

# FAITH AND VICTORY

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

HAVE FAITH  
IN GOD

GOD IS  
LOVE

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

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## ANOTHER "NEW YEAR"

A weighty sermon greets our ear:  
As 1940's end draws near  
It preaches in an undertone  
From "Father Time's" decaying throne.  
The seasons, four, have gone so fast,  
And now we view them in the past,  
And last year's record—sad may be—  
Is written for eternity.

A brief review of by-gone days  
Lived by a world in sinful ways  
Of greed and hatred, and a war  
Fought for dictators drunk with power,  
The love of many waxing cold  
(For sin, they leave the Saviour's fold),  
Remind those who on God rely  
That time's end, too, is drawing nigh.

But should time last through '41,  
Our own brief race may have been run  
And "Father Time's" rough hand may lay  
Upon our cold and lifeless clay.  
'Tis wisdom then, that every breath  
Should help prepare us for our death;  
Hence, as on earth we onward plod  
Let's make each moment count for God.

Yes, let us live the coming year  
In righteousness and godly fear,  
Seeking our God in faith each day  
For grace to walk in the narrow way,  
That when life's "Old Year" ends below  
And we into His presence go  
Blood-washed and free from taint of sin—  
We'll greet the happy "New Year" then!  
—Geneva Bailey.

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## GOD'S PURPOSE AND PLAN

Dear readers, we would like to call your attention for a few minutes to God's plan, or rather to a few passages of scripture revealing God's plan to us. In Eph. 1:3-5 we read: "Blessed be the God and

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will." We see that God's object or purpose in doing this was that we should be holy. That was his plan before he placed man upon the earth. When man was first created, he was made in the likeness of God: that he might have fellowship with his creator; and as long as our foreparents retained the holiness of God in their character, they enjoyed the fellowship and communion of their Maker, but as soon as they disobeyed the holy command, they went into sin, and condemnation and brought death to their souls. They no longer enjoyed the presence of God, but when they heard his voice in the garden they were afraid and went and hid themselves; and because of their disobedience, they were driven out of the garden. Sin had entered into the world, and death by sin, "for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." But it was still in the mind of God that he should have a holy people to have fellowship with himself. In Leviticus 19:1-2 we read: "And the Lord spake unto Moses, Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy." Now why did he want them to be holy? The answer is, "For I the Lord your God am holy." If God is holy, it is only reasonable that his children will be holy; for God, being absolutely pure and holy, can have no fellowship with impure, or unholy beings. Of course, the holiness under the Levitical priesthood was only ceremonial, and failed to fully satisfy the mind of God because it failed to cleanse the inner man; or did not purify the heart. "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins." But "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). "The blood of Jesus cleanseth." "What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus." Nothing less than the

blood of Jesus will make any one acceptable unto God. "Jesus died to make men holy ;" not in ceremonial way, but to instill holiness in the soul, in the inner man, that man, being made a partaker of the divine nature could have fellowship with God. Peter exhorts the followers of Christ: "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation." Why? Again I ask, why does God demand that his people be holy? "Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." (1 Pet. 1:15, 16). We must be like him. "For if the first fruit be holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root be holy, so are the branches" (Rom. 11:16). Light and darkness have no fellowship one with the other: righteousness and unrighteousness will not blend; sin and holiness will not flow together; God will not fellowship sin. "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, (sin) we lie, and do not the truth, but if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1:6, 7.)

There is cleansing power in the blood. "For if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Hebrews 9:13, 14). "We must be holy as he is pure, for this the Saviour died." "Husbands love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Eph. 5:25-27).

We see again that the plan and purpose of God was that his people be holy. His church is a holy structure composed of holy people who constitute the body of Christ. "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood." (1 Peter 3:5a). Their names are written in heaven. One cannot remain in Christ or his church and commit sin, for he hath said, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away." "And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book." But those who live faithful and true, those who walk worthy of the vocation, those who overcome by the blood of the lamb—of them it is written: "He that overcometh the same shall be clothed in white raiment: and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life but I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels." (Rev. 3:5). The Book of Life is in heaven. "And the foundation of God standeth

sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his."

Heaven is a holy place prepared for a holy people; not a place to make men holy, but a place to which the holy will go. Sin can never enter there. It is a place filled with presence and power of a holy God; and all must be holy that will dwell with him in eternity: "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought we to be in all holy conversation and godliness?" (2 Pet. 3:11).

—Ulysses Phillips.

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### *History of the Origin of the Millennial Deception*

We shall now take up the general Judgment and prove by the following scripture that it will take place when Jesus comes: "I charge thee therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom" (2 Tim. 4:1); "And the books were opened: . . . and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works" (Rev. 20:11-15). All of the above is to take place when Jesus comes "for we shall all [saints and sinners] stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (Rom. 14:10). Also read 2 Cor. 5:10: He will reward the righteous and punish the wicked.

Next we come to the last proposition, the utter consuming and passing away of this earth and the works therein: "The end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." (1 Pet. 4:7). "But the heavens and the earth which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat; the earth also, and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness: looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens, being on fire, shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? (2 Pet. 3:7, 10-12). For final proof of this last proposition, the consuming of all things literal, read Rev. 20:11, 12: "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead small and great stand before God, and the books were opened, . . . and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works" (no time or place now for a millennium).

Many are confused over the two resurrections, for there are two taught in the word of God. The first is spiritual, and the second or last is literal. "We know we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren" (1 John 3:14). This means the dead state brought about by sin. "Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12; also read Eph. 2:1). Spiritual death reigned over the world from Adam to Christ (Rom. 5:12-14). When Christ came, He brought life to this sin-cursed world (2 Tim. 1:9, 10). "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). This resurrection antedating all others must of necessity be the first. It may properly be said that the first resurrection is divided into two parts: namely, the mighty host raised up in the apostolic age; and the host saved since that time—"and the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished, this is the first resurrection" (Rev. 20:5). The millions quickened to life through this entire gospel dispensation all taken together, compose the first resurrection.

"What are termed the Middle Ages commenced with the fifth and terminated with the fifteenth century. Of these, the first six are denominated the "Dark Ages;" but throughout the whole period Christianity suffered a long eclipse of a thousand years." (Goodrich's Church History, p. 478). During that dark period, but very few were saved; "but the rest of the dead" of Adam's fallen race "lived not again until the thousand years were finished." The reign on earth had ceased, and the only reign enjoyed by the people of God was "with Christ" in paradise by those who had part in the first resurrection.

But the Reformation again brought the resurrecting grace of God into action, and thousands of the "rest of the dead" have been, and are being, brought to life through the gospel; and "shall reign in life by one Jesus Christ." (Rom 5:17; Rev. 5:10). So instead of setting up a kingdom when he comes (as so many think) here on earth, he will deliver it up (1 Cor. 15:24). "Behold I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep [we shall not all be in the grave.], but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump:" which will be when He comes. (1 Cor. 15:51, 52). "Let God be true, but every man a liar." Oh "ye stiffnecked, and uncircumcised in heart," who always wrest the Word of God to your own destruction by listening to the doctrines and dogmas of men, stop and listen to the voice of Jesus: "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory, and before him shall be gathered all nations [saint and sinner of every nation on earth] and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth

his sheep [which represent saints] from the goats [which represent sinners]" Matt. 25:31, 32. When he comes in the clouds, all will see him at the same time (Rev. 1:7).

