—"And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me! And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?" 1 John 4:18—"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." Prov. 3:24-26—"When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid; yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet. Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked when it cometh. For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken."

Yours in His service,

Rosa Cook.

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ALABASTER BOXES OF HUMAN SYMPATHY

Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words, while their ears can hear them, and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier by them; the kind things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you mean to send for their coffins, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection, which they intend to break over my dead body, I would rather they would bring them out in my weary and troubled hours, and open them, that I may be refreshed and cheered by them while I need them. I would rather have a plain coffin without a flower, a funeral without a eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. Let us learn to anoint our friends beforehand for their burial. Post-mortem kindness does not cheer the burdened spirit. Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over the weary way. "She hath done what she could." Mrs. G. E. Harmon. 334½ Arden Ave. Glendale, Calif.

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"Work on, work on, nor doubt, nor fear.
From age to age this voice shall cheer:—
Whate'er may die or be forgot,
Work done for God, it dieth NOT."

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EDITORIALS

"By him therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, (confessing) giving thanks to his name." Heb. 13:15. This is truly the experience of every child of God that have received the light and knowledge of God's exceeding great love manifested in our redemption.

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 10:33.

By these scriptures you can plainly see that we can gain favor or lose favor with God according to our confessing or denying Jesus. Jesus is the only and one hope of every soul, there is no salvation in any other name. If we deny Him, we are left without any hope of heaven. If we continually confess Him in word and in deed and bear the reproaches of the cross, he will continue to bless us and will be a Father unto us and we can truly be His loved children.

The Psalmist David says, "O, give thanks unto the Lord: for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever."

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The meeting here at the saint's chapel closed on Sunday night the 16th of April. Bro. Barton of Tulsa, Okla. and Bro. Phillips of Dover, Okla. were here doing the preaching, and the messages went forth in power and demonstration of the Spirit. The saints were encouraged by them, and the unsaved were much convicted by the Spirit of God in some of the services. Bro. Krause and wife of Pa. were here to attend part of the meeting, and enjoyed the good things from the Lord. They will be visiting here in Guthrie for two weeks before going on east. They are precious saints, and we are all enjoying their association and fellowship. Brother M. Klokner of Chicago is visiting us for several weeks also and the saints here in the congregation are glad to have him with us for a while. Bro. Klokner is making himself quite at home here in the "Lord's Print Shop." He has made some nice "Composing Stone" tables for the shop and is doing other needed repairs. He is having a twenty page booklet printed while here, entitled, "My Life's Story." It is very interesting. It tells how God can take a poor sinner out of a horrible pit and put a new song into his mouth, even praises unto our God. He is leaving a quantity of them here at the office to be sent to all who ask for them.

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When Paul was brought before Festus to be condemned, the scripture says that the Jews "stood round about, and laid many grievous complaints against him, which they could not prove." Acts 25:7.

We note that Paul calmly and truthfully denied the charges. He brought no complaints against them. He just committed all that they said and did to the Lord who judgeth righteously, and in that way he confessed Jesus, "Who when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to Him that judgeth righteously." 1 Pet. 2:23.

Dear brothers and sisters, when you suffer for faults or for well doing, just take it patiently; do not threaten, or revile, or bring complaints against those your accusers. Leave all condemning and vengeance with God for that belongs to Him: do not allow Satan to load you up with evil surmisings and grievous complaints against your brother in Adam or in Christ, and in doing this your heart will be in a good condition to continually confess Christ before men. Dear brother, you know that the literal Jews are the ones that laid grievous complaints against the apostles and humble saints of God: and today, so will the spiritually so-called Jews do, and we should put on the whole armour of God that our souls be kept in a condition that we can continually confess Christ before men. The more we travel on with God, the more we will find that our ways are not His ways. We should hate our own life and love to have His life in our souls always, for thus would Jesus do.

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It seems good to the Lord that your servant, the editor of **Faith and Victory**, Bro. and Sister Murphey, and another minister do some evangelistic work. The first meeting will be held at Minneapolis, Minn. beginning the second or third of May. Our address while there will be 928 South 15th Ave. in care of J. J. Robart. Those in reach of this meeting will be heartily welcomed there to come and stay in Minneapolis and attend this revival meeting. We shall be glad and rejoice in spirit to meet the dear saints in those parts. If you want to know any particulars about the meeting, write to Bro. J. J. Robart, 928 South 15th Ave. Minneapolis, Minn.

The next meetings will be held in north-west Mo., and will likely begin about the 17th of May. For particulars about these meetings, you can write to Bro. Ed and Susie Whipple of Forest City, Mo. We shall be glad to meet all the saints in those parts while we are there. We ask the prayers of all the saints who read the **Faith and Victory** that God will have His own way, and that many souls will find Jesus through the preaching of His word. Pray also for wife and Sister Geneva Bailey who will have the responsibility of the work at the office while we are away.

While we are away proclaiming the gospel of Christ to men from the pulpit, the tracts and papers will continue to flow out to all parts of the country, and it will be like doing double duty for the Lord.

We surely want to be at our best for God while He keeps life in this mortal body, hence your prayers are earnestly desired.

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CAMP MEETING NOTICES

The Dover, Okla. Camp Meeting, Lord willing, will be held on the Lone Oak School grounds Sept. 1st to 10 inclusive. For further information write Ulysses Phillips Dover, Okla.

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The 32nd annual camp meeting of the Church of God will be held on the general southern camp ground at Hammond, La., June 30th to July 9th 1939. It is located on the I. C. railroad; and on highways 190 from the west, and 51 from the north. We are expecting able ministers of the gospel to expound the Word. The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan, but we request those who can to bring their own straw ticks, pillows, towels, and bed linens—straw furnished free. We don't camp on the ground, but the women sleep in the chapel on the camp ground and men are placed in homes. We extend a special invitation to all saints and lovers of the truth to come, especially to those of the South, and those who are not able to meet their own expenses, the Lord has a precious way of providing for all. For further information, write to Ray Key, Box 370; C. H. Bailey, Box 668; R. J. Forbes, Box 543, Hammond, La.

