

# FAITH AND VICTORY

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

HAVE FAITH  
IN GOD

GOD IS  
LOVE

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

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## BEND THE LITTLE TREE

I saw a little, tender sprout,  
Innocent as it could be;  
Fast I saw it growing out  
To mature into a tree.

I then could take two fingers  
And easily bend it down—  
The scene so fresh, still lingers;  
The thought I can not drown.

Again I saw the little tree,  
In years—four or five had flown—  
And 'twas a great surprise to me  
To see how it had grown.

I undertook to bend it now  
But, straining both my hands,  
Could scarcely find the way just how  
'Twould yield to my demands.

And so I passed and let it rest,  
Lest it should break in twain;  
When I undertook the needed test  
Of straightening it again.

So, when several years had hastened by  
And now it was a stalwart tree,  
It wouldn't yield though much I'd try  
It wouldn't bend for me.

This sprout's a child like we've all seen,  
That's given to us to train;  
To bend his life, that he be clean,  
And his cleanness still remain.

O, bend this sprout while it is small  
Before it gets so stiffly set.  
Lest it will not bend—not bend at all—  
In the time to come as yet.

O saints, don't tell your child  
To go, or come, or stay;  
In a tone that's so loose and mild  
That it practically has its way.

Don't tell your child three times or more  
To do this or that, or not to go,

Then let it sit and your word ignore,  
Lest sore disappointment you know.

If company is sitting by,  
Don't let your courage quail;  
But send to God an earnest cry  
That you may now prevail.

Satan is sure to spoil your child,  
Bend the twig any way but right,  
'Till he's hardened its heart; its soul defiled;  
Struck it with an awful blight.

O saints, it truly grieves me so—  
And 'twill grieve your heart some day—  
'Cause you told your child to stay or go  
And it just about had its way.

Don't let it sit when you've told it enough  
O, will you listen to a friend?  
Lest, like the tree, it be stiff and tough  
And it comes to a grievous end.

—J. H. Pierson.

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## THE WORD OF GOD

Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life;" so the more of the words of Jesus that we practice in our lives, the greater will be our spiritual power and life. Nothing else is so important to the Christian life and growth. A Christian must develop to a greater degree of usefulness in spiritual things. This strength and growth in the Lord may be obtained by studying and obeying God's word. This includes faith, prayer, and living a holy life.

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but God's word shall not pass away. God is eternal and His word is spirit and truth and can not be destroyed. God is the greatest being, and is from everlasting to everlasting. No power can destroy God. What is man compared with God? He is vain, and as a flower of the field or the grass that groweth up. Although he was created a little lower than the angels and crowned with glory and honor, and was made in the image and likeness of God, in holiness and purity; he lost that likeness through

disobedience to God's word. But he can gain back the purity and holiness that was lost in the fall, by obedience to His word.

It is far from the power of man to comprehend the greatness of God's work in the making of man. Man is here in this world; not by his own will or his own power, so he belongs to God. He has no claim on his life, for it is God-given. But God has given each one a will that he may use to disobey or obey Him.

The word of God is the way of life if obeyed, and the way of death if disobeyed. Two ways are set forth in it. Man is free to make his own choice. Why will he deliberately choose the way of death. "The wages of sin is death." No one is bound to the way of death, but the sinner, and he by his own choice. Christ came to set the captives free.

—F. W. Spaur.

### THE DIFFERENT GIFTS

In the 12th chapter of 1 Cor., Paul describes the Body of Christ, which is the church. The Body of Christ, or the church, is made up of men and women that are saved from sin—those who possess the spirit of Christ.

In the fourth verse, he tells us that there are "different gifts," but the same Spirit. In other words, the same Spirit gives the different gifts to different members of His Body. In the fifth verse he says that the administrations are different. As the gifts are different, so, also, is the administration different; but it is the same Lord working in one to administer the gift given him by the Spirit, also in another having a different gift the administration is different, yet it is the same Lord working in each to the edifying of the whole Body.

"There are different operations" (sixth verse). The Spirit operates in one to administer help to the Body in one manner according as God has called them, and in another in another manner as they are called to administer. "But it is the same God that worketh all in all."

"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal" (seventh verse). The gift that God gives each of the members will not only profit them individually, but is to be used that all the Body will profit by it as they exercise it to His glory. One member does not possess all the gifts, but God gives to each one severally as He will. One member may have one, two or three gifts, but no one member has all the gifts, for it takes all the members to make the complete Body of Christ, the family of God, or the Church of God. It takes more than one member of the body to manifest all the gifts. When Jesus Christ was here in the fleshly body, He possessed all the gifts and was able to manifest all of them; but when He ascended up on high, "He led captivity cap-

tive, and gave gifts unto men." Eph. 4:8. All the members that obey him are given the gift of the Holy Ghost; but the different gifts of the Spirit are given to each one for the edifying of the whole body. "The body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many are one body: so also is Christ." (12th verse). It takes all the members with their different gifts to constitute the body of Christ, the family of God, or the Church, for by one spirit we were all baptized into one body. The Spirit possessing us inducts us into the body and we become one with Christ and all the other members of His body which is the true holiness church in the world today. They are not of the world, yet are in the world, but they have their spirit, life, power, wisdom, and grace from above and are all taught of God. They all know Him from the least to the greatest.

"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it has pleased Him." (18th verse). "But now are they many members, yet one body." (20th verse). He continues by telling us about some members that seem to be more feeble than others, and lets us know that they are all needful, and says, "But God hath tempered the body together." It could not be tempered apart. You cannot temper two or three things together until you first get them in one place, contacting one another. How foolish it is for any one to think that the body is all divided up with one member teaching one thing and another member teaching a contrary doctrine. They could never be tempered together in that condition. Why must they be tempered together? "That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another" (25th verse). "Now are ye (ye that are tempered together and not those that are separated from the body and are in a crippled, lame, halt, or maimed condition) are the body of Christ in particular" (27th verse). As God has set the members in the body, he also gave some the gift which makes them apostles, some the gift that makes them prophets, some are gifted to teach, some to work miracles, and some gifts of healing. Some are gifted so they can help other members of the body perform the works of God. God has gifted some members of the body so they can acquire means or earthly goods to support the apostle, pastor, prophet, or the one with the gift of divine healing. In doing this, he uses the gift of helping the body to its edification and profit withal. As they function in their places in the body, they will have just as much reward as the one whom God may have gifted to perform the miracle, plant the truth, successfully pastor a congregation, or the one whom God uses in evangelistical work. It is a matter of each one of us using the gift faithfully as God has imparted to each one. If God is prospering you and you have money, He has gifted you as a helper, and expects you to func-

tion that way to help the minister, whether he speaks from the pulpit or by the printed page, also to help the evangelist that he might have proper transportation from place to place as God may call. God uses many helpers if they will only listen to His call. It is a sad thing to see any one whom God has prospered and made able to give, taking that gift money and investing it to gain for selfish ends or to leave for un-saved relatives to quarrel over. Such men or women, by so doing, are only working out their own souls' destruction, and not only theirs but the destruction of many other souls that might have been saved if they had used the gift and faithfully distributed it to the ministers and others who are called directly into the work to deal with souls that they might be saved.