The kingdom which Jesus set up when he came did not consist of literal things, but "righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 14:17). Millennium means one thousand years, so almost two millenniums have passed since Christ was here. In Rev. 16:13, John in spirit saw three unclean spirits come out of the mouth of the dragon (Paganism), and out of the mouth of the beast (Catholicism), and out of the mouth of the false prophet (Protestantism). The appellations: devil, satan, or old serpent, are symbolically applied to this dragon (Paganism) because of its devilish origin, idolatrous worship, being antagonistic to the Christian church. Michael, the Lord Jesus Christ, came upon the scene and with his angels (pure apostolic ministry) in the ecclesiastical heaven, made war against this great red dragon and conquered it; and with the chain of his eternal truth bound this anti-Christ power and hurled it from its lofty position to the great abyss and set up his kingdom instead. When Pagan Rome saw her religion decreasing under increasing light of Christianity, it became wroth at the woman (church) and went to make war with the remnant of her seed (the saints). This was done through her son, the beast (Papal Rome) (Rev. 12:17; 13:1-7). This beast reigned on earth 1260 years (42 months equal 1260 days. The Bible uses a "day" for a year: "I have appointed thee each day for a year" Ezek. 4:6.) The woman (church) fled into the wilderness (a place of obscurity, where she remained during the 1260 years from A. D. 270 to A. D. 1530 (Rev. 12:6-14). In Rev 17, we see a description of a corrupt woman (Roman Catholic Church) where her daughters were called harlots (verse 5). The second beast (Protestantism) in Rev. 13:11-18 is an image made to the first beast (popery) and is the sectarian institutions. "And I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, 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"—A. D. 530, the time when Catholicism was substantially set up, till A. D. 1530, Martin Luther's time. Not that they ceased to reign at that time, but salvation work once more commences on earth, and now we reign

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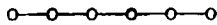
**Editorials**

As the old year of 1940 is coming to a close we find ourselves and all the office force very busy in the "Lord's Print Shop"; in fact, this has been a very busy year for us all the way through; but even though the work has been plentiful with long hours of labor, yet we delight to do service for the Lord and in behalf of precious souls. The joy of our heart and of all the office force is to please the Lord who has purchased us at such a great cost. Doing love service for the Master is not irksome.

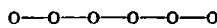
Everything runs smoothly here in the office as all know their work to do, and labor as unto the Lord. Geneva Bailey operates the Intertype machine, which makes slugs for the printing presses, proof reads, and prepares the "Bible Lessons." All of her work is very important in getting the gospel out to the people. Frances Pruitt, our daughter, folds tracts, writes labels for the many packages of tracts, papers, and booklets that are going out all the time, takes charge of the mailing lists, and in the closing up of this year she has the "Three Months" subscriptions to list. However, this part of the work has been so heavy that it has been necessary for us to hire others to help. Each name and address must be written on wrappers three times, and when several thousand names and addresses are to be written three times, it takes much work and many days to do it. Wife has her house work to do and a large correspondence to keep up; also helps Frances with her work of writing addresses, etc. She is very busy helping along with the Lord's work. Bro. Hyrum Ray operates the Job Press and the folding machines and performs many other necessary tasks in the Lord's work. The writer, your servant, does the wrapping of the packages of tracts, books, and papers that are continually sent forth, operates the Cylinder Press, does "make-up" work, gets manuscript ready for the paper, does the buying and ordering of needed material, and has a heavy correspondence which keeps us exceedingly busy, and often many hours after night. We are all willing and glad to spend and be spent for his sake who suffered unjustly as if he were a criminal or one smitten and accursed of God that we might have eternal life. Oh, that we could get souls to see the goodness of God through Christ that they might worship at his lovely feet and have everlasting life!

The work of Christ for our salvation has been completed and now it is up to men to believe, repent, and receive the Gift of God which is eternal life through the Lord Jesus Christ. This printing work is the Lord's and all the workers belong to Him, and He has the preeminence in all things. Every member in the body of Christ should feel that he (or she) is a part of this work and do what he can to keep the pure gospel of Christ going forth by

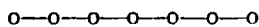
the printed page, for the tracts, "little silent preachers," are reaching souls that it would be almost impossible to reach in any other way. Thousands upon thousands of souls are receiving the gospel in this way. As each member in the body of Christ gives freely of their means to support the printing work, they are "workers together with Him." The soul that gives back to the Lord things that He puts into his hands will find God giving to him again. In this way the soul is kept spiritually healthy and alive and does not become like a stagnant pond. Many men and women are too stingy and wanting in faith to prosper in their souls and they soon become like a stagnant pond of water. God forbid that any of our readers will neglect the most important things in life. God says in his word, "Give and it shall be given you again, good measure, pressed together and running over shall men give unto your bosom." Folks who have real faith in God are not afraid to let go of those things that God has given them for they know that the same God who gave the present things to them can and will give again. Let us have faith in God.



By the time this issue of the paper reaches our readers, the New Year will be near at hand and we send greetings of love and fellowship to all of our readers and pray that the coming New Year will be a year of blessings to your souls and that God will comfort you in the spirit and deepen your decisions to do more for the Lord and souls in the coming year than in the past year. May God bless you each one and comfort you in the faith and cause you to function in the body in your place to his glory and to the salvation of precious souls. Pray for us and the workers when you pray.



We have just finished printing five thousand books for A. Q. Bridwell, 223 College St., Popular Bluff, Mo. The title of this book is: "Symbols, the Key to Revelation." It contains 64 pages, and to those who are interested in Revelation and prophecy it will be a very interesting book. You can send to the author and get it for 25 cents.



We are deeply interested in getting the truth to people concerning the Church which is the body of Christ, a divine institution outside of all human made churches, a place where souls can abide and be perfectly free to be led by the Spirit of God and not regulated by human wisdom and man-made organizations that become as "cracked cisterns" that hold no water, or a stagnant pond which is filled with scum and all manner of slimy things. God, by his Spirit, is calling his children out of all these earthly institutions that they may abide in the one body, the

house of God which is the church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15.)

On page eight and nine of this paper you will find an illustration of the house of God—the Church of God. We have gone to considerable expense to get this picture drawn and a "cut" made of it so we could get this truth to our readers. It seems to us that this drawing makes it so plain that even children can see the true church and will not join themselves to any of the many man-organized, earthly churches. Just abide in Jesus and be led by his Spirit and he will fit and frame you into the building and will work through you causing you to function freely in the place he has called you without having any human straps and bands on you to hinder you.

When an issue of the "Faith and Victory" paper goes forth there have been some of our readers sending in for a roll of papers to hand out or send to their friends or neighbors, and we are glad to send you these papers. We expect to print a large supply of extra papers of this January, 1941 issue; so you who want this issue to use for His glory can feel free to send for them. We will send them to any address in the U. S. post paid at the rate of 25 cents per dozen. Send and get a few dozen of these papers and help your friend or neighbor to understand the truth of the gospel. Many of God's dear children are lodged up in sect pens and are longing to be free from cold forms of worship and stagnant water. Please lend them a helping hand by sending them this paper.

