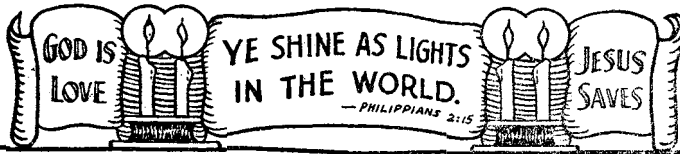


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The Sea Of Sin

Whose waters cast up mire and dirt,
Or ride its waves in peace?
Who can stem the tide of sin
Its dangers to increase.

Hidden shoals on every hand,
And cragged rocks concealed;
Untold damage they have done
Before they were revealed.

No compass used upon this sea
Can keep its boxing true;
The needle swerves by unseen power
Whatever we may do.

And then the way that seemeth right
At last in death will end—
Deceitful waters, dark as night,
This awful sea of sin.

Many strong men have gone down,
The mighty have been slain;
And harbors hoped to have been reached
Have been sought for in vain.

Turn while hope is still in sight,
Sail these wild seas no more;
But turn (for darker grows the night)
To the light-house on the shore.

—Ulysses Phillips.

Shall We, Or Shall We Not?

Shall we, the saints of the Most High, rally to the full unadulterated gospel of Christ, embracing everything He taught and practiced and thus make visible to the eyes of the world God's true Church as it was in the morning time of this gospel dispensation?

Have we been led off on some by-ways of man's? If so, will we turn our feet backward to the Bible and accept it as our only creed and thus follow Christ in the way of true holiness?

Shall we cry out in tones of anguish against the churches and creeds of men that has blurred the light and tried to cover up the church of the Living God by their own traditions and opinions? Or shall we be contented to stand by neutral and say nothing while they are opening the gate-ways of hell and receiving their multitudes?

Sectarianism will be very well satisfied with our doings so long as we do not try to rescue those of God's sheep who without sufficient light have been caught in their trap, or faithfully warn those who might be entering in to stay out. If the true Church of God is to be ever visualized to the world, false churches and false doctrines must be exposed and all human rubbish must be removed that have a tendency to obscure her light.

Shall we not drop a bomb of God's eternal truth among them with a prayer that it might be used in awakening those that are sincere of the great danger they are in of losing their souls? Even if it does bring bitter persecution upon us—David said, "Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way" Psalm 119:104.

Shall we teach and practice the three ordinances of the New Testament Church—water baptism, feet washing, and the communion supper—while other so-called churches claim them to be non-essential?

Shall we, the saints of God, adorn our bodies in modest apparel as becometh people professing holiness? or shall we put on the paraphernalia of the world—finger rings, crimping pins, and such like—trying to make ourselves look pretty by bobbing our hair, painting our faces and lips, spending the money God has given us for such frivolity? All such is an abomination in the sight of God and His true people.

Shall we manifest that spirit of equality and unity which was so evident on the day of Pentecost among the saints? Equality prompted by LOVE is the fundamental teaching and principle of Christ, and must not be overlooked in the evening church. By this, the early saints proved their love one to another.

Shall we teach and submit to true church government as taught in the scriptures and have a clean people who profess Christ and bear the vessels of the Lord?

Shall we pray for and help support God's true ministers as they go forth preaching the full gospel, and do it willingly and not as under the commandment of the old tithing system which was supplanted by the law of love—"Christ is the end of the law to all who believe in Him." Do we believe? Then if we do, we shall be willing to support the truth to the extent of our ability. Shall we pray that God will endue them with divine power, a double portion of his spirit, so that they may have courage to declare the word faithfully?

This professed Christian nation is not headed for the rocks. It has already made its landing, and the rock of worldliness and unbelief has broken and shattered its hope—and the greater part of them have gone down with the tide never to become conscious of their need until the last trumpet sounds.

Babylon has fallen beyond redemption, and while she is inhabited with the rich, the proud, and the gay, her magnificent buildings, her high steeples pointing heavenward, her fancy pews and her many members, she is paving the way to hell and making it easy for the multitudes to slip into it.

Shall we cry out against such institutions (called churches) and point the sincere ones to the Biblical Church (Church of God) His divine organization in which Christ Himself is founder and builder (Matt. 16:18)?

Christ adds today to His church (not man) as He did those who were converted on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:47). He is the only door, and true repentance is the only mode of entrance. (John 10:9.)

The writer knows if we preach and stand for these truths it will stir up Phariseical religions with their money-loving, fashion-following, pleasure-seeking desires; but it will cause God's face to shine on us, and we shall meet the smile of His approval, and for this reason I shall continue to do so until He calls, "Come up higher."
—C. F. Miller.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE CHURCH OF GOD (Continued from Feb. Issue)

Question: Who is the bride and the bridegroom?

Answer: Read John 3: 28, 29. "I am not the Christ" (John 1:20); then in John 3:28, 29 we learn who the bridegroom is: "He that hath (past and present tense) the bride is the bridegroom" or Christ and his church. We will read from Isaiah 62:2-5. I will quote the 5th verse: "For as a young man marrieth a virgin so shall thy sons marry thee, and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee."

Question: When are they married?

Answer: In connection with the last scripture above, read Rom. 7:4—"Wherefore (in consideration of the above scripture) my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ, that

ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God" (spiritual legitimate children in this life); again, according to Heb. 12:7, 8, if we are not married to him, then our spiritual posterity "are bastards and not sons."

Question: What are the walls of this church or city?

Answer: Isaiah 26:1—"Salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks." Isaiah 60:18—"Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders: but thou shalt call thy walls salvation and thy gates praise."

Question: Who records the names?

Answer: Luke 10:20—"Rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you, but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven"; and as God takes the members in (see 1 Cor. 12:18) he evidently writes them down; for he blots them out that sins (Exodus 32:33). Names are written in the book of life (Phil. 4:3).

Question: What is the name?

Answer: Church of God. Some one says "It is the church of God, and how can he name it after himself? Well, he did do it, and all the apostles sanctioned the name. Now we shall prove this by his own words: "Holy Father, keep through (Greek in) thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they all may be one, as we are one" (John 17: 20-23; "I have kept them in thy name" (11th verse) which had been predicted by Isaiah 62:2—"And thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name." Here the church was named by the mouth of the Lord. This is in connection with Eph. 3:15, correctly rendered from the Greek reads thus: "From whom the whole family in the heavens and on earth is named." So we see the name was given by the mouth of the Lord, and was derived from God, his Father. The apostles respected the prayer of Jesus, and kept the church in his name, as we shall prove by the following scriptures: "Feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28); "The church of God which is at Corinth" (1 Cor. 1:2, also 2 Cor. 1:1); "Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God" (1 Cor. 10:32); "We have no such custom, neither the churches of God" (1 Cor. 11:16); "Despise ye the church of God?" (1 Cor. 11:22); "I persecuted the church of God and wasted it" (Gal. 1:13); "For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God" (1 Thess. 2:14); "We ourselves glory in you in the churches of God" (2 Thess. 1:4); "If a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?" (1 Tim. 3:5); "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth"

(1 Tim. 3:15). Where he speaks of churches, means different localities, while church means universal. Why should it be thought a thing incredible for God to name or call the church after himself? He is God, and yet "the God of the whole earth shall he be called" (Isaiah 54:5). Saints are saints, yet called saints. (Gr.) (1 Cor. 1:2); so "we will walk in the name of the Lord our God" (Micah 4:5).