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Hennessey, Okla. Camp Meeting will start June 2nd and continue through the 11th. Able ministers will be present to preach the Word. Everybody welcome!

For particulars, write to M. Agnes Williams, Box 376, Hennessey, Okla.

Hennessey has changed the camp meeting time as in the March issue of paper. They had it set on the regular Tulsa, Okla. Camp Meeting date.

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There will be a Camp Meeting at Reform, Ala. Aug. 18 to 27. The minister in charge is Bro. D. S. Richardson. Write to him for further information, at Reform, Ala. We are asking the saints everywhere to join us in special prayer for the sick at 10 a. m. on Aug 25.
—W. Y. Glass, Reform, Ala. R. 2.

OBITUARIES

Bro. William Reed was born at Lancaster, S. C. Jan. 2, 1864; died at Tulsa, Okla. Mar. 21, 1939, 8:15 a. m., age 75 yrs. 1 mo., 19 days.

April 16, 1882 he was united in holy matrimony to Miss Laura White, to which union were born 17 children, 8 of whom preceded him in death.

Bro. Reed moved to Guthrie, Oklahoma in 1900. In the year of 1908 he heard the full gospel preached, which he accepted, and was saved. Later he felt the hand of God upon him for the ministry, and was

faithful unto his Master to the end. In 1920 he moved with his family to Manford, Okla. where they lived until 1930 at which time they moved to Okmulgee, Okla., making their home there until a few years ago. After the children had all married or gone into business for themselves, Bro. Reed with his faithful companion moved to Tulsa, where he spent his last days. He was blessed with good health down through life; but when he took sick with illness, he bore it patiently, his trust was in God. A short time before his passing, he said to his wife, "Don't be doubtful about me, my way is clear, and I am ready to be revealed." He was ready and waiting for the summons to come. His place on earth is vacant, he has gone to await his reward.

He leaves five sons, four daughters, thirty grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, two brothers, a faithful wife, and many other relatives and friends to mourn their loss, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope.

With tear-dimmed eyes we say farewell,
While humbly we implore
That on that shining shore we'll dwell
Where parting will be no more.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. U. Phillips assisted by Bro. Sam Barton and B. Douglas.
Text: Malachi 3:17a.

Merrill, Mich.— Dear Brother Pruitt: As the Lord's will was not to heal wife's body, but to relieve her from suffering; He took her home, for which she earnestly pleaded to go home. She bore her sickness with patience and was kind and good. I thank all the dear saints for their prayers, and trust that they will not forget to remember me in prayer, for I am left to live by myself. The obituary follows.

Your Brother, W. T. S. Maurer.

Obituary of Sister Francis R. Maurer

Francis R. Baker Maurer was born March 13, 1869, in Adams Co., Ind.; departed this life March 13, 1939 at the age of 70 years. Early in the morning, 6:30, she left us to spend her birthday in Heaven, to be with Jesus.

In 1887 she was married to William T. S. Maurer, near Geneva, Ind. To this union two daughters were born: Mrs. Flossy Myers of Midland, Mich; and Lilly B. Griese near Saginaw, Mich. In 1907 they moved to Michigan on a farm and lived there since then.

She was saved, and sanctified in 1904, and has been loyal to God.

She leaves to mourn her departure, her husband, two daughters, ten grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one sister of Monroe, Ind., and two Brothers: Jonithan Baker of Sturgis, Mich., and Isaac Baker of Minot, N. D.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Peter Mittie.

Newton David Stubblefield was born in Denton County, Texas March 10, 1863. Professed a hope in Christ at an early age—worked in the A. M. E. church in Denton, Texas until manhood. Was married to Mary H. Hall Nov. 19, 1865 who preceded him in death. To this union were born thirteen children: nine boys and four girls, four boys preceding him in death. He moved near Marietta in the Indian Territory—later (in 1902) to Guthrie, Okla. He accepted the Truth shortly after moving here. Was married to Hattie Avery in 1916. After more than fifteen years of married life, she preceded him in death. June 26, 1935 he was married to E. V. Chatman, his present widow.

In his last days he drew close to Christ and grew more and more interested in the service of the Lord.

He leaves to mourn his departure: a wife, nine children, twenty grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, two sisters, two nephews, two nieces, and many relatives and friends.

Thou art gone! the abyss of heaven
Hath swallowed up thy form, yet on my heart
Deeply hath sunk the lesson thou hast given,
And shall not soon depart.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. U. Phillips. Text: Mark 11:22, "Have faith in God."

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Bro. William B. Bryant was born in the state of Tennessee June 22, 1879, and died April 11, 1939 at 10:45 p. m., at Tulsa, Oklahoma—age 59 years, 8 months, and 11 days.

Bro. Bryant was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson in the year 1920. He heard the full truth preached about the year 1921. He accepted it and was saved under the preaching of Bro. E. W. Sanders. He was a consistent Christian, striving to please his Master. During his illness he would often say, "My way is clear." He was not afraid to meet his Maker. We loved him, but God loved him best.

He leaves to mourn their loss, a beloved wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Bryant; one step-daughter, Mrs. Steward of Pheonix, Ariz.; one sister, Dessa Bradford of Guthrie, Okla.; one brother of Nashville, Tenn.; one uncle; and other relatives and friends. Our hearts have been made sad, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope.

He has answered the summons and taken his flight
To the land of rest where comes no night.