Paul asks the question: Are all apostles? Prophets? Teachers? Workers of miracles? etc. The implied answer is, "No!" No one member has all these gifts, but different members have different gifts and all the members constitute the body so all the gifts are in the body, the family of God, the Church of God. That body with the different gifts is the body of Christ that is in the world but not of it.

Any teacher who teaches or encourages members to lodge up in divisions or sanctions the dividing of members by contrary doctrines, is and will be the enemy of the body of Christ. The Holy Spirit working in any one member of the true Body will always seek fellowship and union with all other true members of His Body. If every member would get deliverance from all idols, it would be easy for God to temper them together with all the rest of the body. Idols will separate and hold souls that may have much sincerity and honesty apart from the true Body of Christ. The people in this world are cursed with idol worship and some of the idols are often so trivial too. Even filthy tobacco will keep many souls from being tempered into the true body. The most common idol is sectarianism, man-made religious bodies that hold so many poor souls under their power and influence. They have been, are, and always will be a gate-way to hell. They are multiplying and increasing all the time and the scriptures have said that hell has enlarged herself. Truly, she is enlarging all the time. The Pagan power or the old dragon, which in Revelation is called the old serpent, which is the devil and Satan, the one who slew and persecuted the children of God in the beginning of this Gospel day but has been bound a thousand years, is being loosed. The awful wars in Europe are giving him room and power, and he is spreading his slimy coils around much of the people in this country, and the persecutions for the true church is at hand, and will be upon us with increasing fierceness, who will truly stand free from this old world and lift up Jesus in spite of the opinion of the majority. The people in this country have such little love for the crucified way that

their souls are ripe to receive all kinds of false teaching and doctrines and this will fit them to be an easy prey for the pagan power. In fact, the false doctrines that are so numerous now, which so many are imbibing, are forerunners of this slimy, wicked power. It is cunningly and craftily deceiving the multitudes and is associated with Gog and Magog (Rev. 20:8).

If there ever was a time when men and women needed to forsake all idols and this old world and flee to the feet of Jesus, crying for mercy and forgiveness so He can temper them into His true Body, it is now. We are praying for you. —Fred Pruitt.

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### FORGIVENESS OF SINS, AND CLEANSING

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

We observe in this verse of scripture that sin exists in the soul in two modes or forms: first in guilt which requires forgiveness, or pardon; second, in pollution, which requires cleansing.

Guilt, to be forgiven, must be confessed: and pollution, to be cleansed, must also be confessed. In order to find mercy, a man must feel and know himself to be a sinner, that he may fervently apply to God for pardon. In order to get a clean heart, a man must know and feel his depravity, acknowledge it and deplore it before God, in order to be fully sanctified. Few are pardoned, because they do not feel and confess their sins; and few are sanctified or cleansed from all sin, because they do not feel and confess their own sore, and the plague of their hearts.

As the blood of Jesus Christ, the merit of his passion and death, applied by faith, purges the conscience from all dead works; so the same cleanses the heart from all unrighteousness.

As all unrighteousness is sin; so he that is cleansed from all unrighteousness is cleansed from all sin. To attempt to evade this, and plead for the continuance of sin in the heart, through life, is ungrateful, wicked, and even blasphemous: for, as he who says he has not sinned (verse 10) makes God a liar, who has declared the contrary through every part of his revelation; so he that says the blood of Christ either cannot or will not cleanse us from all sin in this life, gives also the lie to his Maker, who has declared the contrary; and thus shows that the word, the doctrine of God, is not in him.

Reader, it is the birthright of every child of God to be cleansed from all sin, to keep himself unspotted from the world, and so to live as never more offend his Maker. All things are possible to him that believeth; because all things are possible to the infinitely meritorious blood and energetic spirit of the Lord Jesus. —Adam Clarke.

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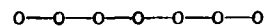
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This will be a good opportunity for you to help in getting the gospel direct to your friends, neighbors, and acquaintances. All the saints of God have fervent love for the souls of men, and should do all they can to place the truth of the Bible in reach of those with whom they are acquainted. This is your chance to do some real work for the Lord. Paul tells us that we are “All workers together with God.” As you send the gospel to souls by the printed page you should offer fervent prayer to God that He will work upon their hearts as they read and make the truth weighty upon them. Let every reader get busy and send in the blanks filled out with names so we can send the Faith and Victory paper to a host of new readers this winter. We were greatly encouraged over the results of last winter’s “three months” offer, because a great many subscribed for the paper for a year after the three months had expired. Many more did this than in previous years, and our souls were encouraged. We will be looking for your subscription blank returned filled with names and addresses.



During the three winter months we will be looking to God to have the paper filled with good articles for the unsaved and for the saved so that all that read will find what they need most. We are expecting, by the help of the Lord, to make the January 1941 issue an unusually good number. We already have an article on the Church in mind, and also a special picture showing up the exclusive church so plainly that even children can see it. If you have any friends in confusion you should, by all means, have their names on the list of the “three months” subscribers so they will get this issue. Any soul that clearly discerns the one Body, the Church of the Living God which is the pillar and ground of the truth, will be so satisfied and contented that they will cease to be troubled by the many winds of doctrine which are blowing and confusing so many precious souls. God is counting on you to help get this truth to men and is bringing this opportunity

to you so that no soul will be lost through your indifference or neglect. Paul says, "Your labor is not in vain in the Lord." We should all labor in a way that will bring us eternal profit.