Question: What is the test of fellowship?

Answer: "God is faithful by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment" (1 Cor. 1:9, 10). "If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another" (1 John 1:7); Fellowship is of the Spirit. (See Phil 2:1). Now I will quote from Bro. Warner's tract, The Church of God, page 25: "Fellowship exists where heart purity exists, it is the conscience blending of hearts filled with the same Holy Spirit. One may have been led into all truth, the other not; this does not interrupt fellowship; nevertheless, it is the duty of such who 'know the truth' in meekness to instruct others who do not. Ignorance of some truth does not destroy fellowship, but resisting the truth does, because it forfeits salvation. We must not sanction people's errors; but, if saved, show our love and fellowship to them so long as they do not get the evidence that their wrong doctrines have become willful. To ignore fellowship because of some doctrinal error is bigotry. To agree to disagree, or put on equality truth and error, is babel confusion. To know the truth is our privilege, to teach it our duty; but to have fellowship with the pure and upright of heart is an involuntary and spontaneous fact. Sects are the result of carnality, nothing but perfect holiness of heart destroys carnality; and thus removes both sectism and its cause, amen."

Brethren, the fire of God's love saves the soul, harmonizes all hearts that receive it, leads them into perfect and uniform obedience to all truth, and drives afar all who refuse to pass through its purging fire, and gain the plane of holy fellowship. The chief object of God's ministry is to perfect the saints "till we all come in the unity of the faith" ("once delivered unto the saints" Jude 3) Eph. 4:12, 13. The comforter guides into all truth, sanctifies wholly. God wants a sanctified church—more fathers and mothers to care for the babes as they are born into the church. "The pure in heart have perfect fellowship even though all previously educated errors have not as yet disappeared; therefore, if all saints live up to all the light they have and manifest a desire for more light, there will be no real cause of division but sin." (The last and the following sentences are

Bro. Warner's.) "On the plane of bible holiness, no outward observances are made a test, for holy men judge not from appearances, but 'judge righteous judgment'; but if we all walk in all the light God gives us through his word, sanctified wholly soul and body, then we will not want to do or wear things that pertains to the world or is an offence to the brethren. But if we persist in doing and wearing or practicing those things, it may be because we want to, more than because we see no wrong in so doing."

In conclusion, here is a summary or quintessence or extract of the doctrine of the **church of God**: It is God's; He is the founder, foundation; He built it; He is the head, door, organizer; He named it, takes in members, blots out sinners, sets each member in his place; He does all the appointing (Isa. 44:7); all are on an equality, no one above another; it is composed of saved only (1 Jno. 3:8, 10), from every nation on earth and in Heaven. —G. E. Harmon.

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KEEP THE VICTORY
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The other day I received a letter from a lady in the east asking me to tell her how she might get an experience like Bro. B—. I answered that the Lord dealt with each individual according to their spiritual standing. We know of no one who was thrown to the ground like Paul. He heard the Lord speak and saw a bright light which blinded him, but from that time on Paul was a changed man. When we get to the place where we see our lost condition and sincerely ask the Lord to forgive us, turn from every known sin, make wrongs right as much as possible, and earnestly wait on the Lord, He will certainly give us the witness that we are His. Then the inbred nature, envy, jealousy, etc, will cause us trouble and we must hold on to God for entire cleansing. The carnal nature must be crucified before the Lord can have perfect control, so the abundant fruit of the Spirit can be produced (Luke 6: 45). Some of the sect preachers may be able to give advice, but it is always safer to study the word, and depend on the Lord only for guidance. The 2,000 different sects all branched off from the word of God; so eliminate all middle-men and go directly to God. He that cometh to him, He will in no wise cast out. God is love. Jesus paid the price for our redemption—for pardon, sanctifying, healing, and being strengthened in temptation to overcome. We never get to the place where we are not tempted; but like Jesus, we must say, "Get thee behind me, Satan." We are to "resist the devil and he will flee." Read the promise given to overcomers in Rev. 3. It is easy to float down stream, but it will stimulate spiritual growth to exercise faith to overcome evil with good. Yes, we must have victory over devil-power all the time. By praying all the time without ceasing it is possible to have the victory all the time.

Yours in the Lord's harvest field. M. P. Sass.

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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

Sunday, February the 11th was a great day in Zion here at Guthrie. It was the day set apart for fasting and praying for the sick and for the salvation of souls. Saints came in from Ripley and Hennessey and some came from other places to enter into the fast and praying for the sick. The writer had been sick with the Flu and when Sunday morning came was not really able to go to meeting, but felt burdened and pressed that I should go. I went in the name of Jesus, and before having prayer asked the saints to pray for me. While we knelt in prayer, the Lord touched my body and healed me, then gave me a message on divine healing, anointed with fresh oil and our hearts did rejoice and magnify the Lord. In the afternoon we all met together and continued in prayer for the sick. There were over one hundred and fifty requests which had been sent in for prayer on this day. Part of the congregation from here was in a revival meeting at Shawnee, Okla. so we sent fifty or more of the requests down there. They met together at the same time and we all were in agreement that God would heal these dear ones who were afflicted. We are expecting to hear of results from this day's praying with supplications.

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I have been thinking lately of people who call themselves "Fundamentalists" and talk about much of the teaching of Christ and the apostles as "non-essentials." It is hard for me to understand how that any intelligent person who really loves the Lord could speak in this way. I can see how some scriptures would be, or might be termed fundamental in connection with getting saved, for it is true that one needs to understand but very little of the word of God to get saved; but in order to hold that experience, one will have to learn and practice all the word of God, and by doing this it would be important truth and none to be slightly thought of and passed up as non-essentials. "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matt. 4:4.

It is amazing how some will wrest the scriptures from their proper meaning in order to justify themselves in fulfilling some lust of the flesh or pride of life. For instance, take the man who uses tobacco and wants to be fellowshipped as a Christian: he will refer to the seventh chapter of Mark and say, "It is not what goes in a man and is carried out that defileth a man but that which cometh out of a man." He seems to forget that the poison nicotine fills his body and makes it smell and runs out of his mouth and is spit around making other things filthy. How filthy the stuff looks spit out on God's white snow. "Oh," he says, "Tobacco is not mentioned once in the Bible." There is a good reason why it was not mentioned, for they had no tobacco at that time. Had it

been grown and used then as it is today, Jesus, no doubt, would have said, "Woe unto you filthy tobacco users, for you make yourselves unfit to associate with cleansed saints, therefore become unfit for the Kingdom of God." Paul, no doubt, would have said in some of his writings, "Thou shalt not use tobacco in any form for it will defile the temple of God whose temple ye are." "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are" 1 Cor. 3:17. He tells us in the seventh chapter of 2 Cor., first verse, "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and Spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