Brethren, pray for us here at the "Lord's Print Shop," the cause is great, the work is great, the responsibility is great, the expense is great, and orders are great; but Jesus Christ is great and God is Almighty and he has created a great people who need the pure unadulterated gospel that heaven and immortal glory may be their home. Three things are essential if a soul keeps saved and they are: WATCH, PRAY, and DO. When a soul does this, he is yielding to God and God will keep him saved, and ready for the summons at any moment.

Saved people are the lights of the world. Let us keep the lower lights burning by drawing fuel from above. Do not keep your light under a bushel; let it shine to all the world. Do some kind and good deed today as His Spirit directs. Your deeds do not escape his notice. We are termed in the scripture as "trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord." Bear the fruits of the Spirit freely and the God of peace will comfort your heart.



—NOTICE—

We have a supply of "Scripture Text Calendars" at the office now. These 1941 calendars are very beautiful and well made. They have a verse of scripture for every day. We will send them post-

paid to you for 30 cents each or four for one dollar. The "Triumphant Life" Calendar is a smaller calendar, but is very nice to hang on the wall. We will send you this calendar for 15 cents each or seven for one dollar.

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The twelve issues of the "Faith and Victory" paper which were printed in 1940 can now be obtained in book form, bound together and covered with a good paper cover. They are 35 cents postpaid to any address in the United States. You will find these books useful in different ways; such as reference work and as a means of spreading the gospel to your friends.

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### HISTORY OF MILLENNIAL DECEPTION

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here with him while the saints above are still reigning with him in paradise, praise God. Our future home will not be here on earth as Millennium teachers believe, but in heaven; for this earth will have passed away, also the aerial heavens (Rev. 20:11, 12). So we see there will be no time, place, or need of a Millennial Reign for we are reigning with Christ now, here on earth. But thank God for an eternal heaven that will not pass away, where we shall reign with Christ in eternity. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people (2 Cor. 5:1)—the preparation necessary to enter heaven is a pure heart (Mat. 5:8), and a holy life (Heb. 12:14). All Millennial teachers are wrong.

"O poor sinner, don't believe them,  
There will be no age to come;  
If in life you find not Jesus,  
Death will seal your awful doom."

—G. E. Harmon.

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### Obituaries

Bro. John Maples was born in Dallas County, Mo. March 4, 1859 and departed this life at Walnut Grove, Mo. Route 2 Nov. 27, 1940. He was united in marriage to Miss Minerva Berry. To this union eight children were born, four sons and four daughters. His wife and three children preceded him in death. In 1925 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Drucilla Mapels who also preceded him in death in 1931. He was later united in marriage to Mrs. Vesta Frazier, who survives him.

Survivors besides his wife are Robert of Sand Springs, Okla.; Pleas of Clovis, New Mex.; and Tony Maples of Walnut Grove, Mo., R. 2; Mrs. Nora McGahan of Farwell, Tex. and Mrs. Anna Pollard of Sand Springs, Okla.; one brother and two sisters, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Bro. Maples was converted early in life, and lived a consistent Christian life until the Lord called him to his reward.

A statement from J. A. Brim, the undertaker and a long time friend, was: "To know Uncle John was to love him; and we are comforted by the fact that our loss is heaven's gain."

**Text:** Psa. 90:10—"The days of our years are three score years and ten, and if by reason of strength they be four score years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off and we fly away." Scriptures read: Rev. 14:13 and 1 Cor. 15:12-22; 35-38.

Funeral conducted by the writer. —R. M. Porter

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Bro. Richard Everett Smith was born in Buewie County, New Boston, Texas, Nov. 25, 1867 and died Dec. 6, 1940 at the age of 73 years, one week, and 3 days.

He was united in marriage at the age of seventeen years to Julia Warl and in 1901 to Mary M. Hopkins. He leaves to mourn their loss two sons, two daughters, two sons-in-law and two daughters-in-law, and twelve grandchildren.

He was converted and joined the Baptist church of which he was a member for 53 years. He moved to Okla. Nov. 7, 1925 where he met the saints and later accepted the truth and lived a Christian until his death. His last words were: "Lord, have mercy; I am willing to answer my father's call."

Funeral service was conducted by Fred Pruitt in the Baptist meeting house twelve miles southwest of Watauga, Okla. Text: 2 Cor. 4:18.

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### MEETING REPORTS

Union City, Ohio—To all the saints scattered abroad: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. This leaves us saved and working for the Lord here in Union City. We want to thank all the dear saints who prayed so earnestly last winter for the Lord to direct us where he would have us locate. It is marvelous how He heard and answered prayer. He made it clear that He wanted us to locate in Union City. There were honest souls here and they were praying for the Lord to send someone here to start a work. We obeyed the Lord and came, and we surely thank the Lord for how He is working.

We came in touch with a few honest souls who were hungry for the truth and we started having prayer meetings in our home. Honest souls kept coming till we needed a larger place, and we began praying for the Lord to open up the way that we might have a public place to worship where people could, and would come better; and, thank the Lord, he has given us a nice meeting house in a good location (electric lights and a stove were in it) all just for the up-keep of it. Oh, we can't thank Him enough for his goodness to us. We started a Sunday School and preaching following. Bro. Foster from Yorkshire, and Bro. Abbott from Dayton would do the preaching, and we would have from 40 to 45 in S. S. and services. Then the people began to want a revival, so Nov. 15th we started a revival. Bro. and Sister Strong and Sister Nellie Johnston of Chillicothe, Ohio were with us for ten days. We surely had a glorious meeting. The truth went forward in love and many souls received much light and were interested and hated to see the meeting close. There was much good accomplished and a number healed. The last night of the meeting it seemed marvelous to see the saints coming in from Dayton, New-castle, Muncie, Anderson, Saratoga, Winchester, and Chillicothe—how our hearts did rejoice! Praise the Lord for his goodness to his children. We want to praise him and always be found doing the little things he has for us to do. Pray for us and the work here in Union City.

—Bro. and Sister Nottingham.

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Henryetta, Okla.—Dear Saints scattered in Jesus' name I write you to let you know I am still saved

and have my trust in the dear Lord. The meeting at Hoffman on the fourth Sunday in October was owned and blessed of the Lord. Bro. Jackson and Brother Knight preached. Nine took part in the ordinance service.

On the first Sunday in November Bro. Jackson, Bro. Reed, Bro. Knight and some saints from Hoffman and Okmulgee were present. Two went to the altar and were sanctified.

Any of God's ministers will find a welcome at the Watson School when the Lord leads them.

—Lizzie Murdock.

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#### REVIVAL MEETING NOTICE

Chillicothe, Ohio—Our revival meeting starts Jan. 5, 1941, the first Sunday in the New Year, to continue as long as the Lord leads. Bro. J. W. Foster of Yorkshire, Ohio and Sister Laura Powell of Huntington, W. Va. are expected. The work here is growing and a good meeting is expected. —Bro. John H. Strong, R. 7, Box 65.