Paul compares the church of God, or body of Christ, to the human body. It has many members; yet only one body. All members do not have the same work to perform, but each member is placed in the body as it pleases Him, and given its work to do. If all the members are alive and active and function in their proper places, the whole body will work together and much good will be done. God has supplied us with a "Print Shop" and machinery to print the gospel, and called us to do this work. He has many members in the body that are helpers in various ways. We believe all the members are praying for us, as we do for you; and that God is using all the members in some way to help get the truth of the gospel to lost souls and for the edifying of the whole body in love.

Let each of us do all we can to send the gospel to men by the printed page this winter, because we do not know what condition this country may be in before another winter comes, for Satan is filling the earth with war, and this country may be torn and blasted with war and blood-shed before another winter is ours to see.

God has many promises in the Bible for the saved; also many for those who reject Christ. We desire to give a few promises here for the saved, and follow them with a few promises for the unsaved, or those who reject His Son.

#### Promises to the Saved

"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Psalms 1:3.

"Trust in the Lord, and do good: so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." Psalms 37:3.

"And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." Psalms 50:15.

"If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." Isaiah 1:19.

"And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Isaiah 35:10.

"But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings: and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall." Malachi 4:2.

"And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall re-

ceive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life." Matt. 19:29.

"Then shall the king say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Matt. 25:34.

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Cor. 5: 1.

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, sayeth the Spirit, That they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13.

#### Promises to the Unsavd

"God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day." Psalms 7:11.

"He that being often reprovd, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." Prov. 29:1

"I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh." Prov. 1:26.

"For God will bring every work into Judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil." Ecccl. 12:14.

"And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewn down, and cast into the fire." Matt. 3:10.

"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Matt. 25:41.

"In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." 2 Thess. 1:8, 9.

"And said to the rocks and mountains, fall on us, hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come and who shall be able to stand?" Rev. 6:16, 17.

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:15

"But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death." Prov. 8:36

"Come now, let us reason together, saith the Lord: Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18.

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Prov. 28:13.

"If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he hath robbed, walk in the statutes of life,

without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die." Ezekiel 33:15.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

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#### OBITUARY

Lucinda Lowe was born of Karn and Millie Lowe, in the year of 1851, in Pickens County, Ala. She was married to Jeremiah Lowe at the age of 17 yrs. To this happy union were born eleven children, six boys and five girls. She came to Oklahoma with her husband and part of her family in the year 1909, and settled near Boley, where she resided the remaining part of her life.

She was converted and joined the C. M. E. church early in life, and lived in it to the best of her knowledge until the August 1934 camp meeting when she embraced the real truth, and from thence trusted God for soul and body.

She departed this life Sept. 18, 1940, age 89 yrs. Her husband and four of her children preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn their loss, seven children, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and many relatives and friends.

Funeral service conducted by Bro. M. J. Phillips.

Text: Rev. 7:14—"These are they . . . which have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

#### MEETING REPORT

The camp meeting at Watonga, Okla. is past, but we have received a blessing from the Lord that yet remains with us. Seven were saved during the meeting, and the saints were encouraged and strengthened spiritually, and the spirit of unity was seen among the ministers, and much love and fellowship among the saints of God. Ministers present were: Bro. Crawley, Sister Ank, Sis. Bell, Sis. Dillyhunty, Sis. Davis, Bro. and Sis. Sorrel, Bro. and Sis. Smith, Bro. U. Phillips, Bro. Williams, Bro. Johnson, and Bro. Holdcraft. Hands went up for prayer at the close of the meeting. Pray for them. Also, the saints at this place need your prayers. We have need of a Chapel here. Pray that the Lord will bless us with a meeting house in this place. —E. J. Trotter.

#### NOTICE

Construction work has begun on the National pavilion at Monark, Mo. and between Nov. 1 and 15th we are inviting all men who are willing and able to donate their labor, to come to Neosho to work on the building. Funds to meet the boarding expense of the workers will be appreciated. If convenient, drop a post card in advance of your coming, to Bro. John Strech, R. 5, Neosho, Mo.

—L. D. Pruitt, Secy.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE

The fourth Sunday of each month is Young People's day at Tulsa, Okla. The Tulsa young saints extend a special invitation to the young saints and friends of other congregations to attend and help in these services.

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#### *Report of Evangelistic Company*

To the saints scattered abroad, and to all the readers of the Faith and Victory paper, greeting:- I feel it to be to the glory of God to give a short sketch of our trip this season.

Leaving our home in Glendale, Calif., June 15th, we drove to San Bernardino, Calif., stayed there over Sunday with the saints, had two services Sunday a. m. and p. m., and received much encouragement from the dear little flock of God there. We left Monday a. m., and after a journey of two days through the desert and over mountains, we reached El Paso, Tex. where Bro. and Sister Ansel Duncan have a welcome home for the saints to rest in and get encouragement and strength to travel on.

Our next stop was at Port Arthur, Tex. where we enjoyed our over-night rest, and trust God made us a blessing to the dear family whose kind hospitality we received thankfully. Pray for dear Sister Henry. She suffered the loss of her dear husband by death a few days after our visit in their home.

Our next stop took in the camp meeting at Hammond, La. It was a very precious meeting in which God worked in the salvation of a number of souls.

We especially felt doubly repaid for our long journey of over two thousand miles while witnessing the salvation of some dear ones whom God had burdened our hearts so deeply for. Our only prayer for them now is that they go on and make heaven their home, through obedience and faith in God.

We then went forty miles north to Kentwood, La. where a precious little flock of saints worship in their new meeting house. We were with them eight days and saw one dear soul reclaimed and established deeper in the things of God. All were helped in spiritual things; and we trust, encouraged to stand fast in "the faith once delivered to the saints."

We then moved on to Monark Springs, Mo. to the National Camp Meeting. God truly made Himself known in salvation work. Souls were delivered from foreign spirits, many saved, numbers healed, and the saints unified. It makes our hearts rejoice to tell of the wonderful fellowship and unity that prevailed in all these meetings.

The last, but not least, was the state camp meeting at Guthrie, Oklahoma. We can say as did the Psalmist David in Psalm 133:1. Read this Psalm and you will have some idea of how our hearts rejoiced in these three camp meetings as the sweet

Spirit of our God prevailed; and we, with others, said that these meetings were the best at each place for many years.