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Some want to put on adornments, wear gold, and superfluity of clothing to be like the world and keep from bearing any reproach for Christ. When the teaching of the Bible goes forth on these lines they will speak of it as non-essentials and many times will remark, "I will not be brought under bondage about those things." In reality they show themselves to be under bondage to their fleshly desires and pride and the world by having those things, because when we are dead to the world the desire for those things is gone and we are free from what the world might say or think, and free in spirit as God's approval is upon us in a very precious manner. The more one dies to the world and lives like the Bible teaches, the greater freedom he has. This is heavenly freedom, the other way is worldly freedom. We might illustrate it this way. Just recently a "Russellite or Ruthfordite" woman was trying to give a booklet away. She said, "If you read this and believe it you will have peace." A sister who heard her make this remark said, "You can only find peace in Jesus." She said, "I know I found peace when I read this book." She probably did find peace, but it was not the peace that Jesus gives. When they teach her that there is no real place of eternal torment and she believed it, she would have a certain kind of peace because she believed a lie and the Spirit of God would have very little chance to convict her that she needed a Saviour to keep her out of that eternal burning. Just so, those who fix up like the world will not be scoffed at or looked upon as old foggies or ones out of style and the world will love them and praise them and they will feel quite free among religious worldly minded folks, but they would feel much out of place in their worldly attire among the plain simple dressed people of God. To look at it from their standard of righteousness, they would consider it bondage to cease wearing their worldly stylish clothing, ceasing to conform to the worldly customs around them and to become simple and plain like the children of God.

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A great many teachers of the Bible today will come out strongly against the big sins and flagrant

ecclesiastical trickery and corruption practiced in human religious movements which have gone so far that it is practically a waste of time to work on them, but will pass up what they call the "little things," which by being fostered and loved have given birth to the great sins that are in so much evidence.

Many folks will transgress God's word in doing what they call "little things" or "no-harm things" and think within their heart that God is too merciful to hold us to this little thing. **They presume upon God's mercy** and every time they do that they will sear their consciences just that much, and soon will excuse themselves in **violating** more of the teaching of the sacred scriptures.

The Psalmist David said, "Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent of the great transgression." Psa. 19:13. Brethren, if we keep the little "Foxes" out, it will be impossible for the devouring wolves and vultures to come in.

The scripture found in the 12th chapter of Rom., second verse, where it says, "Be not conformed to this world" is sufficient teaching to keep a cleansed soul made tender by his love, free from conforming to the fashions, the fads, the putting on of apparel and all kinds of revelry. His Spirit will cause them to abstain from fleshly lusts; such as, adultery, using tobacco, and all other vulgar and unclean habits; and by so doing they will be ready to put on a glorified body when He comes. One Bible definition for "Pure Religion" is to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. (James 1:27.)

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During the fall and winter I have been encouraged by the Lord to make an evangelistic trip and have been holding the matter before the Lord as to when to go and who should go with us. For some time it seemed that it would be impossible for us to leave the office work, but the Lord has graciously supplied efficient help and made arrangements otherwise, and it seems now that the evangelistic effort is assured unless the Lord should definitely lead otherwise.

We have been corresponding with Bro. and Sis. Key of Hammond, La. and they feel that the Lord has made it clear for them to accompany us on the tour. There will be four of us in the company, my daughter Frances making the fourth. As near as we know the mind of the Lord at this present time, we will be leaving Guthrie the fore part of April—perhaps the 4th day of April. We expect to stop with the saints in Springfield, Mo. and have some services there. Bro. R. M. Porter is pastor there and we shall be glad to meet with the dear saints at that place. From there, our course will be through Illinois with some stops with saints in that state, and on to Chi-

cago where we expect to hold meeting, and will be in Indiana and Ohio before returning back to the "Lord's Print Shop."

This evangelistic trip is launched by faith in God for all of our needs. In all of our evangelistic work we have never taken up offerings nor hinted to folks about our needs and the Lord has graciously supplied so we could keep going on with the gospel work, and we are expecting Him to do the same again. We shall take a large supply of papers, tracts, booklets, and books along to use in the work to give freely to all who want them. We ask the saints to pray for us and the work He has called us to do. When we are on this evangelistic trip preaching the gospel and handing out papers and tracts, the printing will be going on at the office and literature continually going out from there. It will be like doing double duty for the Lord.

We mean to be at our very best for Him while he keeps life in this body, and spend and be spent in behalf of precious souls whom Christ died to save. Those living any where near the route I have outlined who want us to stop for an encouraging visit or a few cottage services or a meeting may write to us and we can make arrangements, if possible, to come to your place. We want to do all the good we can and encourage every one possible while we are out on this tour. May God bless all of our readers.

Your servant, Fred Pruitt.

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OBITUARIES

Fred Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Link Smith, was born July 26, 1903, departed this life Jan. 26, 1940, at the age of 36 years, and 6 months.

He had been afflicted since he was about nine years of age. Everything was done for him that human hands could do.

He leaves to mourn his departure his father and mother, four sisters and one brother.

He professed his faith in Christ about three weeks ago. He said that he felt something was coming on him and he wanted to get ready to go. He prayed in family worship. The greatest consolation of our hearts is to know he was saved.

Funeral services were conducted in the Corry church on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 27, 1940 by John W. Wilson of Greenfield, Mo. He used part of Job 24:22 as his text: "And no man is sure of life."

He was laid to rest in the Corry Cemetery.

Roda Jane Russell was born in Webster County Mo. Dec. 18, 1862, died Feb. 3, 1940, age 77 years, 1 month, and 15 days. She leaves her husband, several nieces and nephews, and many friends. Sis. Russell was a great sufferer while she was afflicted for some years before her death.

Funeral services conducted by Bro. Strech.

Text: 1 John 1:2—"the Life was manifested and we have seen it."

She did not leave us empty handed,
For her life the story told:
Jesus came from Heaven's portals
Once to earth to save the soul.
Now she's there with Him in Glory,
All her work on earth is done;
But her works are following after
Bidding all of us to come.

Mr. Alex Huffman was born in Collin County, Texas Sept. 24, 1864. In later years moved to Gainesville, Texas and was united in marriage to Sarah Jane Foster, to whom two children were born.

Bro. Huffman was saved twenty-six years and kept the faith until death. He departed this life Jan. 19th, 1940 at 10:25 p. m.

He leaves his wife, a son, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and three brothers to mourn his departure, besides many friends and other relatives.

Funeral service by Bro. Manly Spears. Text: Rev. 2:10.

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Metal Tags For Autos

Put a Metal Tag on your auto and advertise the Mission of Jesus to this world. These tags are 3½ inches wide and ten inches long. They have raised white letters on them with a blue back-ground. We have two designs: one with these words on it, "Christ died for our sins," and the other has, "Christ came to Save Sinners." These "Metal Tags" are 25 cents each Post Paid to you. Order one or two to day.

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A Man Sentenced To Be Hung

On December 10th, 1913 I went to a jail to visit a young man with a very bad reputation, named Henry Spencer. When I arrived, the sheriff went up to Spencer's cell and said to him: "There is a lady here from Wheaton who wants to speak to you. Will you treat her right and not abuse her?" Spencer replied, "All right, send her up."