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#### MOUNT ZION

Have you walked about Mt. Zion?  
'Round her towers great and tall?  
Have you seen her mighty bulwarks;  
Have you seen her shining walls?

Have you seen her lovely palaces  
Shining forth with splendor bright,  
In the city of the ransomed  
Where there never comes the night?

Yes the City hath foundations,  
She is anchored to the Rock!  
She has stood the howling tempests,  
And will stand the judgment shock.

It's a foursquare, twelve-gate City,  
Walls of jasper, streets of gold;  
And its blood-washed population,  
No man yet has ever told.

No storm clouds shall gather o'er it,  
Neither cast a shadow there;  
The sun and moon shall give no light  
In that City bright and fair.

For there the Lamb himself is light,  
He hath said, "I am the door;"  
And the saved of every nation  
Shall worship and his name adore.

In her great and mighty tower,  
There abides the peaceful dove;  
And its banners, in the Zephyr,  
Floating over me is love.

This blessed City is Mount Zion,  
It's the New Jerusalem,  
It's the Church of God—He bought her—  
It's the fair Bride of the Lamb.

—Ulysses Phillips.

## THE CHURCH OF GOD

The family of God, or the Church of God, is symbolized in the scriptures by many different literal objects to bring to the minds of the saved spiritual truths which enlighten, establish, and settle the saved of earth into a united and compacted company of heaven-born beings working with one object in view, and that is to lift up Christ as the Saviour of the world and show forth his body, which is the Church, that men may lay aside all idol worship and forsake the man-made churches and human institutions and abide alone in Christ, who is the head of the body, the true church (Col. 1:18).

In all the literal objects used in the scriptures to symbolize the church, we see them as objects that are solid—always together and firm. Consider the word Mt. Zion or Sion, which is a figure of the church (Heb.12:22). When we think of a mountain, we look upon it as something that would be humanly impossible to move, something great and mighty, and can be seen from a long distance, wearing a snowy white robe (which denotes purity and cleanliness), and something that is compacted together, towering upward toward Heaven in one great, solid lump. In this respect Mt. Zion symbolizes the true Church that is shining in the world at this present time. Read Psalms 48:2; Isaiah 8:18; also the first few verses of the second chapter of Isaiah, which is a direct prophecy of the Church, the house of God or family of God in this gospel dispensation in which we live. There is no carnal warfare going on in Zion. Paul says, "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God." 2 Cor. 10:4. Read Isa. 32:17, 18.

In other places in the Bible the scriptures speak of the Church in symbolical language as a City: "Jerusalem is builded as a city which is compact together." Psalms 122:3.

"And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin: and I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city. Zion shall be redeemed with judgment and her converts with righteousness." Isa. 1:25-27.

"In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah: [where God's people dwell] We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation that keepeth the truth may enter in. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Isa. 26:1-3.

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**A DIVINE  
ORGANIZATION  
BUILT AND  
GOVERNED  
BY CHRIST**

**FILLED WITH  
LOVE  
JOY  
PEACE**

**LONGSUFFERING  
GENTLENESS  
GOODNESS  
FAITH  
MEEKNESS  
TEMPERANCE**

*GAL. 5:22,23*

**POWER**  
*ACTS 1:8*

**VICTORY**  
*1 COR. 15:57*  
*and*

**GLORY**  
*JOHN 17:22*

**FRAMED**  
*EPH. 2:21*

**JOINED**  
*EPH. 4:16*

**BUILDIED**  
*EPH. 2:22*

**TEMPERED**  
*1 COR. 12:24*

**KNIT**  
*COL. 2:2*

**QUICKENED**  
*EPH. 2:5*

**RAISED UP**  
*EPH. 2:6*

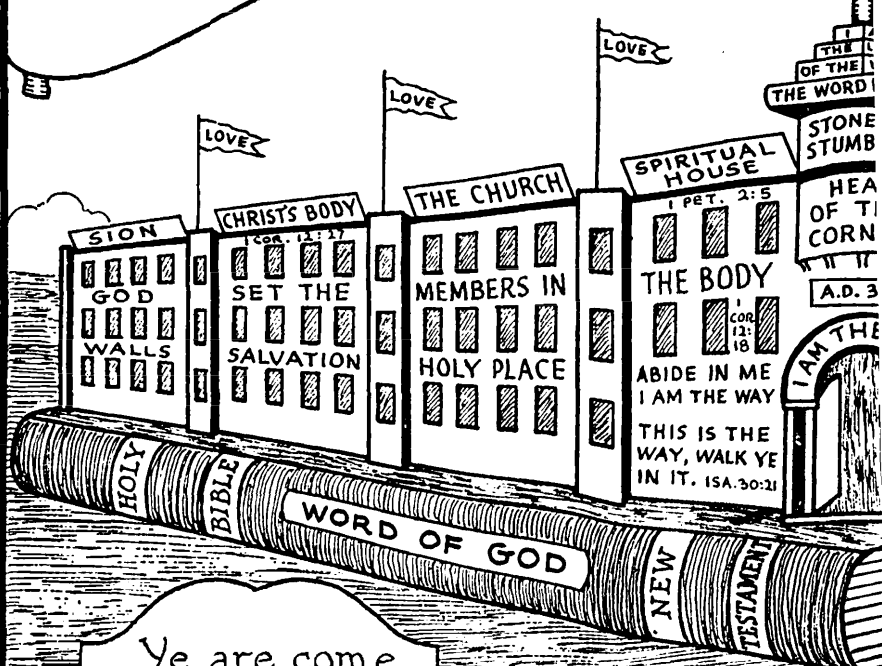
**TOGETHER**

**COMMANDMENTS**

*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. 1:10*

*Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace.  
2 Cor. 13:11*

Behold good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity.



*Ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the first-born, which are enrolled in heaven.*

