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THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH. — 1 JOHN 5:4

HAVE FAITH
IN GOD



A PAPER
FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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A Little Farther

Written by Rebecca Basicker, 80 years old.

There's a story in the Bible
That will make the teardrops flow,
It will never lose its power,
Its anguish, and its woe:
When Jesus took His faithful few
To Gethsemane to pray
He knew that one had gone that night
The Master to betray.

Then He left the faithful ones
Kneeling there upon the sod
And He went a little farther
To be alone with God.

Oh, sinner, when you read it,
Can't you hear that anguished cry
As He vowed to God, the Father,
That for sinners He would die?

Hear Him saying, Oh, dear Father,
Listen, Father, while I pray.
Oh, let this cup pass from me
If there is any other way.
But I promised you, my Father,
And I'll be your faithful Son,
And if I must die for sinners,
Then, dear God, Thy will be done!

Then one day I sought my Saviour
Asking Him to set me free
And I found the path He showed me
Led to dark Gethsemane.
And I wept and cried in anguish,
Till my soul was in despair,
Then I went a little farther
And found Jesus waiting there.

Then He lengthened out my life time—
I have counted 80 years—
Sometimes the way was glorious
Sometimes 'twas washed in tears.

But when the way is dreary
And no joy is any where,
Then I go a little farther
And find Jesus waiting there.

Now my life is almost ended,
Soon my work will all be done,
Soon my last prayer will be offered,
And my last song will be sung.
Then I'll watch my dark Gethsemane
Turn to an Eden fair,
And I'll go a little farther
And dwell with Jesus there.

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God's Blood-Bought Church

"For ye are bought with a price." 1 Cor. 6:20. The apostle is here speaking of a people whose bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit (Ver. 19); and the temple of the living God. 2 Cor. 6:16. This temple is God's dwelling place, His house, His Church. In Acts 20:28, we are told that God purchased His Church with His own blood, His blood is the price paid for His temple as mentioned in 1 Cor. 6:20. God's Church is, therefore, a blood-bought church, and it is His Church because it was bought with His own blood. All Christians are God's creation. See Eph. 2:10, 2 Cor. 5:17. Since all Christians are blood-bought, they make up His Church, therefore His Church is His creation; Adam stands as the head of the old creation; Christ is the head of the new creation. This new creation is the new heaven and the new earth that John saw. Rev. 21:1. This new heaven and new earth is spoken of in ver. 2 as the holy city, the new Jerusalem, the bride of Christ. In ver. 3 it is called the tabernacle of God which is among men. This is none other than the Church of God which He bought with His own blood and is His new creation. In this new creation there is no sin, nor are there any sinners. He washes every one from their sins through His blood. See Rev. 1:5. 1 John 1:7. His church is holy, spotless, and unblemished. See Eph. 5:27. His temple is

holy. 1 Cor. 3:17. O, that mortal man could see the purity, the holiness of the house in which God dwells—His Church! It is His bride. She is arrayed in righteousness, and in speaking of her He says, "Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee." Cant. 4:7.

God's church is His kingdom on earth. It is on earth, but not of the earth. It came down from heaven. It is heavenly. All in it are heavenly. It is an exclusive church. It neither mingles nor mixes nor has any affinity with any thing outside of itself. Men who build churches have set themselves against God. Man has no authority from heaven or God for such work. For men to build churches and call them churches of God and Christian churches is blasphemy. Men blaspheme against God when they attribute to Him that which is contrary to His nature. Christians may be in the organizations of men, but the organization itself is not Christian. It is purely and wholly the work of man and man can not create any Christian thing.

God's church is His body. Eph. 1:22, Col. 1:18. God creates this body. Man can not create any part of it, and any thing man may create God has no part in. He has built all that is needful to be built. His church is complete in itself. God is angry with men who attempt to take His work into their hands. He is highly displeased for any one to take a member of Christ's body and join it to a man-built church. See 1 Cor. 6:15-17. It is spiritual fornication. Christ's church is married to Him. She is His bride. All others are harlots. The angel message for these last fifty years is for God's people to come out of these man-made churches. See Rev. 18:4, 5.