Funeral preached by Bro. U. Phillips assisted by Bros. Barton and Douglas. Text: Psa. 39:4. Interment in Rose Hill Cemetery.

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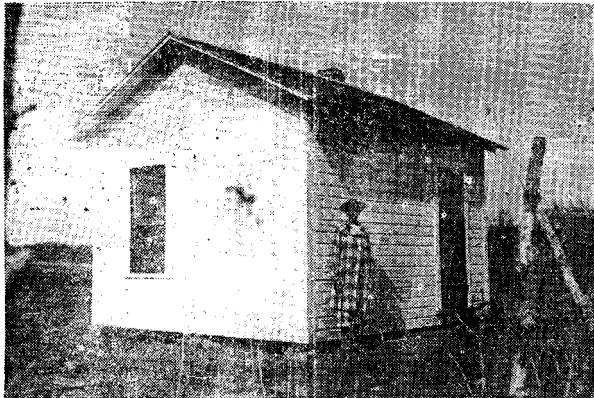
Mountain View, Mo.— Dear Bro. and Sister in Christ Jesus: I am still saved and have a determination to go all the way with my blessed Redeemer, no matter what the cost may be. I can't thank Him

enough for what he has done for me. I love Him more each and every day. Pray for me that I may be able to do what He would have me do.

Enclosed is 25c for the little paper, **Faith and Victory**. I can hardly wait until I get the paper, I love to read it so well.

Your sister in Christ, Miss Irene Tidwell.

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A view of the house which the saints recently built for Sister Ellen Chandler. She stands beside it.

Following is her testimony:

Fallis, Okla.— Dear Saints: This morning, I am still saved, sanctified, satisfied and happy, living in my new house that you built for me. I am wondering if you are happy today. May God help me to try to make others happy. I don't know some of you personally, but in the spiritual world we are together.

I have just found out that my house was insured since the company has built me another house better than the one I had. Some may want to know what company insured my house, so I will tell you now: The God head is the company, and the saints are the agents. Again I say, I thank all of you, for your donations and work.

Your Sister in Christ, Ellen Chandler

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GOD IS NOT A RESPECTOR OF PERSONS

The Lord is no respecter of persons, and He tells us not to have respect of persons. Who ever doeth righteousness is accepted of Him (God), and who ever doeth not righteousness is rejected of God. Adam, the first and only man in creation at that time, was rejected by God when he failed to obey him

or to do righteousness. Oh, dear ones, I wish I could show you what I see in this! The man whom God honored, and blessed; but when he sinned, God drove him out of the garden, and told him what his lot would be because of his transgression. We can see that though the Lord blesses us in many ways by hearing and answering our prayers, giving us the desire of our hearts, and many souls are saved under our preaching and labor in the gospel and many signs and wonders have been wrought by or through us; if we fail to do righteousness, we are not accepted with Him. In Josh. 7:1 we see how Achin belonged to a tribe of much honor, but when he transgressed or took of the acursed or forbidden things, he was put to death by stones and fire, which shows that God is not a respecter of persons, but every man will be rewarded according as his works shall be.

Gertrude Francisco.

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CHRIST AND THE CHURCH COMPARED WITH HUSBAND AND WIFE

“Husbands love your wives even as Christ also loved the Church and gave himself for it.” Eph. 5:25. “Which he hath purchased with his own blood” Acts 20:28. Meditating upon the great plan of redemption and the mighty structure of God's Church and the love and sacrifice that brought it into existence, we conclude that neither tongue nor pen can fully tell the story. But when we see Christ as He came to this sin-cursed world and began to break light and love to those dear old shepherds and wisemen and cause them to worship and reverence Him; we can but say, “Oh, what love!” As we follow Him from the lowly birth in the manger, we see Him about His Father's business—waxing strong in might and in power. His will was to do His Father's will, whose will was to purchase this Church. He went about doing good, healing the sick, raising the dead, etc. In the meantime, He was despised and rejected of men. He was called the prince of devils, condemned, tried, crucified, buried—then rose a conquering King over death, hell and the grave, and now has ascended into heaven interceding and praying for us. Oh, what love! His love was tested, then and in the dark ages this same love went through fire, blood, etc. and today it has its drawing and melting power on the cold hearts of men. Oh, Church, awake, and shine! Put on thy strength, “For the love of Christ constraineth us.” 2 Cor. 5:14. Since Christ has paid the debt for us and has gone on to prepare a mansion for His Church or saints, everyone should be inspired with more courage to follow His steps, who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth.

“He is the head of the body, the Church: who is the beginning, the first born from the dead; that in all things He might have preeminence.” Col.1:18.

The fact that He gave His life for it truly proves that it is His to govern. When we see Him, the only head, truly His precepts will be obeyed, and all other heads and isms, forms, fashions, and fads of the world will have no attraction for the Church. Tribulations, sorrow, disappointments, wars, famine, are in life, but we know He loves us and will be with us even to the end. Get grace and suffer on that He might present to himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish. (Eph. 5:27.)

Christ died for just one Church, "Only one of her mother" (Song of Sol. 2:9). He cherishes and nourishes her. She is chaste and pure, and no other is on record in Heaven, and no other on earth is recognized by Him. "Husbands love your wives." This shows how beautifully the love of Christ was portrayed in purchasing for Himself a Bride, a Wife, a Church.