After a rest in Bro. and Sister Hornbeck's comfortable home with the privilege of washing and ironing clothes, we journeyed on to be with dear Bro. and Sister O. B. Wilson and their precious congregation in Shawnee, Okla. Sister Wilson has a fine group of young people in her Sunday School class. Some of them are sweetly saved, and many of them almost persuaded to take "the way" during the meeting. Our prayers are that they will soon yield to the Holy Spirit's call, for to be almost is only to be lost. We were detained after the meeting closed, as word came that dear Sister Burris in Guthrie had been called from her suffering to rest with Jesus. Taking Bro. and Sister O. B. Wilson and a niece of Bro. Burris, we attended the funeral at Guthrie.

The meeting in Shawnee was good. God blessed there and opened a door where husband had the opportunity of bringing a message of Salvation to a large group of aged people one Saturday p. m. God bless the aged! "The young may die," but the "aged must die;" and without the new birth "ye cannot see the kingdom of God" Many of them, no doubt, understand what Jesus meant when He said, "Ye must be born again."

When we arrived at Clovis, we found the little flock there wondering at our delay. But God's care attended us all the way, praise His dear name. Bro. and Sister D. Gibson were there before us, (they had attended the same camp meetings that we had) but the meeting had just nicely got started when a message came that Sister Gibson's brother, Paul Davis, had suddenly passed from time and timely things, leaving a dear little brokenhearted wife with three little girls, some sisters and two brothers to mourn their loss. But dear ones, when your loss is their gain, all is well. You can go to him, if you are faithful unto death.

Bro. and Sister Gibson went to the funeral, while we continued with the meeting, God blessing. Space will not permit of all we feel to say here. Only pray God to comfort, as He alone can, all the bereaved ones. God truly blessed and gave dear Bro. and Sister Gibson a safe journey from Clovis, N. M. to Guthrie, Okla. and back, for which we all praised Him.

The meeting continued for a time, with God's blessing. Some souls found peace with God, and all were encouraged to fight the fight of faith, and keep a mighty hold on eternal life. The day the meeting was to close dear Bro. Marvin, Sister Nola, and Zetta Mae Porter arrived on their way from Calif. to their home in Mo. As all wanted to hear Sister Porter preach, the meeting was announced for the next night.

Our dear sister brought a precious message from God's Word, laid down her Bible, had a heart attack, and "she was not for God took her."

The obituary and a sketch of her sermon was in the October issue of *Faith and Victory*. We cannot enlarge upon this article as we would like to, will just say to the sorrowing ones in all four of these deaths mentioned, we know by experience that "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal," praise our God. Dear ones sorrowing, nestle closely; the Comforter has come. He is mine, and I have every reason to believe He is thine—"lean hard."

After Bro. Marvin's married daughter, two married sons, youngest son's wife from Carthage, Mo., and Bro. Robert Porter from Springfield, Mo. came, we were released from the responsibility as comforters, went a few miles out to Bro. and Sister Doolittle's for a few hours' rest, and started for El Paso, Texas. Oh, the goodness of God in His loving care for us and our girls in keeping us well in body and abounding in His grace. When rheumatism took hold on dear Inez, God came to the rescue, and when the high altitude affected her heart, He was a present help; also helped dear Fern in her physical ailments. But all honor to His dear name, He kept us all with a deep desire to win souls for Him. We found a gracious welcome again in Bro. and Sister Duncan's home, and while there God opened an attentive mixed assembly in a Mission—some real "down and outs" accepted food after the meeting. We left there with a very urgent invitation to come again, and on our part, a sincere prayer that His Word delivered there would bear fruit as some hungry souls would receive it and it prove "a savour of life unto life." We enjoyed our rest there and were glad to have only two more days of travel before reaching home.

Dear saints, help us praise God for our safe return to our humble home after a little over three months' absence. We cannot praise God enough for the experience of these three months in His loving service, for Him and souls for whom Jesus died.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Harmon, Fern Fortner,  
and Inez Tucker. By Mrs G. E. Harmon

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## SAVED BY GRACE

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8-9.

The writer here in Ephesians is trying to show the Christians at Ephesus the difference between the Law and the Gospel, and that they were saved by grace instead of by works under the law. Therefore the Gentiles that had been aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world, were made nigh (now, not after death) by the

blood of Christ, making peace by breaking down the middle wall of partition between them (the Jew and Gentile); therefore making peace, abolishing the enmity the law of commandments contained in ordinances; that through him they (Jew and Gentile) both have access by one spirit unto the Father, making them fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. In whom (Christ) all the building (not part of it) fitly (according to God's plan) framed together (not apart) groweth unto an holy (not unholy) temple in the Lord. In whom ye also are (present tense) builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit; viz, in this present world.

Almost all church denominations believe that sinners are saved by grace, but they differ very much on what grace means and does for sinners. Some claim that they are saved by grace and can never be lost, even though they commit sin more or less every day. They boast (very proudly) of being (now) a sinner saved by grace. They stress very strongly the eighth and ninth verses of Ephesians, but ignore the tenth verse which says, "For we are his (God's) workmanship, created (made new creatures) in Christ Jesus unto good works (not the works of the law of carnal ordinances, but works of righteousness) which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Eph. 2:10.

If any one reads this article who believes the doctrine of "sin you must," please read and study all of Ephesians; also read the first and second chapter of 2 Peter; and all of 1 John. Many more scriptures could be given to prove that grace through faith alone will save a soul. It takes all that God has ordained in His plan of salvation to bring us out from under the curse of the law; viz, saved by grace through faith; made new creatures in Christ Jesus; born again; old things are passed away, all (not just part) things are become (present tense) new. Faith without works is dead being alone. James 2:14-17. To claim to be saved by grace alone is just as dangerous as trying to get by on faith or works alone.

There is quite a difference between works under the grace covenant. The law covenant gendered to bondage; that is, the people kept the law of God because it was written in a book, that is termed the letter of the law. Under the grace covenant the law of God is written in the heart, therefore we obey or keep the law (moral or spiritual) of God because it is written in our hearts—obey God because we love to, not because we are commanded, or forced to obey, but free to obey and worship God in the beauty of holiness with "the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost." The old man

(carnal nature) that kept us under the bondage of sin, is crucified, dead, and our life is hid with Christ in God, Christ in us the hope of glory. Dear reader, if you are depending on the grace of God to save you in your sins, you are standing on a sandy foundation. Repent, confess, and the blood of Jesus will cleanse you from ALL sin. —C. S. Wyatt.