God is displeased with the work of setting up divisional walls between His people. He came to break down walls of division and make His people one. Man can not attain to the Bible standard of unity in the sects. It is only outside of them that we can be one as Christ and the Father are one. During this last half century God has gathered thousands out of the sects, and many of these have been gathered out exclusive by the Holy Spirit, and many who have been converted and become members in God's church have been forbidden by the Spirit to join any man-built church. This proves positively that God is gathering His people out. And the work has not ceased. His people are still coming out. Just recently we met a saint whom God had lately led out solely by His Spirit. They are coming. They will come or refuse the call of the Holy Spirit. Those of Lot's family who refused the call of God to come out of Sodom perished in the fire. If you do not heed the call of God you must receive of the plagues that are already falling on the churches of men. Lot's wife fled out of Sodom. But she looked back. Some who escaped out of sectism have turned back.

They stand as a monument of warning to others. They have gone into darkness.

Some say that God destroys the spirit of division out of the heart, but still leaves them in division. This is inconsistent and contrary to the nature of things. He not only delivers from the sect spirit, but also delivers from the sect.

Some say that God can not gather His people out of sects without forming another sect. Suppose a man has a large family. They are all at home under the father's care and government. A man tells them that he has organized a family and persuades some of them to join his family, telling them they can also be in their father's family as his family is only a part of their father's family. A second and a third man does likewise until many of the family have joined other families. The father is displeased. He issues a call for his children to come out of these divisions. They must come or they can be no longer his. Some obey the call and come back under his care and government. Does this father form another family, another division? Certainly not. It is only the original family. So it is in the family of God. It is no sect. God is giving this light to men everywhere. He is calling to His people to come back home, to be wholly under His care and government. You must obey the call; throw off all man-rule and government and be governed exclusively by the Holy Spirit.

God will not gather all into one place. His church covers all the earth. There is an open door every where. They will not all meet and know each other here, but all must throw off the human yoke; they must obey the voice of the Holy Spirit and flee out of Egypt, Sodom, and Babylon into Canaan's fair land. If you support, encourage, or fellowship the churches of men, you are opposing the work God is doing at this present time. — C. E. Orr.

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Subdued

Before God can launch us into the breadth and sweetness of His service, and entrust to us great things for Himself, we must be perfectly subdued in every part of our nature to His will and the disposition of His mind. We must be subdued in our hearts, in our wills, in our words, in our tempers, in our manners; subdued through and through so thoroughly that we will be flexible to all His purposes and plans. We must be so subdued that harshness, severity, criticism, sluggishness, laziness, impetuosity and all wanting our own way even in religious matters, must be subdued out of us. Conversion will not finish this work, and perhaps not in one case out of a thousand will the second work of grace produce this complete condition of teachable subjugation to God's Spirit. Being able to preach strong sermons

on sanctification will not do it, or having charge of camp meetings, or conventions, or Bible schools, or the writing of books and editing papers on Christian holiness will not prove adequate for this.

We must be subdued, not merely in our own opinion, nor merely think ourselves subdued, not only be subdued in the esteem of our friends and fellow-workers, but subdued so perfectly that the all-seeing eye of God can look us through and the omniscient One knows that we are subdued. God must conquer the man that He can trust with His great thoughts and plans.

The Holy Ghost must saturate us with a divine conquest before He can use us to conquer other souls. The Lord will begin to subdue us with gentle means, and if we sink lovingly and promptly into His mind, the work will be done, but if we have flint or iron in our nature and it is necessary, He will use heroic means and put us between the millstones and grind us to powder until He can mould us without any resistance to His purpose. The greatest difficulty in the way of God's using His servants, even His zealous and oftentimes sanctified servants, is that they are not perfectly, universally, and constantly subdued under the power of God.

We must be so subdued as to stop meddling with other people's matters that God has not entrusted us with, so subdued as not to be calling God's servants hard names, and thrusting at Christians who are doing what they can in their various fields for the Master; so subdued that we can hold our tongues, and walk softly with God, keep our eyes upon Jesus, attend to our own work, and do God's will promptly and lovingly, glad to have a place in His kingdom and to do a little service for Him.

Oh! it is grand to be absolutely conquered by the Holy Ghost, and swing out a thousand miles from everybody and everything into the ocean of God's presence, and work with Him in humility, without stumbling over others, without religious peevishness, and bend with every plan God gives us.