*HEB. 12:22,23*

**THE VISIBLE MILITANT AND TRIUMPHANT CHURCH**  
*2 COR. 2:14*

**GOD HAS BUILT HIS CHURCH... BUT HE HAS CHOSEN THE FOOLISH AND WEAK**

**CHRIST'S BODY THE**



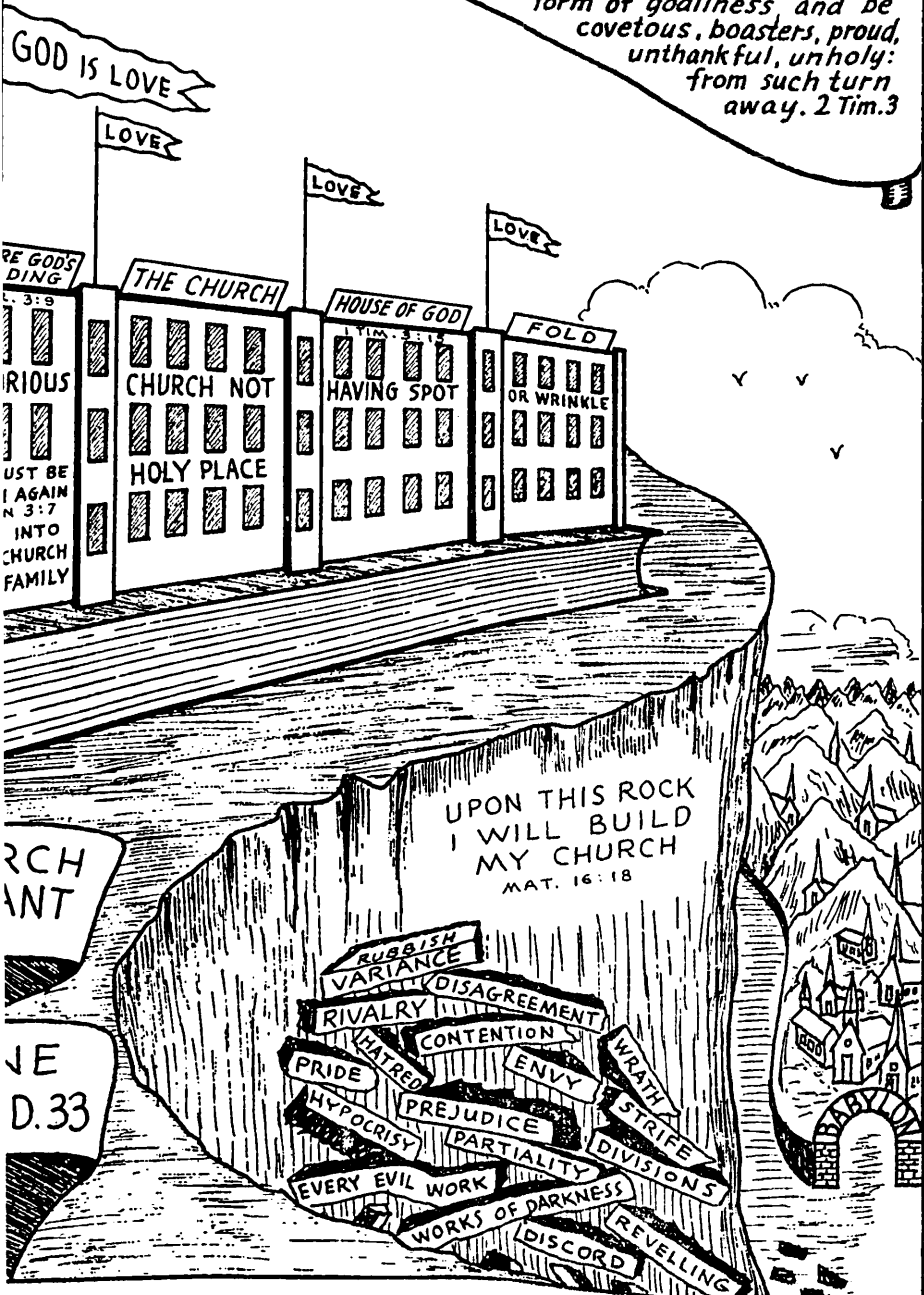
both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified. are all of one. Heb. 2:11

## COMMANDMENTS

Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. Rom. 16:17.

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. 2 Cor. 16:17

In the last days perilous times shall come. Men shall have a form of godliness and be covetous, boasters, proud, unthankful, unholy: from such turn away. 2 Tim. 3



## ONE CHURCH

**ONE BODY**  
1 COR. 12:13

**HEAD**  
EPH. 1:22

**LEADER**  
ISA. 55:4

**GOVERNOR**  
ISA. 9:6

**FOLD**  
JOHN 10:16

**DOOR**  
JOHN 10:9

**SHEPHERD**  
JOHN 10:16

**FAITH**  
EPH. 4:5

**DOCTRINE**  
1 TIM. 1:3

**WAY**  
JER. 31:39

**LAW**  
MAT. 22:40

**BUILDER**

**FOUNDATION**  
1 COR. 3:11

**MIND**  
2 COR. 13:11

**SPIRIT**  
EPH. 4:4

**JUDGMENT**  
1 COR. 1:10

**BAPTISM**  
EPH. 4:5

**HOPE**  
EPH. 4:4

**HEART**  
ACTS 4:32

**HUSBAND**  
2 COR. 11:2

**BRIDE**  
S. of 3. 6:9

**MOTHER**  
GAL. 4:26

**ALL ONE**

**IN CHRIST**  
GAL. 3:28

**ALL HAVE SALVATION**

CHURCH

HOUSE OF GOD

**THE CHURCH OF GOD**

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In Isaiah 60:14 we find these words concerning the church in this day: "And they shall call thee, The city of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy one of Israel." Jesus Christ is the Holy One of Israel.

"And they shall call them The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken." Isa. 62:12. This holy city is redeemed men and women. God has sought them out by his searching spirit and has brought them to the city of God, and he does not forsake them.

In those days the cities were built with a strong wall around them, and only those inside of the wall were in the city. They had the wall for a protection, and no intruder or undesirable person could get into the city unless they came in at the door or gate (Jesus is the door). The strong wall was the protection of those in the city. The prophet, in speaking of the city of God in which we dwell, said, "Salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks." There are none in this holy city now except those who have real Bible salvation. Salvation is as a wall around the city. The city of God or church of God is often referred to as Jerusalem or New Jerusalem. Paul says in Galatians, chapter four, where he is comparing the children under the law age with the redeemed of the Lord now, says, "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." So we are born from Jerusalem which is above and have become the New Jerusalem, the city of God which is here in the world shining for God, bringing heavenly truths to the attention of earthly men that they might believe. In Revelation 21:2 we read: "And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." This is none other but the family of God or church of God that is here in the world now. They are not of the world because their spirit, life, power, and wisdom has come from God and is coming from him. They are only ambassadors from heaven and are being used of God in revealing heavenly things to men and they shine as lights in the world (Phil. 2:15). Jesus said to the disciples in Matt. 5:14: "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." He refers to his disciples as a city.

On page eight and nine of this paper you will find the Church pictured as an house; and truly the scriptures are many telling us of the house of God which is the church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth. You will read about this in 1 Tim. 3:15. Peter tells us that we, "As lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up

spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:5.

A house is something that is fitted and framed together, making a solid structure to stand the storms of hail or rain that may come, likewise is the Church of God, as we read in Eph. 2:20: "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all [not part of it] the building, fitly framed together, groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord: [now notice] In whom ye also are builded together [not apart] for an habitation of God through the Spirit." This is very plain talk, and it seems to me that even a new born babe in Christ should understand and never join themselves to any of the many man-made churches or any other earthly institution, but just keep free in the Lord so God can fit and frame them into his building or church which is divinely governed and ruled. Read Psalms 87; also, Isaiah 9:5-8. You will find the government is on the Lord himself, not on a man or company of men. There is no place in the Bible where it tells you to join any earthly man-made organization or to have any idols.

In Hebrews 3:6 we read, "But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we." In Hebrews 8:2 we find the apostle referring to God's people as a sanctuary or tabernacle "which the Lord pitched and not man." Man has nothing to do with the building of the tabernacle, house, or church of God, only as he yields to God and God works through him to reveal Christ unto men. God sets the members in the body or church as it pleases Him, and we are all governed and ruled by the Lord, which gives us great freedom and boldness of speech.