Away back at the time of creation God created a man. He saw that he needed a help-meet to carry out His holy work in the earth; so He made woman, and she became his wife. "God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him, male and female created he them. And God blessed them and God said, Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth" etc. (Gen. 1:27-28). "Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother (and all others) and shall cleave unto his wife and they shall be one flesh" (Gen. 2:21, 22, 24). Therefore when man, the husband, takes this sacred vow, He is to his wife as Christ is to the Church. God designed that his love be there in its fullness, unadulterated and undivided, pure and holy, not fickle. Love her as your own body. Love her in her young days, when old and feeble, in peace, in poverty, in sickness, in trials, in disappointments, and misunderstandings. Can a man have more than one living wife and be as Christ and His Church? Nay, verily, Christ died for only one Church; so a husband, in order to have the approval of Christ upon him, must have only one wife, and to have no desire for another. God designed that the Church should increase, and the same should be in families. Children are honored of God. The home and family is on the order of the Church in a measure. Trials, tests, tribulations, and adjustments must come; but if that Christ-like love is there, and each will be humble and submissive, looking up to Christ who is head of man, all can be adjusted in the love and fear of God. At such times the enemy of peace will cause some to think, "I missed the right one, or failed in my choice." Live and love that it may constrain the love of your wife. Wives see that you reverence your own husband (higher than any other man). He is the only one, your only head, the one to whom you should look for help, support, comfort, and instruction at home and abroad; working together to the one holy end: to bring up the young in the fear of

God, and the Church be exemplified in the home. Submit yourselves unto your own husbands as unto the Lord.

It is a deplorable fact that the majority of young people of our land regard marriage with no degree of sacredness. What will the future be?—Youngsters getting married and quitting, some not even getting a divorce. These are evil days, and the devil as a roaring lion is going about seeking whom he may devour. He seeketh young and old, married and unmarried to destroy happiness and prevent happiness. Humanity is very weak without the Lord. Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and He will add unto you all other needs. The enemy is trying to make inroads among the people of God. Unmarried saints, young and old, Beware! Beware! Flirting and dating with the world or unsaved eateth like a cancer on the soul. Darkness and light do not agree. Church, mothers, and fathers, live, practice and teach that sacred life that Christ ordered in His Holy Word, praying the Lord to undertake in this affair. Young ministers and workers have been caught in the snare of the enemy on this line, and it behooves those who are free to shun this trap ere your spiritual life is impaired and your soul lost, and God's cause be reproached. —A Worker.

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Montrose, Colo.— Dear Bro. and Sister in Christ: I am sending 25c for my Faith and Victory paper. I can't do without the paper. It is wonderful.

I thank the dear ones that prayed for me when I was sick, for our dear Saviour heard and healed me. It is wonderful to live for Jesus. I pray for everyone to see the strait and narrow road. Thanks to God for your good work.

A sister in Christ, Mrs. W. T. S. Brown

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Lyons, Ore— Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I feel so thankful to God for clean literature that we feel clear to hand out to precious souls. We get such precious food from **Faith and Victory** and don't want to be without it as long as it is clean and straight for God and the old time truth. That is what I love, and want to live and die by it. I pray God to bless you both for the printing of such literature, and that He will bless and lead you and enable you at all times to keep it clean for God, for the publishing work is a great work if kept clean and straight. It is the best means I know of in reaching the saints as well as sinners. So many ministers have gone down and left the poor saints in confusion or to sink or swim, so to speak; but thank God, He will not let a grain of wheat be lost, and can and will take care of His own flock.

We earnestly ask your prayers for ourselves and for all the flock of God here at Mill City.

Your Sister in Christ, Ida T. Trimble.

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

Reconciled

We may work with all our might
In a way that "seemeth" right,
Please our fellow man, quite so;
But the thing that we should know
Ere we've laid beneath the sod:
We've been reconciled to God.

Not enough to shake the hand
Of some Rev. (?) preacher grand,
Place our name upon his book,
Wear a sanctimonious look;
But if we escape His rod,
We've been reconciled to God.

If we ask the Lord in prayer,
Bless us here or bless us there;
'Cause we're luke-warm—maybe, cold;
And the answer He withholds
Take the way the saints have trod
And be reconciled to God.

—Erle E. Forbes.

EDITORIALS

Christ is our perfect passover Lamb. The shadow or figure of the true sacrifice is recorded in Exodus 12:3-11. God's chosen people were in bondage and slavery in Egypt, but He had promised to deliver them. After sending many plagues upon the Egyptians, He finally commanded each family of the Israelites to select a lamb without blemish. This lamb was to be slain and the blood sprinkled upon the door posts of their houses, and the flesh to be roasted and eaten. God said He was going to pass through the land that night and smite the firstborn; "and against all the princes of Egypt I will execute judgment." He says further: "And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt." This came to pass as the Lord had said, but those who had the blood on the door posts were saved from the plague.

The Apostle Paul, in 1 Cor. 5:7, says: "For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us." And Peter says, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." 1 Pet. 1:18, 19. The Revelator says, "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the

world." Rev. 13:8.

Since Christ the true passover Lamb has been slain, we are entreated to apply the blood to our hearts. It is the only way that we might be exempt from the plague of death. God has appointed a day in which He will execute judgment upon the world. No one will escape who is not covered under the blood of Christ. When He passes through the land, He says, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you."

Dear reader, has Christ become your passover as a personal experience? Have you plunged into the fountain drawn from Immanuel's veins and washed away every guilty stain?

The people back there just had one literal day in which to sprinkle the blood upon their door posts, and the plague of death came at midnight that very night. Now in this age we just have one gospel day in which to apply the blood. Our passover Lamb was slain over 1900 years ago, but the opportunity is still open for us to apply the blood. Soon the door of mercy will be closed, and at midnight the cry will be made: "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him." Eternal death will take hold of those who are not prepared. The blood is the only passport to eternal life, and that which alone can enroll our names in the Lamb's book of Life. —L. D. P.