When we are subdued in the sight of God, He will work miracles in us and power in experience, in healing, in finance, in service, in gentleness and sweetness of the inner heart life; miracles of grace that will astonish us and surprise our friends and utterly amaze our enemies when they come to know the magnitude of what God has wrought. Let us get subdued in every way, in everything; so subdued that we can keep still in God and see Him work out the great, bright thoughts of His eternal mind in our lives.

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Of What Seed Are You?

When Satan had succeeded in causing Adam and Eve to break the one commandment that God had given them, he was cursed of God. His legs were taken off, and he was put down on his belly to eat dust and hiss. God put enmity between him and the woman and between his seed and her seed. "It (the seed of the woman) shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." The inspired scriptures teach us that Christ was the seed of the woman referred to. He was to bruise Satan's head, and the seed of the serpent, or Satan, was to bruise his heel.

Christ is called the seed of the woman because man had nothing to do with his conception and birth. It is written: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing that shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God," Luke 1:35. Read also Matt. 1:18, to the end of the chapter.

We find by reading the scriptures that the seed of Christ was manifesting itself from the hearts of men all down through the ages from the very beginning of creation; but not until the seed of the woman, which is Christ, came into the world, did Satan receive the bruising of his head in a general and universal sense.

The holy word says that Noah was a man that was righteous in the sight of God. Peter, speaking of Christ being quickened by the Spirit, said He also went and preached unto the spirits in prison (prison house of sin), which the people were in before the flood when he said God was long suffering in the days of Noah. It was the spirit of Christ working through righteous Noah that caused him to warn the people of the pending wrath of God, thus seeking to save their lives. The righteous seed of God manifested itself in Abraham when he would obey God, even if it meant the sacrificing of his only son. This seed was also manifested in Isaac, Jacob, David, Solomon, and the other prophets.

Abraham was so pleasing to God in the manifestation of this righteous seed that God blessed him and said, "I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies." Thus Paul speaks of us as being "All the children of Abraham by faith." And truly, his seed is possessing the gate of their enemies today, for Christ says, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." John 10:9. Those who have the righteousness of Christ in their souls are the "Family of God," the "House of God," or "the Church of God which is the pillar and ground of the truth." 1 Tim. 3:15. They are the seed of Abraham, the seed of Christ

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"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat."

General Southern—Hammond, La.

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.

There will be three meetings daily. 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 will be furnished free. For further information, write to Ray Key, Box 370; C. H. Bailey, Box 668; R. J. Forbes, Box 543, Hammond, La.

California State—Pasadena

The California State Camp Meeting at Pasadena, California will begin June 23rd and continue over two Sundays. For further information write: M. E. Morgan, 1302 Lincoln Ave., Pasadena, Calif.

Newcastle, Indiana

The Newcastle, Ind. Camp Meeting will be held from August 25th to September 3rd. We are looking forward to a better meeting this year than we have ever had yet, although the others have been good. We are looking forward to a number of ministers being here who will set forth the truth clear and clean. There will be a few doors open to accommodate saints who come, but those who possibly can, should come prepared to care for themselves. Bring straw ticks and bedding; straw will be furnished. However, no one should stay away, because all will be cared for. All saints will receive a hearty welcome regardless of nationality. —T. Z. Lawson.

Reform, Alabama

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

Dover, Oklahoma

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

Dayton, Ohio

There will be a camp meeting of the Church of God in Dayton, Ohio, starting Aug. 11th and closing August 20th. Meals will be served on the free-will offering plan. Those coming, come prepared to care for yourself as much as possible. Please bring bedding and straw ticks. Come to be blest and be

a blessing to others. Those sending means or provisions for the meeting, send to Cleo Murry, W. 3rd and Upland Ave., Dayton, Ohio.

Boley, Oklahoma

The Boley, Okla. Camp Meeting will begin Aug. 18th and close Aug. 27. The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. Straw for bedding will be furnished free. Bring tick and quilts. Come praying and hear again about heaven. All are invited to come and feast at Father's table. For further information write: Bro. C. A. Wallace, or Sister Lizzie Jones, both at Boley, Okla.

Tulsa, Oklahoma

There will be a Camp Meeting of the Church of God at Tulsa, Okla. beginning June 30, 1939, closing July 10. All are invited to attend. We are expecting things from the Lord in this meeting. Leave all your troubles at home and come to meeting. Our meeting will be run on the free will offering plan. Come prepared to care for yourself as much as possible. The meeting will be held on the church lot.