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### "CAME NEAR GOING"

Near the close of the camp meeting at Dayton, Ohio this year, I visited a sister in bed one day, who had been very sick the previous night. When I went up to her bed, she reached out her hand to shake hands with me and said, "I came near going home last night." By this, you understand she meant she came near passing away.

The expression made me think, as I don't just remember of thinking before. It is a common expression to say of one who was bad sick, "He came near passing away." When God told Abraham to offer his son Isaac on the altar on Mt. Moriah, and he had gone so far in obedience to God's command that he had not only taken and laid him upon the altar, but grasped with his hand the knife with which he intended to sever his son's head from his body, when God called to him out of heaven, and told him not to lay his hand on the lad (Gen. 22). One would naturally say, according to the common expression, that Isaac "came near dying;" but in reality, he did not come near it.

Here is the great secret of the matter. Isaac lacked as much of dying as there is strength and power in the great omnipotent hand of God, which was standing there between Isaac and death. It would have been utterly impossible for Isaac to die while the great omnipotent hand of God was intervening between him and death. Without any doubt on my part, this was the case with the precious sister mentioned in the beginning of this article. Dear saints of the most High, may the Lord encourage your hearts and sink you down into God, in the depths of humility. Thank God, the devil cannot do anything to God's little ones, except the Lord first permits it. He can never pass God's word.

—J. H. Pierson

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"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:16.

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." Heb. 10:22.

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (for he is faithful that promised." Heb. 10:23.



# ◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

## TIME

Time is swiftly passing on,  
And soon 'twill be no more;  
For we'll be called to Judgment  
By the keeper of heaven's door.

And every eye shall see him  
Just as he really is,  
We'll have to face our Saviour  
In shame or happiness.

And, oh! what a happy meeting  
For those prepared to go  
To be with Christ our Saviour,  
Who washed us white as snow.

With Him we'll dwell forever,  
When time has ceased to be,  
With all the holy angels,  
Throughout eternity.

But woe to all those dear ones,  
Whose souls they did neglect.  
In shame they'll face the Saviour,  
The one they did reject.

But he'll appoint their doom  
In regions of despair.  
Of course, they'll call for help;  
But he'll not hear their prayer.

Then let us steadily work  
While time is moving on,  
And ne'er from duty shirk  
Until our work is done.

For many souls are lost  
And time will soon be o'er,  
Let us strive at any cost  
To gain them for heaven's shore.  
—Olive A. Phillips.

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### Editorials

#### Millennial Theories Exploded

In Rev. 20:4-6 we read, "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived

and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

Here we have a word picture of the triumphs of the early church. However, from this scene Millennial teachers attempt in flowery language to portray a literal resurrection of the righteous at the second coming of Christ, followed by a thousand year literal reign of Christ on earth. From a careful reading, it will be seen that no such events are stated. In the vision, the Revelator saw "the souls (disembodied spirits) of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus." Having suffered martyrdom, they were in the paradise of God and in that condition "they lived, and reigned with Christ a thousand years." No mention is made of literally resurrected saints reigning, and neither of any reign on earth at all. The fact that they had "part in the first resurrection" qualified them to "reign with Christ" in this disembodied state. They were those who had been slain in the early days of Christianity, and prior to their martyrdom they had taken "part in the first resurrection." This was a spiritual and not a literal resurrection, because through it they were "blessed and holy," as stated. A literal resurrection cannot effect a moral change. The Bible teaches that men without Christ are "dead in trespasses and sins," and through salvation, which makes them "blessed and holy," they are given a new life in Christ. Eph. 2:1. Christ describes the "first resurrection" in these words, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." John 5:25, 24.

Verse 6 says that the second death hath no power on those who had part in the first resurrection. Christ himself said that the church at Smyrna should "not be hurt of the second death" (Chap. 2:11). This shows beyond all question that even at that early date they had had part in this first resurrection that makes men blessed and holy.

The scriptures teach only one future literal resurrection. The Revelator declares, "Behold, he cometh with clouds: and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the

earth shall wail because of him." Chap. 1:7. Jesus says that all the literal dead shall be resurrected at the same time. "Marvel not at this, the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:28, 29. The Word of God is the highest authority; let us accept it! —L. D. P.

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Chillicothe, Ohio—Dear Saints: I am glad that I have a testimony to put before the eyes of saints and sinners. Although I am only sixteen years old, I can say that this life can be lived by the young as well as the old. It is a very pleasant life and I feel more at home with a group of saints than any other place. It makes my soul rejoice to hear good spiritual singing, testifying, preaching, and praying. When poor lost souls find the Lord and the wonderful change takes place in their lives it makes me very happy.

I pray that this testimony will cause souls to turn to the Lord and serve him with all their hearts, that they may see, hear, and do the good things of the Lord and realize what the coming day will mean to their souls. May God bless the readers of this paper. Your brother in Christ, John H. Angus

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Texico, N. Mex.—Dear Ones: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am glad to report victory in my soul this evening. We are certainly living in perilous times and it behooves us to watch and be sober, for the night cometh when no man can work. This is a "sleepy" age, and the enemy of our souls is succeeding in throwing a veil of carelessness over many of the children of God. We have to be on the offensive every minute, for how easily the enemy can succeed in slipping some obstruction in our way, and if we aren't prayed up, we will fall; but if we watch and pray, the obstructions that the devil places before our feet will only prove stepping stones to higher ground.

While on this highway of holiness, self must be a slain foe. We have to deny self of many comforts and pleasures in this life, if we make it through to heaven; but if we become careless and indifferent and let self have its way, we will find ourselves getting farther and farther away from God, not caring whether we read the Bible, go to meeting, or attend to our souls' essential welfare. When keeping house we must sweep and dust each day. So it is with our spiritual condition; we must die daily to the things of the world and self. When we get careless and let self have its way, we will awaken to find that self is ruling our lives instead of God.