In Col. 1:18 we read, "And he [Christ] is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the first born from the dead: that in all things he might have the preeminence." This makes us absolutely free from man-rule and the biased judgments of men. Thank God we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones (Eph. 5:30; and He, Christ, our near kin, has all power both in heaven and in earth (Matt. 28:18). He is worthy to rule and govern. His side was pierced, his innocent blood covers our souls and we are his blood-cleansed people, his family of blood-bought souls; and this makes us His blood kin, and we become one family, one house, one church, and have become heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ our Lord, for he will change our vile (or decaying) bodies and fashion us like unto his glorious body. Phil. 3:21.

Dear brethren, you who are tossed, bruised, and ill-fed, and have been decoyed into some human organization or man-made church and your soul is longing for better days; we beseech you to harken unto the voice of scripture in Revelation 18:4: "Come

out of her, my people, that ye be not partaker of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." For the angel is crying with a strong voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen [already fallen] and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." Come out clear from it all and obey the scripture in Jeremiah 50:5: "They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten." When you are clear from all idols and settled in the house of God, the church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth, then you can with a joyful heart sing the new song found in Revelation 15:3. "And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints." —Fred Pruitt.

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—NOTICE—

This is to remind those who have purchased lots on time and those who pledged contributions to the National Campground Pavilion Fund that they are all due on Dec. 25, 1940. At your earliest convenience, please mail the remittances to the secretary, L. D. Pruitt, 1005 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla.

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HE DIED TO SAVE

Jesus loved me long ago,  
For me He bled and died,  
For me they nailed Him to the cross,  
For me they pierced His side.

One day the Savior called me:  
"Come and be forgiven;  
I'll cleanse your heart and give you rest,  
And fit your soul for heaven."

I grasped His offered mercy;  
He washed me in His blood—  
Oh, glory to the Saviour's name,  
The precious Lamb of God!

Then the Holy Spirit came  
And sanctified me wholly.  
I love to praise His holy name  
And tell the blessed story.

Sinner, give your heart to God,  
You'll surely be forgiven.  
He'll wash away your every sin,  
Prepare your soul for heaven.

—Pauline Metcalf.

"Out of all your gifts ye shall offer . . . the best thereof." "Give me thine heart." —Bible.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chicago, Ill.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' name. Praise the Lord for His mercy and longsuffering toward us. Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28.

About two weeks ago, Nov. 22, after our Friday meeting when I returned home I felt so convicted whether I was saved or not. The next morning I felt just the same. Praise the Lord for Holy Ghost conviction. I then went over to one of the sister's house (Sis. Dravis) and told her that I didn't think I was saved, then I began to cry and cry. We both knelt and cried to the Lord to save my soul. "Come now, and 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. Then I went on and took the second step—Sanctification, being filled with the Holy Spirit. That took place the night of Dec. 8. What a wonderful God we serve. It pays to serve God. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life" John 3:16.

Dear ones who read my testimony, there is no such thing as Eternal Security in the sense that it means "once saved, always saved." We can be saved today and a sinner tomorrow. We need to be saved and sanctified to keep saved. We must pray to the Lord to keep us day by day. God is not willing that any shall perish. Today is the day of salvation. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Heb. 2:3. No dear ones, we can't escape. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" Heb. 9:27. There is no more chance after death. "It is an awful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." The Lamb (Jesus Christ) was slain and his blood shed for your sins and mine, and now our precious Saviour is at the right hand of God his Father, to ever live and make intercession for us. Praise His holy name. Come to the Saviour today and be covered with His blood before it is too late. Come!

Your sister in Christ

June Badal.

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Dupont, Ind.—Dear Saints everywhere: I am still saved and sanctified, walking in all the light Jesus sheds on my pathway. I love the dear Lord and my hearts desire is to be led by Him because He is a friend that never fails and one we can trust and have confidence in in all kinds of trouble and distress.

I enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" and want to do all I can to place them in as many homes as possible. One man told me one evening just recently about sitting up till after one o'clock at night reading the "Faith and Victory" and hunting the scriptures. This man needs to be saved. Pray for him.

I have a request that the Lord knows all about for which I want the saints all to be agreed in prayer. Let us all take courage and press on. We have our Father's promise: "Fear not, I am with thee." Isa. 43:5.

May the richest of God's blessings be upon the work in the Lord's Print Shop. May He supply every need and keep the good work going and each one encouraged to go all the way with Jesus. Glory to His Name!

Your saved sister,

Stella Lee

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Sandusky, Ohio—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints scattered abroad: Greetings to you in Jesus' dear name. I am praising God for Salvation that delivered me from sin and condemnation. By the help of God I mean to live true and obey His holy word. I feel led to write a few

words about the little flock here. We are few in number but I can truly say that the Lord is working in this place. Souls are being saved, saints are being healed and the pure word of God is being preached, praise the Lord. Our minister is Bro. H. S. Chaney who lives in Akron, Ohio. Thank the Lord for him. Four years ago when he started coming here to Sandusky, there were no saints here. The most of us were in Baptist and Methodist Churches, having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. We were all wrapped up in sin and confusion, having no hope and without God in the world. I was sick—down with a bad heart—and unable to do anything. Bro. Christian was blind and in double marriage. Sister Lite was paralyzed. Sister Hudson and Sister Hicks had both been sick for many years and unable to do anything. After we heard the truth, got saved, and came "out from among them," the dear Lord strengthened my heart and whole body so much that now I am able to do some work. The Lord gave Bro. Christian's sight back to him and took him out of double marriage, now he can read the Bible. His wife went back to her first husband and now she is happy in the Lord. The other three sisters are up and going about after many years of disability. Praise the Lord for His goodness to us; praise Him for the dear saints everywhere! I thank Him for the privilege that I had of meeting with so many of his dear ones in camp meetings.

I attended two camp meetings this year. One at Akron, Ohio and one at Dayton, Ohio and did enjoy them so much. Some of the brothers and sisters whom we met in camp meetings have been visiting us. Dear Bro. Foster from Yorkshire, and Sister Jones with her congregation from Akron were with us in September. When we had our baptizing, we had a glorious time.

Bro. Chaney has brought the truth to lost souls in Sandusky, and is standing firm for the whole truth. The dear Lord still has use for him here. He drives eighty miles each way every Sunday from Akron to Sandusky, and his old car is getting in very bad condition. Sometimes he has a great deal of trouble with it on the highway, trying to get here for services. He needs a better car for the work's sake. We, the saints of Sandusky, believe that the Lord will bless us in our efforts to purchase one. If any one who reads this, wishes to help us, you may send it to James Crooks, 605 Austin St. Sandusky, Ohio.

I hope this testimony will help some poor lost soul to be saved; and also that it will be an encouragement to the readers of "Faith and Victory." Pray for me, that I be completely healed. Your Bro., James Crooks.

To the dear saints everywhere, especially those who were burdened and interested for my dear husband: We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to all of you. So many of the dear saints have been so thoughtful of the children and me, by prayers and offerings. Truly, the Lord will bless each of you. I cannot see how I could have gone through this had it not been for the prayers of God's people.