For particulars, write Bro. B. J. Douglas 1417 N. Madison Place, Tulsa, Okla.

Hennessey, Oklahoma

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.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Hennessey, Okla.—Greetings in Jesus' dear name: To all the saints and readers who read in the Faith and Victory, the testimony of Venola Cunningham of Dover, Okla: Be it known that I was present a few months ago when she bowed at an altar for prayer and claimed the Lord as her Saviour. And the very next night I was also present when she presented her body a living Sacrifice unto God to be Sanctified. She seemed to grasp knowledge and faith by hearing the words of life, and soon she arose with heavenly joy on her face, and claimed the second blessing, which is sanctification. Then a few days later she took sick and was healed by the mighty power of God as she testified.

I am sending this explanation to correct the misleading statement made in her testimony. It is true, she was converted in 1928 and became a member of a sect church. But this time, praise the dear Lord, she came out of sectism; and she did not walk out, she came through the Blood, which justifies sinners and sanctifies believers. It's the precious

REPORT FROM THE FIELD

By Selma Heibert

My soul rejoices in the full gospel tonight. Truly, the Lord is wonderful and His mercies endureth for ever. My soul is satisfied in Jesus, longing for others to accept the Lord as their personal Saviour.

I have been a long time writing to you about our wonderful trip north. It is a shame, but so many other things would claim my attention and time. I have only wirtten a few lines on cards—just enough to get by.

Now about the trip: I hardly know how or where to start. We were in the Monark Springs, Mo. National Camp Meeting the last two weeks of July, where we met new faces who grew very near and dear to our heart—like Bro. and Sis. Strong. I was so busy, my time was mostly taken up in the kitchen; but seeing the saints surround the tables made me know that I did it all for the Lord.

Then at the Guthrie C. M., which was the Okla. State C. M. I had the same care there, working in the kitchen. I was often too tired in body to get the good of the meeting. Several were so good to lift the burden and help.

I shall never forget the message Bro. Strong preached one afternoon at Guthrie. It was for and to me, and the Lord helped me to get it even though I had to go tired and in my kitchen clothes.

Several left before meeting was ended. We missed them much.

From Guthrie we went to Anthony, Kansas with Sister Opal Wilson and family. We washed, ironed, and packed, visited some saints and were on our way to the Newcastle, Ind. C. M. in a few days. Bro. O. B. Wilson, Sr., Geneva Bailey, Helen Epp, and Ostis and Opal Wilson and I were all in the company. The Lord blessed and protected us from harm.

We visited some sick in Anderson, Ind. When we arrived in Newcastle, the first meeting was in progress with Bro. Strong in the pulpit—still preaching to me about acknowledging our gift and place in the body of Christ, where he seemingly left off at Guthrie. The faces there were all so strange, but we soon loved them all. This is the C. M. that shall never be erased from my memory. It was precious to my heart, although our hearts were made very sad to see Bro. Strong suffer so much. But we rejoiced when the Lord raised him from death's door after several expected God to take him. The meeting there started with love and ended with double fold of the same. The parting day was a sad one, but we trust the Lord will grant us the privilege of meeting again.

Near the last of August we started west toward home. I stopped off in Neosho, visited my sister and the saints there, then went to Tulsa with Bro. and

Sister Strech, passing the folks within 18 miles to fix up a little business in Tulsa, intending to go on hom the next day. The visit with Bro. and Sister Strech from Neosho to Tulsa was much too short. May God bless them. They work so hard trying to make things comfortable for the saints at C. M. The Lord knows how many times they have been a life-saver for me. So many times when I needed instruction I knew where to go to get it. Bro. Strech is qualified to give advice to the young. May the good Lord ever bless and keep him filled with the goodness of God. He is a minute man for God—always ready to go visit the sick and on different calls.

I found out the Lord wasn't through with me when Bro. Harmons came to Bro. Barton's where I was staying, and the Lord began talking to me about going west with them. Prior to this I had refused to go to California when different ones asked me to go. When I knew it was the Lord, I couldn't begin to think to refuse.

It was prayer meeting night when we got to Guthrie. Little did we think that was the last time we would hear Mother Winn talk and pray. She has passed the chilly waters and is free from all discomforts.