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Dover, Okla.— Dear saints: God has saved and sanctified me. I was saved in 1928, when I was only eleven years old, and sanctified about a month ago. Mother and I were saved at the same time, and we were the only two in a family of twelve that were saved. I was afflicted the day after I was sanctified. Mother and I began to pray, but it seemed I grew worse all the time. My father and brothers wanted the doctor, so they sent for him. In the meantime, mother got word to Brother Phillips. After examining me, the doctor said that I was seriously ill. You could hear me breathe out of doors. Bro. Phillips prayed and sent me an anointed handkerchief. I know I was healed, but in about three hours it came back on me worse than it was at first. At my request, mother had already thrown out all the medicine, so they sent for the doctor again. He said he didn't know just how long I could live in my condition. Then Bro. and Sister Phillips and several of the saints came and prayed for me. Again I was healed and felt well, but in three or four hours it came back on me. The doctor came again and brought another doctor with him. They could not understand my case, and said they would have to

take me to Okla. City to the hospital. Our neighbors were very nice. They came to sit up with me and brought me different fruits. Mother sent for some of our relatives from other places to come and see me. Everyone said my case was serious. They propped me up in bed, as that was the only way I could get my breath. Several saints came, laid on hands, and prayed for my healing, and I was truly healed. I shall never forget Sis. Davis' prayers. She would say, "Give this girl more faith, and heal her right now; not tomorrow, but now." And the Lord did heal me. Now I am up and back in school.

Dear saints, I am glad that I am one of God's true children. I find in Him all I need, and have decided to serve Him all the days of my life.

Your sister in Christ, Venola Cunningham.

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HARD NUTS FOR SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS.

1. Where is the proof that any man ever kept the seventh day, except by special commandment prior to the proclamation of the ten commandments at Mount Sinai? (Gen. 2:2, 3; Ex. 16:1-30; 19:1-25; 20:1-17.)

2. If Christians are required to keep the seventh day, why do you depart from your dwelling on that day, seeing those to whom the law was given were plainly commanded not to do? (Ex. 16:29)

3. If you keep one Sabbath—the seventh day—why not keep them all, the seventh year and the year of jubilee? Who authorized you to make distinction in favor of the seventh day? (Lev. 25:1-22)

4. If Christians are required to keep the Sabbath, how are they to live in cold climates? (Ex. 35: 1-3.)

5. Is it the duty of Christians to put to death those who desecrate the seventh day? (Num. 15:32-36) If YES, who will be the public executioner? If NO, what will you do with the law? (Ex. 35:2). If you say the penalties are abolished, I answer that the same passages that you use to prove this established beyond the shadow of a doubt that the law, too, is abolished. If you admit that the penalties are still in force, and the proof that they are is unanswerable and invincible if the law is in force, there is not an Adventist on top of the green earth who can escape the vengeance of the broken law!

6. If Christians are under obligations to observe the seventh day, why did Jesus declare that all law and prophecy hang on LOVE instead of the Sabbath, seeing the command to keep it is the one on which you HANG your everlasting all! (Matt 22:34-40; Rom. 13:8-10).

7. Why did Jesus not require the young ruler to keep the Sabbath when enumerating the commandments? (Matt. 19:16-20; Mark 10: 17-22; Luke 18: 18-24).

8. If Christians are to keep the law of Moses—the

Sabbath—why did the apostles and elders who met at Jerusalem leave it out of their address to the churches? (Acts 15:1-29) This case finds, in some respects, a parallel in your theorizing. Judaizing teachers had gone forth declaring to the brethren that unless they would submit to circumcision and keep the law of Moses they could not be saved. The apostles said, "We have no such commandment."

9. If Christians are required to keep the Sabbath how are we to account for the open violation of the law by Jesus Christ, who is our example, unless by saying that the power that made the law can take it away, and that He did it? (Matt. 12:1-8; Jno. 7:22-23)

10. If you keep the Sabbath because, as you think, it was kept before the law of Moses, why do you not practice circumcision, seeing it is plainly commanded in these ages? (Gen. 1-7:1-14; Gal. 5:1-6).

11. When did patriarch, prophet, or apostle, or anybody else command any Gentile to keep the law of Moses? No dodging here. Proof! Proof! Proof!!!

12. Paul says the ministration of death written and engraven in stone (Ex. 20:1-17; 31:18; 32:15, 16; 34:1-28) was done away (2 Cor. 3:1-18). When, where, and by whom was it brought back into force? Name the day, the age, the authority, and give proof from the Book! If your doctrine is true the great apostle of the Gentiles stands convicted of a mistake.

13. If the early Christians kept the Sabbath day why did they break bread on the first day of the week? (Acts 20:7).

14. If Christians are to keep the Sabbath day how do you account for the fact that the apostles preached the gospel in Jerusalem, Samaria, to Cornelius the Gentile, and to many others, without commanding a single individual to keep it! Did they under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, fail to properly instruct their converts? (Acts 2:1-47; 8:1-40; 10:1-48; 16: 1-40).

15. Is it not a fact, according to the book of Acts, that the thing done was of more importance than the day? (Acts 20:7).

16. Can you demonstrate that the day you keep is really the seventh day or Sabbath coming down in regular succession from the day on which God rested? If not, your day is no better than any other day. Admitting for argument's sake, that the law of Moses is still in force, and that the fourth commandment is binding on the whole human race, you will affirm that it is possible for all men to keep the same day? If so, how do you explain the fact that the traveller who starts out to go around the earth gains, say, if going east, one hour for every thousand miles travelled! How far would he go before he lost the count? Do you not see how he would inevitably be behind or in advance? Further, how do you explain the fact that far away toward the extremes of the earth, travelling from the equator, there are periods of six

months night and six months day from age to age? Do you not see that it is a geographical impossibility for all men to keep the same day, and that the Law was only intended for one people, one country, and one age?