I truly have been so thankful for the assurance we have. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that my darling is at rest. Although he was ill three months, yet he would always say, "Jesus is still good to me." An hour or so before the Lord called for him he told us that it seemed he could feel the very presence of Jesus. He was so very happy that day, and would say he felt he was going home real soon. We were planning to return to our home in Springfield, Mo., and he would tell us, "I don't think I will wait till Saturday to go

home;" not realizing Jesus was preparing to call him to his heavenly home. It is so lonely here without him, and at times seems our burden grows so heavy; still, Jesus is a very present help. I know since he has enjoyed the good things of heaven this life wouldn't mean one thing to him. My desire now is to rear the three little girls for Jesus and gain heaven for myself where there will be no death to take our loved ones away. There Jesus will wipe all tears from our eyes. We will never be lonesome there.

I am thankful Jesus went all the way with my darling. So many times we would go into his room and he would be saying: "Jesus, you promised to go all the way, even to the end." The grave is as far as we can go. Oh, what a blessed thought to know Jesus never left him one minute; even in crossing Death's chilly river, Jesus went all the way.

The Lord has wonderfully supplied our needs, and truly we give Him all the praise. I desire the prayers of the saints that Jesus will guide me in where I should make a home for the children. Our plans now are to return to Springfield, Mo.; but if that isn't where Jesus wants us, then we don't want to be there. I know the Lord can help for he has promised to be a companion to the widows and a father to the orphans.

A darling one from me is gone,

A voice I loved is stilled;

A place is vacant in my home,

Which never can be filled.

Your Sister in Jesus,

Sister Paul Davis.



Benson, La.—Dear Saints: I feel like it would please the dear Lord for me to write my testimony to let you know that I am still saved and going on up the King's Highway of Holiness. I mean to go all the way with Jesus. It matters not what the cost may be; I have started and I mean to go through to the end. The devil fights hard for my soul but I remember that the Lord said, "If God be for us who can be against us?" The Lord has done so much for me since I have been saved. He heals me when I get sick. He is my all in all.

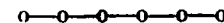
I want all the dear saints to pray for me and my family. Some of my family are saved and some are not. Pray that God will save those who are in sin. Pray that the Lord will make a way for us to get our house prepared for the winter so we can keep warm; we are both old.

—Dollie Brown.



Benson, La.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the dear saints scattered abroad, greetings in Jesus' dear name: The Spirit leads me to write my testimony for the first time. I am saved and sanctified and holy. Dear Brother Pruitt, I want you and all the saints to pray for my healing. I have bladder trouble; also ear trouble. I know the Lord can heal me completely if it is His will.

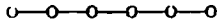
—Nick Brown.



Park View, New Mex.—I have felt I should send my testimony to "Faith and Victory." I thank the dear Lord for full and free salvation tonight.

In going after a small herd of lambs these days, the Lord has been talking to me. The hill which I must go down is very steep, and it is essential to go slowly and watch every step that I may not fall. It is the same as we follow Christ that we do not get our eyes off the way. When I bring the lambs up the hill, it seems more difficult to climb. There are many rocks, brush, etc. and over all slush and snow. On some bushes there are thorns, and in climbing I would thank the Lord

for the bushes even though the thorns were there too. It was a great help to me, knowing in a literal way how much help they were to me, I know the things that are trials (thorns in our every-day life) are often multiplied; yet I am sure they are just what I need to keep me in the straight and narrow way until Jesus says, "It is enough." Your Sister in Jesus, Mrs. R. Z. Cox.



Urbana, Ill.—Dear Sir: I have been taking "Faith and Victory" for nearly two years and enjoy reading it, also enjoy the testimonies of the saints.

I am sending in a request for the healing of my body if it is the Lord's will. He has healed me of other things. For a while I could not see to read and the Lord touched my eyes and I have been able to read. Praise the Lord for healing power. I don't know what I would do without him. He has done so much for me. I am believing for my loved ones. They were so different when I was home. I felt impressed to go home; and how God helped me pray about going home! May the Lord bless each one of his saints. My only desire is to live closer to him.

—Clara Knust.



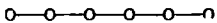
Island, Ky.—Dear people of Christ: I am very thankful that a lady asked me to subscribe for your paper for three months. I received it Saturday and have read it from cover to cover and enjoyed all of it. I think it is the best paper I ever read. I believe it is true and it speaks the truth. Mrs. Shultie Chambers.



San Diego, Calif.—

Dear friends in the Lord: All that are saved and filled with the Holy Spirit are brothers and sisters in the Lord, and I thank the Dear Lord I am saved. I think when the three months are up I shall subscribe for your paper for a year, for it surely is a good paper. I don't know who sent me one for I got the December number. May God bless you in your work.

—Mrs. Williams.

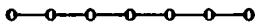


Richmond, Va.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I will write just to let you know that I have not forgotten you. I received those tracts which you sent me some time ago. They were greatly enjoyed by all of us in the Sunday School. Words can not express how grateful we are to you for them.

I will soon be out in the world again. I will be released in April 1941 and, by the grace of God, my life will be altogether different from what it was before. I want to ask that you publish this in your paper and request that every one who may read it and who is truly a Christian, a child of God, to pray continually for me and my loved ones that our lives may be spent to the glory of God.

Many thanks to you for the papers you have sent to me. Please send me a copy of this when published. May God bless you and your family.

W. H. Robinson, Cell No. 42.



Corryton, Tenn.—Dear Brother Pruitt: Just a word of encouragement to you. We enjoy reading your books and tracts so much. There is more light in them than anything we have ever read except the Bible, and more encouragement. It is real food for Christian life. We are glad there are still a few who know and understand the true Bible way.

Enclosed you will find an order for some more of your books.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Mr. Loyd Carringer and Wife.

## TRUE BELIEVING

An evangelist who was holding a meeting in a city, noticed a man who frequently attended the meetings. One night the man stayed until almost all the people had left. The evangelist went to speak to him, and in his own words gives this story of what he learned that night:

"You are concerned about your soul?" I asked.

"I am," he replied, and promptly I said, "You know what you have to do."

"Yes, I do." This he said with conviction. I urged him to make the surrender. While talking with him I discovered a gentleman near us who was listening. He came forward and asked, "Will you let me speak to this brother?" I answered, "Yes," and he continued.

"I have heard part of the conversation, and I want to read you (turning to my friend in the pew) a text," and he read John 3:16. "Do you believe that?" he asked. "Yes, of course, a Scotchman believes that." The new-comer then read Romans 10:9: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved," and again asked, "Do you believe that?" "Of course I believe it." Next he read from John's Epistle, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," and asked, "You believe that, too?" "Yes, I believe that."

"Then you are a Christian," said the man. My friend straightened himself up, and looking at the man with the Bible, said, "You are wrong my friend." "Well, but you believe Christ died for you?" "Yes." "You believe He rose from the dead for your justification?" "Yes." "You believe He is able to save you?" "Yes, right on the spot." "Then you are saved."

"No, I am not."

"How do you make that out?"

"Well, you have read three passages; now read Isaiah 55:7." The man with the Bible turned to the passage and read, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord." "Now stop," said my friend, "I am the wicked man; I am the unrighteous man; and I have to forsake the sin and the wicked thought, and I must come back from my own way to God's way. In my heart is a sin. I am hugging it and am not willing to give it up. My own common sense tells me I cannot be saved until I surrender."