We stopped in Clovis six days and visited some. Sister Means wasn't very strong. We had prayer in her home and talked of the goodness of God. She didn't talk of much else, but the good Lord. We were with Bro. and Sister Doolittle most of the time, but spent one night with Sister Eugene Harmon's Mr. and Mrs. Sedden. They are very nice people and gave us a very good dinner.

We found Sister Duncan quite well when we got to El Paso, Texas. She treated us all so sweet and nice. Here we stayed five days. When we heard of Verta (Bro. Harmon's granddaughter) getting saved, we were soon on our way to Calif. We arrived at Pasadena camp ground Sunday evening in time for supper, the last meeting of the C. M.

Here in California we visited Sister Schliefer, Sister Harris, and Bro. McDonald, who have been bed-fast for some time. Sister Schliefer is up some of the time and not entirely helpless.

We made haste when we started to Everett, Washington where Sister (Orr) Harmon lived. We left Glendale the afternoon of the 24th of Sept. Our first stop was at a tent meeting in Bakersfield. There were no conveniences there so we drove on to Calwa City after the afternoon service, where Bro. Andrew Pruitt and his wife live. On Sunday 25th we visited Bro. Longley's and saw Bro. Kuns while there. Also stopped at Conrad's in Exeter (Bro. C. E. Orr's daughter, Lena Bell). They are precious people. We stopped with the saints at Orland, Calif. one night and then went on to Hubbard, Oregon where Bro. and Sister J. L. Greene live. Bro. Greene is a very

unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.

22. But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.

Golden Text: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:12.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In lessons previous to this one Paul has been writing to congregations, but in this lesson he is dealing with individual friends; thus we have a better insight into Paul's personal qualities. Although he was aged and Timothy young, yet their heart ties were close and the companionship of each appreciated. The children of God should appreciate one another more. We are very thankful for the privileges we have had, in contacting personalities that we esteemed very highly. We do appreciate those who continue to declare the whole counsel of God. We thank God often, as did Paul, for the loyal followers of Christ.

Note the exhortation to stir up the gift that is in him. We are persuaded that it is not for lack of talent that the gospel is not spread more. An unused talent would soon become unfit for service. May the Lord help us to be ready for service at all times.

We also note Paul's intercession to Philemon for his servant. The Light of forgiving love shines brightly. Lord help us to ever possess that spirit.

Sunday, June 25, 1939.

PAUL REVIEWS HIS LIFE

Daily Readings and Meditations

June 19 to 27

- M. Paul's Self-Sacrifice 2 Cor. 11:21-31.
- T. Humble 2 Cor. 12:1-10.
- W. Devoted Phil. 3:7-16.
- T. Ambitious Phil. 3:7-16.
- F. Contented Phil. 4:8-13.
- S. Consecrated Phil. 4:8-13.
- S. Assurance Rom. 8:28-39.

Printed Portion.....Phil. 1:12-14, 21-24; 3:12-14;
2 Tim. 4:7-8.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3:12. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Golden Text: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith" 2 Tim. 4:7.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Self sacrifice and suffering for the gospel was Paul's lot, but he realized that it was for the furtherance of the gospel. We find the promise coming true that he should suffer many things and also stand before kings. There was no other way for the gospel to reach many, so Paul was satisfied for it to be thus.

Humility in Decision: V. 21—After accomplishing in the name of the Lord, great and marvelous things, yet his only purpose should continue to manifest Christ to the world.

Consecration—Not the slain body of an ox or sheep, but exemplifying his exhortation in Rom. 12:1-3, presenting his body a living sacrifice.

The Climax—Life's Retrospect. In human history, we have no greater paradox, excepting Christ than that of the apostle Paul. Truly, he was a soldier of the cross. Men sought his life even from the time of his conversion. Many perils and tribulations awaited him. He did not swerve from the truth in spite of opposition.

Obstacles could not stop him. He overcame them and went on. He finished his work. How few they are that finish the work assigned them.

The prison doors were locked to him but heaven's doors were standing ajar.

Lesson for July 2, will be: SOLOMON, A RULE WHO BEGAN WELL, 1 Kings 3:5-15.

When you read this, it will be time to order your S. S. literature for the next Quarter. Our lesson will be taken from the Old Testament.