17. Do you keep the Sabbath day? No dodging, do you? Do you REST, or put in the day promulgating your doctrines? Do you not eat food on that day prepared by work on a fire kindled in violation of the Law? (Ex. 20:8-11; 35:1-3). Do you offer the burnt offering required by Law? (Num. 28:3-10). Do you remain in your house during the day? If you do not keep the day according to the Law you do not keep it at all. If you admit that any part of the Law concerning the Sabbath is done away, you are driven to the inevitable and irresistible conclusion that it is all done away. If you deny that any part of it is done away, you condemn yourself, for you do not keep it. Which way will you take? —Selected.

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Camargo, Ill.— Dear Ones in Jesus: We are happy for faith and victory in our souls, through the precious Lamb of God; and for the call to preach His Word to this poor old sin sick world.

We have much to praise God for. Amidst troubles, perplexities, and burdens He has made us more than conqueror through His grace.

On Christmas day, my wife and I were saddened because she was bedfast, and we were unable to accompany the others of the family to an all day meeting in Urbana. She had been bedfast for six weeks, eating only strained foods, and suffering much pain, and the outlook for her recovery was gloomy. When the loved ones were on their way to Urbana, I got the Bible to read some precious comforting passage to her, then knelt beside her bed to pray. God came upon the scene, and promise after promise from the Word came to me, and I was able to believe God for her healing; and told her, that if she would believe and arise from her bed in faith, I was sure that God would heal her. She said, "I do believe that God can heal me, and that He will." "But," I said, "do you believe He can do it now?"—and bursting into tears of joy, she arose from her bed, saying, "I do believe," and God did the work. She dressed, ate a good meal of the Christmas dinner her mother had prepared, and then walked to tell an unsaved neighbor of God's healing power.

Please pray for us, for the enemy is seeking to fasten an affliction upon her now, and my own body is afflicted.

Our fervent Christian love to the precious saints of God everywhere.

In His Body, Bro. and Sister J. A. Hopewell

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Greetings to the dear saints: Truly, I am saved and satisfied in the true way. Down in my heart

I have love for all of God's children. I must have it or I cannot make it into heaven. The Holy Ghost is my guide through this dark world. God's Word says that the Holy Ghost will give us power. I have experienced this for myself. God's Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path way. I am glad that we are free to read and teach the Word of God.

Please pray for me and my family.

Your saved sister, Edna Walker.

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Metamora, Ind.— Holy greetings to all the "Church of God" which is at Guthrie, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

These are some of the wonderful words spoken by Paul unto the Church of God at Corinth, and for all at every other place that call upon the name of Jesus Christ.

I am praising God today for His precious Word (the Bible), which is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway. I also thank God for His "Holy Ghost" filled and sent ministers, that He uses to teach His Word in its fullness and purity, so that every poor lost sinner (in or out of sectism) can understand the way of salvation, and be saved from their sins, live holy and righteously in this present world, if they will open their hearts so Jesus can reason with them. He is knocking by his Word and Spirit: "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." Rev. 3:20. Yes, any man, thank God! My heart is stirred as never before, for the deliverance of poor honest souls that are caged, or tied up, in man-made churches, that hold, or teach, the truth in unrighteousness, and never give their members enough "pure gospel" to really save them from sin. Jesus came to save His people from their sins; not in their sins—"He is able to save to the uttermost."

I have just read three letters, published in **Faith and Victory**, April 1939, that have dug down deep into my heart. They have caused me to pray to God for more wisdom and power to hold up the full standard, or doctrine, of God's Church, the pillar and ground of the truth. One letter from Sister Rosie Melchiorri, Taylorville, Ill., tells how she was saved, healed and brought out of the Catholic Church, and says, "I want you to think about my case. I had been unhappy for twenty-two years." She closes by saying, "Since I have found my God and believe in Christ Jesus, I am free like a bird." Read all of her letter and pray much. Another letter just as good is from Bro. Steve Tomka, Genoa, Ohio; saying, in part, that he had been a Catholic for 32 years under bond-

age to the Church of Rome, and a slave to sin, but "today I can praise God that I have victory in my soul through the precious blood of Christ. I didn't get my salvation from any preacher, or priest, but through Jesus Christ." Be sure to read all of this brother's letter. Meditate on it and I am most certain that you will go to your closet for prayer. Don't forget to read Bro. C. Parker's letter. He tells how he was saved from sin and sectism. All the letters published in **Faith and Victory** are good but I mention these three as being very interesting, because they bring out some strong points regarding the true Church and how to get into it. Thank God for His true witnesses, and a Church that one can get into and leave his sins on the outside of the Church. He cannot take them inside of it. The door is open, but you must press in.

Yours in the Body of Christ, C. S. Wyatt.

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Jennings, Okla.—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus, to all the saints and readers of this little paper: I am much encouraged and my soul is satisfied in this holy way. We are doing the very best that we know for the Lord. I wish to tell you of the wonderful healing the Lord has done for me.

The second Sunday in January, I was at Hoffman, Okla. I was suffering very much with a rupture that I have had since 1934. While the meeting was going on I was suffering intensely. After the sermon Bro. L. L. Jackson anointed me. He and other saints laid their hands on me and earnestly prayed for me. The Lord removed the misery at once. You that have this affliction know what the misery is. No one knows but those who are or have been ruptured. Pray on, the Lord is just as willing to heal you as He was to heal me. I never wore a truss. I wanted divine healing, and praise God, I have it. I haven't suffered any since the eighth day of January with my afflicted side. I thank every saint who has prayed for me. Pray that I walk worthy of the Lord's blessings at all times. I am only his little servant boy, going far and near for Him.

Your brother in the Lord, Enoch Jones.

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IS THE CHURCH OF GOD DIVIDED?