The sheriff then took me upstairs and introduced me to Spencer. I took a chair and sat down outside his cell. I wish I could describe to you what I saw—a man beaten, driven, haunted by the devil. If ever there was a man who looked as if he needed God's love, it was this poor, condemned man.

I began by saying, "You may wonder why I came to see you. I came because I had to come. I am a mother of three boys and when I think of all the love I bestow upon them and the care and guidance they receive, and then read in the newspapers that you have never known what it is to have a mother's love

or a father's care, I felt that you had been denied the greatest blessing that any one can be denied, and that is a mother's love and care. I came because I know that for you to get the name 'a man without a soul' must have meant a hopeless and desperate life. I came because I knew that your heart must be bleeding, torn, hungry, and broken. Is not this so?" Spencer replied, "Yes, it is."

I then continued, "You have missed a mother's love, but I have come to tell you about a love that far exceeds a mother's love and if you will listen to what I have to tell you, and accept what I am going to offer you, you can be the happiest man in Wheaton, even though you are in jail and have but nine days to live." Spencer was interested. He gave his attention to the message while I told him the way to salvation, asking the Holy Spirit every moment to guide me that I would not make one mistake. I did not have to tell him he was a sinner; he knew that already. I told him about the prodigal son and the thief on the cross and how Christ saved that thief. Spencer made the remark that he had never heard of any one having a kind word for a thief.

After fully explaining to him the way of life, and feeling that I had made the plan of salvation as plain as I could, I told him that I was going to ask him to do the hardest thing a man could be asked to do. I said, "You have always loved to do hard things, so I am told. You have been a staunch soldier for the devil. You have been fearless in his service. Now I am going to ask you to do this—to give your heart, with all its ambitions, its sins, its hatred and wilfulness, over to God, and ask Him to take you as you are, and to cleanse you from all your sins. I want you to promise that from now on you will live for Him and serve Him as fearlessly as you have the devil. Will you do that, Spencer?" He answered, "I will." I then said, "Shall we pray?" He said, "Yes."

We knelt down, he in his cell, and I on the outside. I offered a prayer to God, and after that I asked him to follow me in simple prayer, which he did. After that prayer was finished, he said, "While you were saying that prayer, all I could say to God was 'God, help a crook like me, as You helped the thief on the cross.' I felt forty pounds lighter after I had offered that prayer."

I then said, "Now, Spencer, you are a child of God, and I am going to show you by what authority I dare say this to you." I took from my muff a New Testament and asked him if he would like to see in print just what I had been telling him. He said very eagerly, "Oh, yes, I would. Have you got it? Can you show it to me?" I said, "Yes," and opening my Testament, read John 3:16, he said, "Oh, I have seen that passage on a 'sign' some place. Let me read it for myself."

I handed him the Testament and as he read it, I told him to make the promise of the verse his own.

Before leaving him, I said to him, "I am going to give you this Testament. I want you to read the Gospel of John, especially." I said, "May I come again to speak to you?" He said, "Yes, please do, come tomorrow; come about the same hour."

I went to the jail the next day rather anxious to know how I would find Spencer. But as I came up to his cell he greeted me with these words: "Good morning, I am twenty-four hours old." I said, "What do you mean?" He said, "I read in the third chapter of John about the new birth, about Nicodemus coming to Christ. I was born again yesterday morning. Until then I had been dead; now I am alive, and am twenty-four hours old." I said, "You surely are, Spencer, thank God for it."

Then he said, "Oh, Mrs. Evans, I have tried so hard to memorize John 3:16, and at last I have got it." And with the joy of a little child, he handed me the Testament for fear that I would not know whether he quoted it right or not, and said, "Here is the Testament. You see if I am repeating it right." He quoted John 3:16 hesitatingly, but joyously and correctly.

It was really wonderful to note from day to day the marvelous growth in grace this man made and his literally devouring passion for the study of the Bible.

Spencer had given up smoking because he did not think it consistent with his Christian life.

On December 18, 1913, Henry Spencer was granted a reprieve until January 16, 1914. Another stay was granted until July 1, 1914. It was really amazing to hear him talk about his departure the day preceding December 19th—the day set for his execution, also between those days and January 16, 1914, the day set a second time for his hanging. Strange to say he seemed keenly disappointed when he was informed of these reprieves. His lot in the world had been so hard and his life so void of happiness that this world seemed to hold nothing worth while for him; whereas the new found faith that had become his during the past few weeks had brought such peace to him that but one thought possessed him, and that was to leave this world and enter into the future life of blessedness, which he believed he would do.

Spencer was never so happy as when he was near the date of his hanging. If there was ever the slightest shadow of disappointment on his face it was when he got his reprieves. When I used to ask him, "Do you really mean to say that you are anxious to go and leave this world?" He would say, "Yes, mother, this life is nothing to me. It has meant nothing but sin and shame. I never had a friend nor any one to take an interest in me or to say a kind word to me until you came to this prison to talk to me."

Those who witnessed the execution will never forget the scene nor will they ever forget the look on

the face of the condemned man and the expression of confidence, hope, and joy, which was born of faith in Christ.

Thus ends the story of the wonderful conversion of a great sinner. And there are thousands like him in and out of prison who could be saved and made useful citizens if only they had a real chance in life to make good, and if in their sin and desperation some Christian man or woman would take to them the Gospel of the loving and powerful Son of God, who came into the world to save such "Chief of Sinners." Are we His followers? "As the Father hath sent me, so have I sent you." He said, "I was in prison and ye came unto me." "Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least (and shall we say, most unworthy) of these, ye did it unto me."

The above reading is a selected portion of an article sent in to us. The subject, Henry Spencer was arrested in Chicago in 1913 for murder and was sentenced to hang on Dec. 19th, 1913. We should do all we can to get the gospel to such as he. (Ed.)

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London Prison Farm, London, Ohio—Dear Sirs: I am in receipt of ten copies of the Gospel According to St. John through the kindness of your concern. I wish to thank you for these books and to say that they are the type that I can use to particularly good advantage among the few men of our institution whom I find in solitary confinement. They are deprived of other reading matter and I find them glad to read scripture which they would otherwise neglect.

Thanking you again, I am very sincerely yours,
Curtis E. Shields, Chaplain.

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NOTICE TO CONSECRATED SAINTS

In January we printed 2500 "Gospels according to St. John," which we have been giving to the poor and sending to the different prisons in the United States, but the supply is almost exhausted. Some of the Chaplains of the prisons write me that they appreciate these Gospels, and have special need of them for certain prisoners. The funds used in printing the 2500 Gospels was supplied by some of God's dear consecrated children whom the Lord loved and used to function in the Body for this needed service. We are burdened to get some more of these Gospels printed so we can keep supplying the needs of these poor fellow-beings who are shut up in jails and dark cells through the trickery and deceitfulness of Satan. Since we have the type set up and are in a position to print them with less time and labor than before, we will print these gospels for \$30.00 per thousand and circulate them out to the needed places. Or if you want them printed for your own use, you may have them at this price by paying the transportation charges. This is a fine opportunity to do some real

missionary work for God. We exhort the saints to do all they can to get these gospels to the poor and needy everywhere. If we have given up all to follow the Lord, let us prove it by our works; yield to His righteousness in your soul and help your needy, unfortunate fellowmen by sending them the Gospel of St. John. We are anxious to print these gospels and send them to preach to those in prison, bringing them the glad news of the Kingdom. How many will send thirty dollars each to have a thousand Gospels of St. John printed?