Dear ones, how we must be careful and be sure that we are in the center of God's will at all times,

for the devil is going to and fro about the earth, seeking all whom he may devour. The Lord has pleasure in those that are settled and determined to follow Him at any cost. They are then pliable in his hands and He can fashion them according to His own good will. Pray for me that I may be a useful vessel for the Master. Ruby Doolittle.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

Yorkshire, Ohio—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the dear saints: Greeting in Jesus' dear name. We want to report that we have been quite busy for the dear Lord Jesus Christ. We were blessed with the privilege of attending the fall Assembly at Liberty Hill, Ohio, where Bro. and Sister John H. Strong are pastoring the flock. The meeting was a very precious one in which God owned and blessed. Three precious souls found pardon and one made his escape from the Trumpet movement. There were several definite cases of healing, some among the children as well as older brothers and sisters. Bro. Rasmussen of Champaign, Ill.; Bro. and Sister Jones, Bro. Malone, and Sister Harding of Akron, Ohio; Sister Powell of Huntington, W. Va.; and Bro. Spaur and family of Charleston, W. Va. were with us. God did mightily use Sister Jones on the last Sunday, and Sister Powell broke the bread of life in a very precious way. Bro. Spaur, who is 84½ years old walked in with two canes, but was very much alive in the Lord.

Such a good, loving spirit prevailed throughout the meeting. There was a good interest, and it was well attended by the community. It was believed to be the best meeting for many years. Three happy souls were buried with Christ in baptism.

One of the best meetings which I have had the privilege of attending this year was the one at Sandusky, Ohio where Bro. Chaney is pastor. Six precious souls were baptized, two of which were delivered from legal adultery. They had lived together for fourteen years. One other woman in the same sin wept and asked Bro. Chaney to have the church pray for her that she be delivered from all her sins. We believe Bro. Chaney is doing a clean work for God.

We expect to soon hold a revival meeting at Union City, Ind.—a place of four or five thousand population. We have been earnestly praying for a good place of worship. Now we have the promise of a Baptist meeting house indefinitely just for keeping it up. Praise God. We hope to plant the truth there, have Sunday School and move our meeting place from West Sanora to Union City, Ind. where Bro. and Sister Nottingham have moved. Through their holy lives, some have come in among us who were looking for the old time truth and confess they

have found what their hearts desired.

One of my daughters, who has a crippled husband and seven children is unsaved and has something like cancer of the stomach. Please pray for her salvation and healing. F. W. Foster.

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Ontario, Oregon—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. This morning finds us praising the good Lord for salvation. Truly, he is our all in all and we find him present, ready to help in every time of need. Praise His dear name! Oh, I could not begin to tell you the many, many times the loving Saviour has come to our rescue in time of need of healing, food, raiment, protection from disease, and in many other ways. How I thank the Lord that He saved my soul and keeps me encouraged day by day. Do pray for us, that we live close to the Lord at all times, which is our greatest desire. —Mrs. John Gilbirds.

Lebanon, Ore.—Dear Bro. in Christ: A few lines to let you know that I received the paper, **Faith and Victory**, and am very grateful for it. It is real food for our souls, and I thank God for such papers and for those who dare to stand up for the true word of God and teach it. Praise the dear Lord for them. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory. I am praising Him with all my heart for victory in my soul.

I was suffering very much with my feet this summer. I wrote to several of the dear saints to pray for me and God healed me. O, how I do praise Him for it.

Please pray for my dear sister who had a stroke last September, and has not been able to talk since. Pray that God will heal her.

The last time I wrote, I asked for the saints to write to me, but I failed to give all my address, so will give it again: Annie S. Huffman, R. 1, Box 56 B, Lebanon, Oregon.

I enjoy the paper so much, and am so thankful for the wonderful testimonies. I pray for all of you. Please pray for me that I stay true and faithful to the Lord all of my days. May God bless and keep all of you. Annie S. Huffman.

Middletown, Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in holy love. The meeting at Dupont, Ind. closed Monday, Sept 23rd. The truth went forth in love, but with power and surety from God. Attendance was good for a small place. Seed was sown. One family have declared they will worship with the saints, for they see we have the truth. Bodies were healed and saints were encouraged. Much good was done, for which we thank God.

Bro. Geo. Peek and Bro. J. H. Pierson were with us through the meeting. Others came in to help. —Bro. Wm. Pearson

Greenfield, Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: We received your card telling us you were praying for us.

Oh, what a comfort to know there are brothers and sisters in Christ who will pray for us and suffer with us when we are sick and in trouble. My heart was so grieved and broken because husband was so sick. It seemed for a while that he might have to leave us soon; and, of course, I felt I could hardly live without him. Mary Frances, too, was sick at the same time. With it all, my soul was overwhelmed within me. When Fern started to read for our morning worship, husband wanted her to read the 14th chapter of St. John. You know what that chapter says, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." We had prayer and I felt sure you dear ones were praying for us, and in a little while the dear Lord touched husband's body and healed him. He got up and ate supper and helped with the chores. He had a good night's rest and got up early this morning. He worked all fore noon and has gone to the field to gather a load of corn this afternoon. Oh, how I cried and praised the dear Lord! It was truly a very great and wonderful thing that the dear Lord did for him. Just think, yesterday it seemed he might soon be gone for ever and today he is in the field at work. I want you to tell it far and near what a wonderful thing the dear Lord has done for us. Husband had even talked to me and told me what he thought best for me to do, if he had to leave me; and it seemed almost more than I could bear. I felt I had come to the Red Sea place in my life and I cried earnestly to the Lord. He made the way for me to go on, and today my heart is filled with praises to our God, with a decision to go all the way. Please continue to pray for us, for we need the dear Lord to guide us and help us to know His will.

John W. and Ethel Wilson.

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Foster, Okla.—Dear Sister Pruitt: I am still pressing on the upward way. His spirit bears witness with my spirit that I am a child of God, and I am made to rejoice, praise His holy name.

He is so good to me, and I am thankful for His great love. I am so glad that I am still upon praying grounds and pleading terms with God. How desolate life would be for me without God! Continue to pray for me, that I might stay in the center of His will, and that I might be sanctified and made meet for the Master's use.

I am sending a request for prayer for my son's eyes. He lost his glasses and as he is going to school his eyes are giving him trouble. I know that God is able to heal his eyes. If we only believe, all things are possible to us. Pray for me that my faith might be increased. I am isolated from the true saints of God. I have never even heard them preach.

Your sister in Christ,

Ruth Palmer.

4433 Elizabeth St., Denver, Colo.—Dear Saints of God. A copy of the **Faith and Victory** was handed me and I thought it was such a good paper that I wanted to subscribe for it, I am a widow and work nearly every day. It is so restful to come home and read some of the good sermons that I find in this paper. I can truly say I have victory over sin. I do thank God for the plan of salvation. We have faith, hope, and charity, and do have if we are saved. I was saved some time ago, and later sanctified, and I have enjoyed the fellowship of the Lord ever since. He is my help and stay in every time of need, if we put our faith and trust in Him. Please pray for me, that I'll be all that He demands of me in this life.