I emphatically say, NO. The Church of God is not divided, and on the authority of God's holy Word, I say it never will be divided. Jesus, the organizer and builder of His Church, said, "Upon this rock (Jesus Christ himself) I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Now if the Church of God is divided, the gates of hell has prevailed against it, and Jesus undertook something that He was not able to finish. The Church of God has just one foundation. Paul says, "For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which

is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:11. If the Church of God is divided, then Jesus Christ himself is divided also; for Jesus is the foundation upon which His Church is built.

Just because some have left the true Church, even tho they take the name Church of God with them, that is no sign that the Church of God is divided. God's Word makes this clear: "They went out from us but they were not of us. If they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest that they were not of us." 1 John 2:19. God's holy Word foretells the awful condition which is clearly seen all over the earth today—the division of the so-called churches of this present time. This same precious holy Word makes the emphatic statement: "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his." 2 Tim. 2:19. The true Church of God is still the beautiful Bride of Christ, and she is still arrayed in fine linen clean and white. She is the fairest among women, she is the only daughter of her mother, and she has no sisters nor sisters-in-law. Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me;" also, "and they shall be ONE fold and ONE Shepherd;" and I am fully persuaded that His Church is just as He said it would be. Dear saints of God, we are not divided. We love each other with a pure heart fervently, for we are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; and we are still showing forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvellous light. Glory be to God. The Church of God has multiplication, addition, and subtraction; but, thank God, there is no division in Her. If the church of God is divided, then it is no longer the Church of God.

Your saved and sanctified brother in the one body who is earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints. George W. Stephenson.

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DO DANCING AND CHRISTIANITY MIX?

In dealing with the subject at hand, may I draw your attention to a passage of scripture found in Romans 12:1, 2:

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

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

Many so-called Christians and religious church adherents declare that a social religion is what we

need. To hold our young people we must pamper them and mix with them in the dance and other questionable amusements. God's Word plainly states Christians should not conform their lives to the world; but rather, they should be transformed or changed from their old sinful ambitions and practices of life to a life consecrated to Christ.

What is the dance for? It is without doubt the invention of Satan for ruining and wrecking and damning the lives of young men and women.

You may ask, "What are the special evils of the dance that you take exception to?" Have you ever heard of men dancing with men and women dancing with women? Very seldom ever are they doing this. The dance is fed on lust. Its success is founded upon the insidious practice of man holding another man's wife or sister in his arms and going through the suggestive and virtue damning movements of the modern dance. There is more adultery committed upon the dancing floor than anywhere else that I know of. Absurd, you say; ridiculous, you sneer. Please turn with me to Matt. 5: 27, 28 and read:

27. "Ye have heard it said by them of old time, thou shalt not commit adultery.

28 "But I say unto you that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

What shall we say of the church members who advocate and patronize such places, and fly into tantrums of rage if any dare to disclose the shameful and corrupting influence of a modern dance hall?

It is time that Christianity proved itself in the lives and hearts of men and women who claim to adhere to the teachings of the Bible. For the benefit of these, I might list another scripture reference with a prayer that your conscience may be touched and your spiritual life awakened. The scripture is: 2 Cor. 6:14-18.

—A. Krushel.

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Glendale, Calif.—Dearest Mother, Papa, and All: I am glad that I can say that I am still saved and sanctified. I love the Lord and don't want to do one thing that wouldn't be pleasing to Him.

Last Sunday we went to Brother Longley's. We had a nice time. Bro. Strech is holding a meeting here in Glendale at present. I haven't attended yet. I just came down here last night. I expect to go some.

All is well here. Frances Pruitt.


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**Daily Readings and Meditations
May 1 to 7.**

- M. Preaching at Athens Acts 17:22-31.
- T. A Ministry in Corinth Acts 18:4-11.
- W. Paul's Message 1 Cor. 2:1-5
- T. Paul's Resources Phil. 4:10-14.
- F. Enduring Hardness 2 Tim. 2:1-13.
- S. Strength in the Lord Psa. 27:1-6.
- S. Hope in the Lord Psa. 25:1-10.

Printed PortionActs 18:1, 4-11; 1 Cor. 2:1-5.

Acts 18:1. After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;

4. And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.

5. And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

6. And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

7. And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.

8. And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

9. Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by

a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:

10. For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

11. And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

1 Cor. 2:1. And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

2. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified.

3. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

4. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

5. That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Golden Text: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Today's lesson continues the study of Paul's missionary tour. At Thessalonica his party was accused of turning the world up side down. The brethren sent Paul away by night to Berea where the people were more noble, receiving the word and searching the scriptures to see if those things were so. When the persecutors from the other cities heard of Berea receiving the Word, they immediately came in pursuit of Paul, so again Paul departed unto Athens.

Paul at Athens—

Athens was a University center. Idolatry flourished there. The philosophers awaited to attack every strange doctrine. One of the most profound sermons that we have was given by him here.

The resurrection that Paul preached condemned the false teaching of the Epicureans and Stoics for neither school believed in the resurrection. Don't miss the blessing contained in this sermon by not taking time to study it thoroughly. Some were won to the truth.

Corinth— The Capital and metropolis of Greece. a city of 400,000 full of intellectual pride and idolatry and pagan doctrine.

Paul found bad material for church building.

To the Jew first: "Ye judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life. Lo, we turn to the Gentiles."

Through much suffering and hardship the truth was planted with the result that "Many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized.

Paul's Object—To preach "Jesus Christ and him crucified;" not philosophy that most people desired.

Paul's Method—Not in excellency of speech, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

Sunday, May 14, 1939

PAUL ËVANGELIZES A PROVINCE

Daily Readings and Meditations

May 8 to 14.

- M. Evangelizing Ephesus Acts 19:1-7.
- T. Paul Teaches All Classes Acts 19:8-12.
- W. Paul's Farewell to Ephesus Acts 20:17-25.
- T. The Church in Ephesus Eph. 2:19-22.
- F. The Head of the Church Col. 1:9-20.
- S. The Temple of God 1 Cor 3:16-23.
- S. The Glory of Zion Psa. 7:1-7.