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EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE AT GUTHRIE

The Saints at Guthrie will hold all day service on Easter Sunday, March 24, 1940. We expect to observe the ordinances of Feet Washing and the Lord's Supper. There will also be Baptismal services for those who want to follow the Lord in water baptism.

We invite the saints from different congregations around to spend Easter Sunday with the children of God at Guthrie, and enjoy the blessings of God with us. We extend a hearty welcome to all to attend these Easter Sunday services. Dinner will be served on the grounds for all who come.

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Go Work In My Vineyard

Why stand ye here idle the whole day through?
The Master is earnestly calling for you:
"Go work in my vineyard while yet it is day,
And then in the evening I'll abundantly pay."
"My sheep are scattered," the Good Shepherd cried,
"For want of your help they have suffered and died.
Go gather them in from the mountain so cold,
Bring them back to the Shepherd, safe back to the fold.

"Many would be my sheep who are still out in sin.
Cry aloud till they hear and their confidence win.
Be patient, have charity, be gentle and kind.

They're reading your life, let it shine, let it shine!
In Babylon they wander, they're hungry and cold,
Their pasture is barren, they have troubles untold,
They have hirelings for shepherds, the wolf's in the fold,
They feed off the flock that is starving and cold.

"Lead them into the fold where you shelter and feed,
Tell them there's enough to supply every need.
The Shepherd keeps watch, no hireling is there,
He trusts not His sheep to their indolent care.
False shepherds are found almost anywhere.
Their wages are high and how sumptuous they fare!
The sheep go wandering without counsel or care,
The world is their pasture, their end is despair."

—Sister Rebecca Basicker

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

Stir Me, Oh Lord!

Stir me, O Lord, as Thou wast stirred,
Beholding man's deep need;
Stir me, for some have not yet heard
Of Thee, nor grace received.

Stir me, O Lord, by sense of need,
And by Thy Spirit's pow'r;
Stir me, help me to intercede
For dying souls each hour.

Stir me, O Lord, to love, to care
For lives sin-torn and maimed;
Stir me to give, and with them share
The freedom faith has claimed.

Stir me, O Lord, to yield to Thee
My life, by grace redeemed.
Stir me, till ruined souls I see
By Calv'ry's pow'r transformed.

Stir me, O Lord, my soul inflame,
Thyself my life possess;
Stir me, give pow'r to speak Thy name
To those in deep distress.

Stir me, O Lord; may heart and mind
Be overcome with love;
Stir me, that I life's joy may find
In pointing souls above.
—Ezra S. Gerig.

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EDITORIALS

In order to counteract the power and influence of carelessness, indifference, and eventually falling from grace, young saints should heed the exhortation of the apostle Peter, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" 2 Pet. 3:18. Growing in grace will surely stop any deterioration. Growth is a natural result of meeting certain conditions. Feeding on and practicing the Word of God through the inspiration of the Spirit will produce growth. Peter also says: "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Pet. 1:5-8. When these

graces fail to be added, a subtraction results.

This is an age when young saints cannot get spiritual encouragement from conditions and circumstances about them. They must be able to see "unseen things" by an eye of faith to receive spiritual fortitude amid a world of materialism and skepticism. It is a time when Jesus' prayer for His people be answered that "they be kept from the evil."

If there ever was a time when people needed the Holy Spirit, it is now. He has promised to be our Comforter, guide us into the truth, and make us able to stand. This is the need of today when so many spiritual storms are sweeping the world that would endeavor to force us from the "strait and narrow way."

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The writer has been sick with the influenza, but in answer to prayer the Lord has healed us and we are up again. Thank the Lord. Healing is one of the signs that Jesus said would follow those that believe. He is still the same Great Physician.

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Sister Anna Fetters of Neosho, Mo. and a number of the young saints from Guthrie have been helping in a revival meeting at Shawnee, Okla. Several were saved, it was reported.

—L. D. P.

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LIFE

What is more mysterious than life? We have no promise of life, only at the present time, for we may have our plans for tomorrow or next week, but how soon death can overtake us and then our plans and hopes be changed. Today we live but tomorrow we may die. How uncertain is life.

Life is as a vapor that lingereth a little while and then is gone. We all have a short period in which to live, whether we use our life to an advantage of others, to help or cheer a weary soul, and by our presence in the world make it better, or be a hinderance to others and cast away our privilege of doing good and helping others.

You may plan in the near future to be a great man or woman, but along comes sickness or accidents that will blight or change your future altogether. We don't know when the brittle thread of life will break, and our life in this world be ended. If we have neglected to speak a cheering word, or to visit the sick, we had better do it now, for some day these words will be spoken too late, for after the people are gone, we cannot recall them. Give the persons around you the roses while they live; or in other words, speak kindly to them and give them a smile or a

lending hand before they are gone, for then it will be no use to say kind words about them, for they are gone, and you won't have any more chances to speak with them.

Life is given to us for a purpose. If we fulfill this purpose, all is well. Some may ask, "What is the cause or purpose I am to fulfill?" God created us in His likeness and put us here to glorify Him and acknowledge Him before others. How good it is when we fulfill our purpose in life, for we know that if we were killed instantly or death overtake us, we would be ready to go, and have no fear of death, for we know death is just the entrance into a better home, which is called heaven, where our Saviour will say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter into the joys of thy Lord."

—Ruby Doolittle.

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Miami, Fla.—Dear Ones in Christ, Greetings in His precious Name: An article by Bro. L. D. Pruitt caught my attention expressly, concerning young saints. The spirit of Christ was surely manifested by him in extending to us young saints the privilege to contact and encourage each other. I'm sure the dear young people would be doing God service in uplifting others, especially us who are isolated.

As being the body of Christ and members in particular, yea, lively stones we are built up a spiritual house, let us show our love and appreciation to each other and our good works to the world that we are stones with life. Paul says, "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God which is in you . . . for God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and love" 2 Tim. 1:6, 7.

The young saints mean so much to me here as I am doing what I can for the dear Lord. I started a cottage prayer meeting with the help of the Lord. Oh, it's a blessed life to follow Jesus. Possibly you don't know what it is, to be isolated from those who love the truth. Therefore, I will look forward to your testimony. Pray for me.

Yours in the Master's joyful service,

Edwin Brown.