Yours in Christ, Mrs. Maud Hackett.

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Rankins, Ill.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt:

Greetings in Jesus' name. The other day I received through the mail three copies of your faith paper, sent to me by a good sister, Mrs. R. F. Shroud of Newcastle, Ind. I am very grateful to her for these papers. I take four religious papers, but I am hungry to know the right way, and I did enjoy these papers. There is real soul food in them.

Please pray that God will open up the doors of heaven with his Holy Spirit upon me.

May God richly bless you and wife in your work of spreading the truths of God in the printed pages.

Yours in Jesus, Mrs. Della Fritz

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Fallis, Okla.—To the dear saints of God, greetings with much holy love. I write just a few lines to let you hear from me. I am at home alone now. The children have all gone and left just Jesus and me. I felt lonely one night after they left me, and a band of angels sang over my bed all night until sunrise the next morning. They sang me to sleep the second time, and were still singing when I awoke, and I did not know I was alone until sunrise. Then I began to sing the song. I cannot say any more that I am alone. I want to correspond with Sister Smith who has a boy about fourteen years old. His name is Charles Smith, and he teaches the little children at their meetings. I do not know her first name, and I want her to write me a card, so I can know where she is.

Pray for me. Your sister, Ellen Chandler.

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Langston, Okla.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings to all of you in Jesus' dear name. Today finds me saved and on the altar for the Lord.

I am greatly encouraged to press on to the end, although I have many trials and temptations. The devil tries so hard to put all kinds of evil things in my pathway. The more he tries, the harder I pray to God. Thank the Lord, He hears and answers my prayers.

I am the only one saved who lives here in Langston, and I am not permitted to attend services very often; but dear saints, I am on the battlefield, and I want all of you to earnestly remember me in your prayers. We would be so glad to have some of the saints come here and have services. The people here are deep in sin.

I have an unspoken request for prayer.

Your sister in Christ, Ophelia E. Campbell.

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### BACKSLIDING

“For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.”—2 Pet. 2:21, 22.

“According to the true proverb”—This seems to be a reference to Prov. 26:11—‘As the dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool repeateth his folly.’ . . . This is called a true proverb; for it is a fact, that a dog will eat up his own vomit; and a swine, howsoever carefully washed, will again wallow in the mire. As applied here, it is very expressive; the poor sinner, having heard the Gospel of Christ, was led to loathe and reject his sin; and, on his application to God for mercy, was washed from his unrighteousness. But he is here represented as taking up again what he had before rejected; and defiling himself in that from which he had been cleansed.

Here is sad proof of the possibility of falling from grace, and from very high degrees of it too. These had escaped from the contagion that was in the world; they had had true repentance, and cast up ‘their sour sweet morsel of sin:’ they had been washed from all their filthiness, and this must have been through the blood of the Lamb; yes, after all, they went back, got entangled with their old sins, swallowed down their formerly rejected lusts, and re-wallowed in the mire of corruption. It is no wonder that God should say, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning; reason and nature say it must be so; and divine justice says it ought to be so; and the person himself must confess that it is right that it should be so. But how dreadful is this state! How dangerous when the person has abandoned himself to his old sins! Yet it is not said that it is impossible for him to return to his Maker: though his case be deplorable, it is not utterly hopeless; the leper may yet be made clean, and the dead may be raised. Reader, is thy backsliding a grief and burden to thee? Then thou art not far from the kingdom of God; believe on he Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved.”

—Adam Clarke

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"For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands."—1 Pet. 3:5.

"Who trusted in God"—The women who trust not in God, are fond of dress and frippery; those who trust in God, follow nature and common sense.

"Being in subjection unto their own husbands' It will rarely be found that women who are fond of dress, and extravagant in it, have any subjection to their husbands but what comes from mere necessity. Indeed, their dress, which they intend as an attractive to the eyes of others, is a sufficient proof that they have neither love nor respect for their own husbands. Let them who are concerned refute the charge."  
—Adam Clarke

ASSEMBLY MEETING

We, the saints of Akron, will have our Assembly meeting Nov. 1-10. Spirit filled ministers are expected to be here to preach the word of God under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan as usual. All will be welcome. We are expecting a feast of good things from heaven.


May the dear Lord ever encourage you, is my prayer,  
Sister Jones.

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- T. A magnificent mission. Luke 4:16-30.
- W. Good tidings to the poor Matt. 25:31-40.
- T. Release to the captives. Rom. 8:1-11.
- F. Healing the blind. Luke 18:35-43.
- S. Liberty for the bruised. Luke 5:12-16.

Printed Portion ..... Luke 4:16-30.

Luke 4:16. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the

blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat dawn. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

22. And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

23. And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.

24. And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.

25. But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;

26. But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.

27. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.

28. And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,

29. And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereupon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

30. But he passing through the midst of them went his way.

Golden Text: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." —Luke 19:10.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Some things which it would be good to notice about our Pattern, Jesus Christ, are: 1. He returned after his battle with Satan "in the power of the Spirit;" 2. It was his custom to attend services at the house of God; 3. He had a knowledge of the word of God; and 4. He did not shrink from declaring his mission in order to avoid the criticism of his friends and acquaintances which he knew he would receive.

Man was created in the image of God in purity and holiness, and was crowned with glory and honor; but through disobedience to God, they had been reduced to a state of poverty, captivity, blindness, and oppression. Jesus is the only one who is able to change these conditions. People are prone to think in terms of the things of this world, but Jesus looks at the heart and judges us by what he sees there. To the Laodicean church, he said, "Thou sayest, I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing: and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."

"Preach the gospel to the poor" —He came to bring good tidings to those who realize their spiritual poverty.

"Heal the brokenhearted,"—"The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." He will heal those whose hearts are broken because of a sense of their sinful condition.

"Preach deliverance to the captives"—"He that committeth sin is the servant of sin" (John 8:34). "For of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought into bondage." (2 Pet. 2:19). "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Rom. 7:16). Jesus came to set people free from the bondage of sin—"Save his people FROM their sins."

"Recovering of sight to the blind"—The spiritual eyes of those whose hearts are full of sin are blind to the things of God." Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he can not see the kingdom of God." "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

"The acceptable year of the Lord"—"Now is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6:2.