Printed PortionActs 19:1, 8-10; 20:17-21; Eph. 2:19-22.

Acts 19:1. And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

8. And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9. But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

10. And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

20:17. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

18. And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

19. Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

20. And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

21. Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph. 2:19. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20. And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

21. In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22. In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Golden Text: "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." Eph. 2:13.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Paul had a desire to evangelize Ephesus before this, but God didn't permit it then. Now the time has come and Paul begins as usual at the synagogue, only to be put out again in a few months.

Some of John the Baptist's disciples failed to give heed to his advice, that he must decrease and Jesus must increase, but continued separately to cling unto John. This error was soon corrected and they received the word, were baptized in Jesus' name, and also received the Holy Ghost. The temple of the Great Diana of the Ephesians was here; thus the truth preached by Paul wrought havoc unto the idols, and hindered the craft of the coppersmith, causing an uproar throughout the city.

Paul shrank not from declaring the whole truth unto them; but notice the humility of mind and the tears.

Some seem to draw back from study and knowledge; but study and knowledge are not the hindering factors among God's people today, but the lack of humility and the scarcity of tears. That burning love of Jesus in the hearts of men and women will send the gospel from the rivers unto the ends of the earth. As Jesus looked upon the multitudes, he had compassion. Brethren, thousands are paralyzed with indifference. May God stir our hearts, that the sleeper may be aroused and those who are spiritually dead may arise and come forth.

Sunday, May 21, 1939.

BEVERAGE ALCOHOL AND THE HOME

Daily Readings and Meditations

May 15 to 21.

- M. Home Influence Jer. 35:5-10.
- T. The Influence of Example Eph. 5:15-21.
- W. Parents and Children Eph. 6:1-4.
- T. Law of Priesthood Lev. 10:8-11.
- F. The Mosaic Covenant Deut. 29:1-9.
- S. A Temperate Youth Dan. 1:8-15.
- S. The Godly Home. Psa. 128:1-6.

Printed Portion.....Jer. 35:5-10; Eph. 5:15-21; 6:1-4.

Jer. 35:5. And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine.

6. But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons for ever:

7. Neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ye be strangers.

8. Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged

us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters;

9. Nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed:

10. But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

Eph. 5:15. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

18. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

19. Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

20. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

21. Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

6:1. Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;

3. That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

4. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Golden Text: "Drink no wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee." Lev. 10:9.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

"Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"

That consistent, temperate life that a Christian lives is something to be coveted. This is an age of extremes—unbalanced minds and lop-sided souls are far too numerous.

While the word temperate does refer to intoxicating drinks, the liquor with its many complicated problems; yet it does not stop there.

Seeking power and possessions more than is needed is intemperate. Recreation, pleasure, and comforts indulged in do not trend to spirituality. A pure heart produces a pure mind, and a pure mind in turn seeks to glorify God in all things.

Men may run to an excess of riot, indulge in evil, yield themselves unto sin; but happiness and satisfaction cannot be found in them.

The deep longings of man's soul can only be satisfied with that life that comes from God.

The wages of sin is death. An unrestrained life

in worldly pleasure cannot beat the law and penalty of sin. Surely we shall reap what we sow. Let us yield ourselves unreservedly unto God that we may fulfill the purpose wherein God has called us.

Sunday, * * * *
 Sunday, May 28, 1939

PAUL THINKS IN WORLD TERMS

Daily Readings and Meditations May 22 to 28

- M. A Debtor to All Rom. 1:14-17.
 T. The Need of All Rom. 3:21-30.
 W. Peace Through Grace Rom. 5:1-11.
 T. Salvation Through Faith Rom. 10:11-15.
 F. Grace for the Gentiles Isa. 11:9-12.
 S. The Invitation to All Men Matt. 11:28-30.
 S. Our Mission to the World Matt. 28:16-20.

Printed PortionRom. 1:1-17.

Rom. 1:1. Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

2. (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)

3. Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

4. And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

5. By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

6. Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

7. To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

8. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

9. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

10. Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.

11. For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

12. That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

13. Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also; even as among other Gentiles.

14. I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.

15. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

16. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Golden Text: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth." Rom. 1:16.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The three key-words in our lesson today, are: "I am a debtor," which represents the call to preach. "I am ready," is the preparation; "I am not ashamed," shows forth the glory of the ministry.

Many people realize their responsibility when they are first saved. They are aware that it is not by any merits of their own, but only through the mercies and favor of God that they receive forgiveness of sin. They are ready to do with all their being those things that come to them. They also are bold to witness for the Saviour; but as time goes on, they are affected by the cold formal atmosphere around them until the things of the world do not seem so bad. "Because iniquity doth abound, the love of many shall wax cold." The exhortation from the Word is, "as ye have received the Lord, so walk ye in Him."

Where is the consecration by which the saints were once known? The zeal and sacrifice that sent the gospel unto the remotest places is ebbing low. That love "one to another" that distinguished Christ's disciples from those of professors is not so plentiful.

Those gifts of the Spirit that are only found in the Church of God should be functioning with more power and authority.

May the Lord stir our hearts to get a firmer hold on God. When the Spirit of God brings a revival in our souls, eternal things will become more real.

The end of time is fast closing in upon us. Eternity will be so long. Both **heaven** and **hell** are **real—Death is sure**. Think of the loved ones, friends, and even millions that are on the downward road to eternal burnings, "where their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched."

Our prayer is, "Lord help us to warn souls that they come to a halt and call upon God for mercy.

Pray for us.

The Lesson of June 4th is "PAUL PLEADS HIS OWN CASE" Acts 21:40-42; 24:14-16, 19-23.