Our Inheritance

"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light" (Col. 1:12). In this text we see how we should honor our heavenly Father, who has saved us through Christ, made us new creatures, that we might be fit to have part in the inheritance, much of which we will not have space to write of here. But in this new creation or new birth, our Father has transmitted to us certain characteristics of himself so we are known by our family resemblance. In

speaking of some boy or man, have you not heard it said? "He looks just like his father," or "He acts just like his father." In this natural life not every child so closely resembles its parents but in this spiritual life we must bear the image of our heavenly Father. Read 1 Cor. 15:49; Eph. 4:20-24, and Exod. 34:6. For He is righteous, holy, merciful, gracious, long-suffering, good, true, faithful, loving, and kind. See Psa. 36:5 and John 3:16. And his love has provided these graces for all of his children, and when you find one who has them you have found a Christian who has joy and peace in his soul, because Christ possessed all of these graces and manifested them in his life—"Who also left us an example that we should follow his steps who did no sin neither was guile found in his mouth" (1 Pet. 21, 22).

Many people say they are Christians who do not possess these graces in their hearts and lives. Now, when this occurs, there is one of two things wrong with them: they are either deceived or they are hypocrites, and are not born of the Spirit of God. "For the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Gal. 5:22, 23).

Our heart is burdened for the souls of our fellowmen. We do not want men and women to go to the judgment thinking they will be safe when the Word of God says, "If ye die in your sins whither I go ye cannot come." Read John 8:21-24. It is my duty as a minister to warn all to be ready and to have every sin under the blood of Christ by faith and obedience to the word. For we shall all appear before the judgment seat of Christ to give an account of ourselves to God. And only those sins which have been confessed to God here and forsaken will be forgiven and blotted out by faith in the atoning blood of Jesus. (1 John 1:9.) Any sin that is not repented of and forsaken will meet you at the judgment and bar you out of heaven, but when they are all gone praise God! He will give us those sweet graces of the Spirit of God which will yield their fruits in our lives and we will be the happy people that He planned for us to be. This is a part of our inheritance which we receive in this life and it is only a foretaste of our eternal inheritance reserved in heaven. (1 Pet. 1:3-5.)

—Ray Ke

CORRESPONDENCE

Dayton, Ohio—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt and all saints in Jesus name: I am saved and want to make a testimony for our Lord.

I have not been saved very long, but much has happened to make me seek our Lord. Almost three months ago my baby was in the hospital. He has been there since birth all excepting four days. He first had trouble with his kidneys, and he was terribly bloated from it. He also had trouble with his blood drying up and he took several blood transfusions.

sions. The nurse said he could not live. Although I was not saved at the time I told her I believed in prayer. Even though our baby was in a Catholic hospital and probably she was a Catholic she admitted prayer was all that would save him.

About a half an hour after that he turned black in the face and stopped breathing. She told me to watch him. He would soon be gone. I found out later his fever was a hundred and eight. She even thought there was no need in feeding him. But she changed her mind and fed him. We had him anointed and prayed for and the Lord healed him. So many have noticed how pert he is.

My wife had a bad case of athlete's foot. She had it for two years. She went to doctors, but it didn't do any good. So she was anointed and prayed for. Within a week she was healed.

I have been ruptured all my life. A few weeks ago I was anointed and prayed for and now I am healed. The Lord has been wonderful to us.

Dear saints, pray for my father and his family. My sisters say one oath after another. He teases them to make them do it. Pray for me that I will do His will. Yours in Christ.

—Raymond Milby.

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Columbus, Ohio—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt and all other Saints: I was saved in the woods, and got in the Nazarene church thru a friend. I surely have been in captivity and bondage. I feel so good since I have been free, I am trying to tell it to the world. Those places surely are soul-deceiving stations. I have wondered ever since I have been saved why our church wasn't built on the apostles' doctrine. I asked one of the women about it and she said the world had changed so we couldn't use that doctrine, but I never found where God changed it. I asked them about John 13, and they said that was an old Jewish custom. I began to see that they took out what they wanted to. I saw we were away from God and prayed so hard for a revival that would get us back to God. It kept getting worse. This summer they had a revival, but it was conducted according to human plans rather than the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I quit going, told the Lord: "Suppose I live to be eighty years old and have to go thru this rigamarole of religion, I can't make it. It is so contrary to the blessed old book." I have always known whom the beast in Rev. 13 represents. Now I wondered who the image is. Just then a voice spoke to me: "What is an image?" I hesitated then said, "It is something like the real thing." So I found out by revelation from God that I was belonging to two churches and under the law part way—especially tithing. I found out those churches make up spiritual Babylon, and God said, "Come out of her my people." I did hurry out and denounced the thing publicly. I have been fanning old Babylon ever since. I thought the place would

catch fire if I didn't get going. I could write a book about it, I am so happy. I got acquainted with you thru an old-time church of God man, Bro. Miller. I sent twenty names of people in the church who I thought would be interested, and then I prayed for you to put something in about old Babylon and you did. Some of the people I talked to wondered if I wrote the article. God answers prayer. You are an encouragement to me, to think there are some more people who believe in one church and the old paths.

They say in the church that I have hellish religion. Of course, I know better and love them all and hope more will come out. There are about six who have come out. It split the church. Some went one direction and some another, but I believe the remnant will return. I know old Babylon is crippled. Keep fanning her, for the people are discouraged in her and they are sick of her doings. We will never know what those twenty subscriptions have done until eternity. May the dear Lord bless you in all your efforts.

Love to all,

Mrs Florence Fredrick.

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Corpus Christi, Texas—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the dear saints, Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: I received the copy of the **Faith and Victory** which you sent, and was surely glad to get it. I read all the articles and testimonies and poems with much interest and praised the Lord for them all. I am so glad to hear the good reports of victory from so many different saints in different places. I feel sure the Lord will find a few faithful ones when he comes for his Bride. God has never left himself without faithful witnesses. I have it fixed and settled in my heart to be true and faithful to our blessed loving Saviour to the end whatever the cost may be. And I mean to warn men and women against sin and its awful consequence as long as the Lord gives me breath, and I also mean to testify of his goodness to me in that he saved me from sin and took away all desire for the things of this old world, and put within me a principle that draws me heavenward so that my affections are all set on God and heavenly things. I am having the best time of all my life because of the close walk I have with my blessed Lord. How truly it has been spoken thru God's holy word: "The path of the just is as a shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. May God bless all of his dear saints and give all of us grace and courage to stand true to our God-given convictions.

Your saved and sanctified brother who loves God and all of his dear saints, Geo. W. Stephenson.

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Sapulpa, Okla.—To the Dear Saints of God: This finds me saved and determined to make heaven my home. If there were no heaven to gain, for my part I would rather live a sainted life. This old world is full of heartaches and sorrows. Dear ones, the

last time I gave God up I was miserable. I tried to find rest and peace, but all in vain. I find there is nothing in this old world to turn back to. The old devil only gets you into more trouble every day you live, and he never helps you out. But God in his tender mercy cares if we will only be willing to meet conditions. He is willing to forgive our sins.

We have had much sickness here in our home this winter. My health hadn't been what I wanted it to be. Part of the time a few months ago I would have to stay in bed and let the children do the duties in our home. Today my heart is made happy because God has healed my body. I feel stronger than I have for years. My youngest girl has a sore ear. It has been sore for quite awhile. All who know the worth of prayer, be agreed that God will heal her ear. Our whole trust is in Him who doeth all things well.