The people "wondered at the gracious words," which would have meant their salvation had they believed; but their familiarity with the person of Christ caused them to harden their hearts and they refused to see his divinity (with which they were not acquainted).

### THE GOLDEN RULE

(Armistice Sunday)

Sunday November 10, 1940

Daily Readings and Meditations  
Nov. 4 to Nov. 9.

M. Design for living. Luke 6:20-26.

T. Non-resistance. Luke 6:27-30.

W. Ministering love. Luke 6:31-35.

T. Mercy's reward. Luke 6:36-38.

F. Motes and beams. Luke 6:39-42.

S. Roots and fruits. Luke 6:43-45.

Printed Portion .....Luke 6:27-38.

Luke 6:27. But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,

28. Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

29. And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not to take thy coat also.

30. Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again.

31. And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

32. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them.

33. And if ye do good to them which do good to you,

what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.

34. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

35. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

36. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

37. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

38. Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Golden Text: "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Luke 6:31.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It surely is not part of the carnal human nature to return good for evil from the heart. If it is done at all, it is done as a duty and not through love. It isn't so hard for a self-righteous person to refrain from rendering evil for evil; but divine love in the heart will enable one to repay hatred, curses, and abuses with good deeds, blessings, and prayers. Divine love suffers long and is kind. (Read 1 Cor 13.). Divine love caused Jesus to give his life for the salvation of sinners (his enemies). For those who crucified him, he prayed: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Divine love caused Stephen to pray for those who were showing extreme hatred toward him and stoning him to death: "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." "If any man hath not the spirit of Christ he is none of his."

Let us be sure that we possess His Spirit and keep his commandments, if we claim the name of Christian. If you find that you cannot keep the "hard feelings" toward others out of your heart and mind, remember that the word says, "In yourselves ye are nothing;" and seek earnestly for help from above. Do not return blow for blow, neither in word or deed.

The Golden Rule is: "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." You would not want others to give you something that would not be for your good even though you asked for it; therefore the directions which Jesus gave concerning lending and giving do not mean for you to lend or give anything which you have in your possession to the one who may ask for it, regardless of the use which he intends to make of it. One needs not give to others to satisfy their carnal greed or lusts. Do not give whiskey to the one who asks for it, or loan anything which you know will be used in an ungodly way. The Lord does not give us

everything which we ask of Him because He sees that some things are not for our good. He expects us to follow His example in all things.

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#### JESUS' CONCERN FOR LIFE AND HEALTH

Sunday, November 17, 1940

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

Nov. 11 to Nov. 16.

M. The answer of faith. Luke 7:2-10.

T. Restoring the dead to life. Luke 7:11-17.

W. Saved by faith. Luke 7:36-50.

T. The deeper healing Mark 2:1-12.

F. The prodigal repents. Luke 15:11-24.

S. The abundant life. John 10:7-10.

Printed Portion ..... Luke 7:2-15

Lk. 7:2. And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die.

3. And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant.

4. And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this:

5. For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue.

6. Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof.

7. Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed.

8. For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

9. When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

10. And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

11. And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples with him, and much people.

12. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.

13. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.

14. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

15. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.

**Golden Text:** "I am come that they might have life; and that they might have it more abundantly."—John 10:10.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The Centurion, being a Gentile, felt that Jesus, being a Jew would have no dealings with him; so he sent the Jewish elders to plead his case. The Jews were his friends because he had shown himself friendly to them, but when Jesus came to his rescue, it was because of his faith and not because of his good deeds.

Jesus said that he had not found so great faith in Israel because the Centurion recognized Jesus as the Master over the disease which his servant had, even as he was the master over his servants. He could tell his servants to go or stay and they would obey; even so, Jesus could command the disease to go and it would go.

Would Jesus be able to find this kind of faith in you, when you call upon Him to heal your diseases; or are you one of the class who do not believe that Jesus can heal diseases today? He is just as willing and able to heal now as he was then; for he is the "same yesterday, today, and for ever." Nothing pleases Him so much as for one to have unwavering faith in Him.

What a wonderful blessing to the widow that Jesus met her when she was in such great distress. Sometimes calamities which cause great grief are blessings in disguise. Perhaps the widow would never have met Jesus, had she not been drawn to the gate in mourning for her son. Many have found Jesus in times of distress who never would have found him otherwise.

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### ATTITUDES TOWARD THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

Sunday, November 24, 1940

#### Daily Readings and Meditations

Nov. 18 to Nov. 23.

- M. The seed is the word. Luke 8:4-15.
- T. Seed by the wayside. Titus 1:10-16.
- W. Seed on the rock. 2 Tim. 4:9-18.
- T. Seed among thorns. Matt. 6:24-34.
- F. Seed on good ground. Acts 2:37-47.
- S. Good soil. Psalm 119:9-16.

**Printed Portion** ..... Luke 8:4-15.

Luke 8:4. And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable:

5. A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.

6. And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.

7. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.

8. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let

him hear.

9. And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be?

10. And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

11. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

12. Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

13. They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

14. And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

15. But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

**Golden Text:** "Take heed therefore how ye hear."—Luke 8:18.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In this lesson is portrayed for different attitudes, which those who hear the gospel have. Though customs and methods have changed since the time when Jesus was here, we find by experience that the same conditions exist in the hearts of men and women.

As the seed is sown (gospel preached or taught), some harden their hearts and will not receive it at all. They let the devil keep a crust over their hearts until the word can find no lodgment.—the wayside.

The rock—Some receive the word readily and are zealous to work for the Lord, but fall back with the multitude who are traveling the broad way, when they find that there are thorns in the narrow way. Jesus said that we would have persecutions in this life; so one needs not expect to "be carried to heaven on flowery beds of ease" when he becomes a Christian.

Among Thorns—Many run well for a time; but fail to keep their "eye single" to the glory of God. The deceitfulness of riches and the cares of this life are allowed a place in their affections, and they soon choke out the word. "No man can serve two masters."

Good ground—These are they that are faithful unto death. Jesus said, "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold; but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

Which of these attitudes did the following take? King Agrippa, Felix, Demas, Paul, Judas, Peter, the disciples mentioned in John 6:66, Jesus' countrymen (Luke 4), the rich young man (Matt 19), Lot's wife, Joseph, Abraham, Ananias and Sapphira, and YOU?