I want to thank each of the dear ones who gave an offering during the Guthrie Assembly Meeting and each one who has helped us financially. May God bless each one.

God knows our needs even before we ask Him.
Your saved sister, Floy Woolery.

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Loredo, Texas—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt, and all the Dear Saints Scattered Abroad, Greeting in the dear name of Jesus: I was led by the Spirit to write you just a few lines to let you know I am in that number John saw. I am saved and washed in the blood of Jesus. I have been saved and sanctified more than twenty years and I am asking the prayers of the dear saints that I may be all the dear Lord will have me to be. I received this little **Faith and Victory** paper through Sis. Dorcas Shoemaker. I think it is wonderful. Now my subscription is about out and I am sending twenty-five cents to renew it.

I am sending in a request for prayer for my little grandson who is possessed of devils. He is only nine years old. Your sister, Julia Walker.

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South Haven, Okla.—To All the Saints, Greeting: I felt very much impressed to write my testimony, as the dear Lord has blessed me so wonderfully in soul and body. I am still saved and sanctified and encouraged to follow the Lord all the way. I have learned that keeping encouraged means so much to me. I feel so encouraged since I have learned the wondrous secret of abiding in the Lord. I mean to let my light shine in my home and wherever I go, that His name might be glorified. He wonderfully saved my soul and I witnessed great joy and peace; then when I became willing to give up old self, and to suffer, and to be talked about and mistreated, tried, and tested He sanctified my soul. I had an amen in my soul to all the will of God, and promised him that I would do anything that he told me to do. It means

much to be sanctified. I claimed sanctification once before but I can see so clearly now that I never was before. One is not sanctified just because he says so.

Since I am over in Canaan land, I can witness with the song: "Oh second grace, I find it sweet; God's holy will is now complete. The Father, Son, and Spirit reign, All inward foes are surely slain." Praise His dear name! I mean, by His grace, to live on and on for the Lord. I love to trust and obey Him. It means strength to my soul and body.

I desire the prayers of all the saints. Please remember me that the desire of my heart be granted.
Yours in the One Body, Carry Woods.

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Salvation Is Of The Lord

"Salvation belongeth unto the Lord" *Psa. 3:8*. Salvation is redemption of man from sin and from liability to eternal death. Praise God for his salvation that will free man from sin and eternal death, which is pronounced upon man for disobedience. The word tells us that salvation is of the Lord. If we desire salvation, we will have to ask God for it. Jesus said he was the door and that we must come in by him. "Whosoever will, let him come." Man cannot open the door of salvation, but we must come by way of the cross. The word tells us to repent of our sins and to be baptized. The sects open the door of **their** church to let joiners in, but not so with the **Church of God**, of which all who have salvation are members. We come confessing our sins, asking God's forgiveness, and by his help quit sin of every kind. The people of God enjoy serving Him. Salvation makes people happy, redeemed, and free. Jesus bears our burdens and helps us in time of trouble. Joining a church is not going to get people anywhere. We are to live by every word of God, and nowhere does he tell us to join anything but to join ourselves unto the Lord.

"And he saw that there was no man and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him." *Isaiah 59:16*. Jesus left his home in heaven that you and I might have salvation and by his help might live a life that we might live with him in glory. Praise his dear name! We are lost, undone, and ruined without God's salvation which he freely gives to those who meet the terms of the gospel. The wages of sin is death, but eternal life is the gift of God, through Jesus Christ. People who waste their lives in sin are working for the devil, so their wages for a life's work will be eternal death in hell with the devil and his angels, where every unclean and sinful thing will be—including professors of religion (church members), false teachers, and preachers who have taught people wrong and deceived them.

Even though people do ever so much for the Lord, and his kingdom, they are unworthy creatures. Salvation is a gift of God of which we are not worthy.

We are not saved for anything we have done, but it is the goodness of God. "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear." Isaiah 59:1. The Lord can save the vilest sinner if they call upon him out of an honest heart, for his ear is not heavy that he cannot hear. There are no big jobs for the Lord, he can forgive many sins as well as one. God's word teaches us a full and free salvation, forgiveness of sins and being wholly sanctified which is the infilling of the Holy Spirit Who helps people to keep sweet in their souls in time of trouble, showing that they have been with Jesus and have got the salvation of the Lord.

Salvation cometh down from God above

By his goodness and his love,

He loves the sinner—you and me—

That is why we should serve him, you see.


His yoke is easy, and his way is not hard;

Therefore we enjoy the salvation of the Lord.

—Everett Hilbun.

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IN THE UPPER ROOM

Sunday, March 3, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations

February 26 to March 2.

- M. The Lord's Supper Instituted. Matt. 26:17-30.
- T. Jesus the Bread of Life. John 6:41-51.
- W. Strength from Jesus. John 6:52-59.
- T. A Communion Service. I Cor. 10:14-22.
- F. Sacredness of the Supper. 1 Cor. 11:20-28.
- S. Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Rev. 19:4-10.

Printed PortionMatt. 26:17-30.

Matt. 26:17. Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?

18. And he said, Go into the city to such a man,

and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.

19. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.

20. Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.

21. And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22. And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?

23. And he answered and said, He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.

24. The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.

25. Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I! He said unto him, Thou hast said.

26. And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

27. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

28. For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

29. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

30. And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

Golden Text: "This do in remembrance of me." I Cor. 11:24.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Divine Ordinances Instituted

The next five Sundays we are to study about the last days of Jesus here on earth before he goes back to heaven. If we take diligent heed to embrace the contents of the lesson they will prove very helpful and inspiring to us.

Many teachers give us only the Lord's Supper for this lesson but we find that John teaches the ordinance of feet washing in connection with the supper and if we turn John's teaching down then we will also have to turn down Matthew, Mark and Luke. But by God's help we will be doers of all the word.

The explanation given in the Bible on this lesson is so plain that we think it unnecessary to make more comment but we would to God that more souls would receive and apply it diligently to their lives. First, for the benefit of their own soul and second, that it might show forth his death to the world.

How solemn is this event. These ordinances stand forth as a great memorial to the world, the keeping of which in remembrance of him testifies to the world that his body has been broken and that His blood has been shed that our sins may be forgiven. May He become more real unto us and His love abound more and more in our hearts.

GETHSEMANE: TRIUMPH THROUGH SURRENDER

Sunday, March 10, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations March 4 to March 9.

- M. Triumph Through Surrender. Matt. 26:36-46.
T. Perfect Through Suffering. Heb. 2:5-12.
W. Exaltation Through Suffering. Rom. 8:18-25.
T. Paul's Triumphant Surrender. 2 Tim. 4:1-8.
F. Heroes of Faith. Heb. 11:32-40.
S. Affliction and Glory. 2 Cor. 2:11-18.

Printed PortionMatt. 26:36-46.

Matt. 26:36. Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

37. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

38. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

39. And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

40. And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

41. Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

42. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

43. And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.

44. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

45. Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46. Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

Golden Text: "Not as I will, but as thou wilt." Matt. 26:39.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

The Garden, a favorite place where Jesus often

resorted with the disciples to pray, a blessed opportunity but they failed to take advantage of it. What a privilege today that we may live within the inner circles of God's love where we can hear the whisper "Come ye apart" from every care or anxiety and enjoy communion and fellowship with the Savior. In time of severe trial we may obtain grace to make a complete surrender and come forth with victory.

Notice the humanity of Jesus—exceeding sorrowful—The sins of the entire world upon him, the just for the unjust, learning obedience through suffering. An innocent, loving Saviour experiencing temptation as we do that He may be touched by our infirmities. Although disappointed by those dearest to Him yet he came forth victorious ready to meet the mob and suffer death for us that we may go free. Should we not love the Savior? Yea, with all our heart.

Consider the word "Friend" in our lesson. Strength through weakness. "When I am weak then am I strong."

Divine love brings humility and meekness of heart, melting out self and yielding unto the will of God that He may become our strength. Truly He is our strength.

CALVARY: TRIUMPH THROUGH SACRIFICE

Sunday, March 17, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations March 11 to March 16.

- M. Jesus on the Cross. Matt. 27:33-44.
T. Triumph Through Grace. Matt. 27:45-56.
W. Enduring the Cross. Heb. 12:1-6.
T. A Cry of Anguish. Psalm 22:1-8.
F. Redemption Through the Cross. 1 Pet. 1:13-20.
S. The Cross in Discipleship. Luke 14:25-35.

Printed PortionMatt. 27:33-50.

Matt. 27:33. And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,

34. They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink.

35. And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

36. And sitting down they watched him there;

37. And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

38. Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left!

39. And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,

40. And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be

the Son of God, come down from the cross.

41. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,

42. He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

43. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

44. The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

41. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

46. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

47. Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias.

48. And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

49. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.

50. Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

Golden Text: "He was despised, and rejected of men: a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief." Isaiah 53:3.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

All the lessons for this month are very solemn and should be indeed serious. It is not so important that we should know the kind of material the cross was made from, nor the exact location of the crucifixion, nor just why that place was called Golgotha, nor the location of His tomb; but it behooves us to know for sure that Jesus suffered and died on the cross for us, and that He has risen for our justification. Further than this, we should know that we are covered by His atoning blood spilt on Calvary for us.

Verse 34—Christ chose to die for the sins of the world with his senses unimpaired by pain-easing and sense-dulling drugs.

Verse 35. Read the prophecy in Psalm 22:18.

Did the inscription placed over Christ belittle Him or did it further show the divine arrangement of God?

Do we receive the practical application in: "He saved others, Himself he cannot save," and is it not true with us?

Our lesson today teaches that heaven and earth both witnessed that He was the Son of God. When did Christ tell the people that if they held their peace the rocks would cry out and praise Him?

In our temptations, trials, and sufferings, can we so conduct ourselves that those who are looking on will have to testify as did the centurion—Truly this man was the Son of God?

THE SEPULCHER: TRIUMPH OVER DEATH

(Easter Lesson)

Sunday, March 24, 1940.

Daily Readings and Meditations

March 18 to March 23.

M. The Sepulcher Sealed. Matt. 27: 57-66.

T. The Triumph over Death. Matt. 28:1-10.

W. The Resurrection Gospel. 1 Cor. 15:1-11.

T. The Resurrection Hope. 1 Cor. 15:12-19.

F. The Resurrection Joy. Psalm 118:14-24.

S. Enduring Through Christ. 2 Tim. 2:1-12.

Printed Portion **Matt. 27:57 to 28:6.**

Matt. 27:57. When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

58. He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

59. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60. And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

61. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

62. Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,

63. Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

64. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

65. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.

66. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

Matt. 28:1. In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

4. And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

5. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

6. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said, Come, see the place where the Lord lay,

Golden Text: "But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept." 1 Cor. 15:20.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

The crucifixion and death which we have been studying would have been a sad tragedy had it not been for the resurrection. Praise God! defeat was turned into victory; Christ was not conquered by death, but was the conqueror of death! The dawn of that first Easter morning brought new hope for life to a people upon whom the death sentence had been passed because of Adam's transgression. Now all who believe on Him can claim the comforting promise: "Because I live, ye shall live also." But before the resurrection can become a living force in the life of any one, that one must hear (believe with the heart) the gospel—good news. He who is saved not only has a precious experience, but also has something to tell others. Can you witness to a world of unbelievers?—"I know Christ lives, because He lives in me."

The death, burial, guard, and Roman seal made a fraudulent resurrection impossible. The human power that was used to keep Christ in the tomb only adds to the strength of the testimony that He arose, triumphant over all His foes. How insignificant were the soldiers and the seal when God intervened!

There are many who let their lights shine when all things are going well, but the world needs more faithful lights that will shine on regardless of dense darkness; even as the women who stood by the cross and continued to labor for Christ when his disciples were scattered and, no doubt, discouraged.

The keepers became as dead men at the appearance of the angel, but he told the women not to fear. The resurrection of Christ brings terror to the servants of sin, but consolation to His servants.

THE CONTINUING TASK

Sunday, March 31, 1940.

**Daily Readings and Meditations
March 25 to March 30.**

- M. The continuing Task. Matt. 28:16-20.
- T. Christ's Program for His Church. Acts 1:1-8.
- W. Our Task in Evangelism. John 1:35-42.
- T. Our Task in Teaching. Deut. 6:4-9.
- F. Our Christian Example. 1 Pet. 2:11-17.
- S. Supplying the Church. 2 Cor. 8:1-8.

Printed Portion**Matt. 28:16-20.**

Matt. 28:16. Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Golden Text: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

In connection with today's lesson, read Mark 16:15-20; Luke 24:47-53; John 21:20; and Acts 11:1-8.

They worshipped him: but some doubted—Are you worshipping Him with an unbelieving heart or doubtful mind? Those doubts must be removed before you can be of service to Him. Ask Him to remove your doubts as He did theirs. He "came and spake unto them." Has He ever come to you? Has He ever spoken to you? He will if you desire it with all your heart and meet His conditions.

"All power is given unto me." **In Heaven**—Power to be the one and only mediator between God and man, power to send the Holy Spirit, and power of judgment.

In Earth—Power to forgive sins, sanctify believers, power over unclean spirits, power over all rulers and kings of the earth, power over all the forces of nature, and power over death.

Surely a servant should have **all faith** and **all confidence** in a king who has **all power**.

Go therefore and teach all nations—This is the great missionary commission, given only to His followers. The Pharisees and other religious factions heard much of Christ's teachings and doctrine but this commission was not for them because they had not believed from the heart. Modern missionary and teacher, from whence did your commission come from God or man?

Teacher and pupil, do not carelessly pass over the latter part of verse 19. Baptism is essential not because there is merit in the water, but because the Lord commands it.

If one fails to teach **all things** that Jesus has commanded, deeming the omitted commandments "non-essentials," we, on the authority of God's Word can say that he is not a teacher sent from God.

Lo, I am with you always—He with whom Jesus always abides, is the only one qualified for a missionary or teacher of the gospel of Christ.

What comfort and consolation these words bring to the believer—tho tempted and tried, afflicted or successful, prosperous, etc. "I am with you always! Then surely "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."