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"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."


If our typewriter makes an error,  
 Would we say that it's to blame?  
 If our body sins for Satan,  
 Is our soul excused from same?  
 (1 Cor. 6:18.)

If you missapply the scriptures,  
 "Twisting" or in "Adding to;"  
 Did you ever stop to think,  
 What, alas! would come to you?  
 (Rev. 22:18, 19.)  
 —Erle Forbes

**"Work on, work on, nor doubt, nor fear.  
 From age to age this voice shall cheer:  
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**JESUS AND HUMAN AFFLICTION**  
 Sunday, January 5, 1941.

Daily Readings and Meditations  
 December 30 to January 4.

- M. Affliction permitted Luke 13:1-9.
- T. Affliction relieved Luke 13:10-17.
- W. Affliction overruled John 9:1-7.
- T. Suffering without sinning Job 1:1, 20-22.
- F. Serving after recovery Mark 1:29-31.
- S. Affliction in view of glory Rom. 8:18-23.

Printed Portion .....Luke 13:1-5, 10-17.

Luke 13:1. There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

2. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye

that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?

3. I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

4. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

5. I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

10. And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

1. And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

12. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

13. And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

14. And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

15. The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?

16. And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

17. And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

Golden Text: "We have not an high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities."—Hebrews 4:15.

**COMMENTS AND APPLICATION**

In the first part of our lesson today Jesus is emphasizing the truth that all men must repent of sin or else face eternal punishment. Jesus here denies the supposition that tragic calamities come upon people in all instances because they are greater sinners than others. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," therefore all need to repent, whether for one sin or many.

Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the sabbath, and there was a woman which had a "spirit of infirmity." This sight of human suffering moved Him to speak words of deliverance; for we have a High Priest that can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities. Disease and affliction must depart when His hands of healing are stretched forth. Jesus said that this woman had been bound by Satan, but we know that He was manifest that He might destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8). Her deliverance was instantaneous, and in return she glorified God. Satan binds people morally and physically; but, thank God, the Great Physician is the complete antidote or cure for such a condition. You may come to Him any time, day or night, and on the "sabbath day." The hypocrites may endeavor to discourage or hinder you, but Jesus will consistently defend your cause. The adversaries will be ashamed.

It may not always be God's will to heal. He may say as He did about Paul's thorn in the flesh, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Suffering may beautify and enrich character. It may make the presence of God more real. It may increase one's usefulness in the work of the Lord. Jesus was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and now He is at the right hand of the throne

of majesty in Heaven. When in suffering it is a solace to know He knows, He sees, and He cares.

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**CHRIST'S VALUATION OF PERSONALITY**

Sunday, January 12, 1941.

**Daily Readings and Meditations**

January 6 to 11.

- M. Significance of a Sabbath cure Luke 14:1-6.
- T. Ambition at a feast Luke 14:7-11.
- W. Hospitality to the poor Luke 14:12-14.
- T. Appraising life correctly Matt. 6:24-30.
- F. The higher values Jer. 9:23, 24.
- S. Vanity of vanities Eccl. 2:1-11.

Printed Portion .....Luke 14:1-14.

Luke 14:1. And it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him.

2. And, behold there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy.

3. And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day?

4. And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go;

5. And answered them, saying, which of you shall have an ass or an ox fall into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day?

6. And they could not answer him again to these things.

7. And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them.

8. When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honorable man than thou be bidden of him;

9. And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.

10. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.

11. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

12. Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee.

13. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:

14. And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

**Golden Text:** "Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?"— Matthew 6:25.

**COMMENTS AND APPLICATION**

Jesus dines on the sabbath day with a chief Pharisee. He was one of a group which endeavored to observe the letter of the law of Moses. The Pharisee's friends were present also, and they were watching Jesus for something to criticize. Jesus, knowing this, asks a question of them and then heals a man of dropsy, thereby illustrating His sermon in regard to the value of man above animals even to the disregarding of inconsistent regulations and traditions of the Pharisees. This group was unable to answer him.

Man's worth may be determined by the price paid for his salvation. It was man's capacity for fellowship and communion with God that brought a response to his plea for reinstatement. Man was made in the moral image of God—pure and holy. He possesses an immortal soul. His creation is a little lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor, and he was given dominion over the earth and the works of God's hands. Through Christ all men, regardless of social class, may be lifted to a plane of equality. The common people heard him gladly. The poor had the gospel preached unto them. He would eat with the publicans and sinners, for He came "to seek and to save that which was lost."

Christ is a symbol of humility. This was demonstrated in His coming voluntarily to the world as a man and suffering reproach as the worst of sinners and finally death. Humility is a grace unknown to proud in heart. Peter says He (God) giveth grace to the humble. Do you want more grace? Humble yourself.

Hospitality extended to the poor will be rewarded at the resurrection. Otherwise, it may be recompensed here. Blessed are those who have experienced the joy of knowing that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

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**THE SLIGHTED INVITATION**

Sunday, January 19, 1941.

**Daily Readings and Meditations**

January 13 to 18.

- M. The gospel invitation Rev. 22:17.
- T. The guests invited Luke 14:15-17.
- W. The invitation slighted Luke 14:18-20.
- T. Widening the invitation Luke 14:21-24.
- F. The great wedding Matt. 22:2-10.
- S. Everyone invited Rom. 10:11-15.

Printed Portion .....Luke 14:15-24.

Luke 14:15. And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

16. Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

17. And sent his servants at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

18. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

19. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

20. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

21. So that servant came and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

22. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

23. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

24. For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

**Golden Text:** "Come; for all things are now ready,"— Luke 14:17.



## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It is easy for people to be piously sentimental about privileges to be enjoyed in the future; but to have the moral courage to renounce sin and live for God at the present time in the present evil surroundings is quite a different thing. We know by the few who really do it that it is far from a popular thing to do. "Everybody that talks about heaven's not going there."

The spokesman in verse 15 probably expected to be one who would enjoy the bliss of eating bread in the kingdom of God, but Jesus showed him by a parable that this was the very feast which he and the other Jews were rejecting. God is the giver of the feast, which is the gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus. By partaking of it the hungry soul can be fed and watered, and will hunger and thirst no more. The feast had long been in preparation and the invitation to be prepared to enter the kingdom and partake of its blessings had been extended to the Jews (and especially to the rulers, scribes, Pharisees, etc. who had access to the scriptures) through Moses and the prophets. Other invitations were given by John the Baptist, Jesus and his disciples.

By giving excuses for not accepting the Lord's invitation, people simply mean that to them the vain attractions of this world surpass the attraction of God's blessings. They are not hurting God because He will always have a people who are willing to obey and accept his invitation; but they are depriving themselves of their only hope of eternal life. As Jesus told the Jews who had rejected him: "If thou hadst known . . . the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes." The wrong was not in possessing land, proving oxen, or in marrying a wife; but in letting them have first place in their hearts, thus barring them from the kingdom of God.

Those who are satisfied in their present state can hardly be constrained to change it, regardless of the greatness of the invitation.

The Publicans and sinners were more ready to accept the invitation because they were self-satisfied and realized their need of salvation.

"Yet there is room." This includes "whosoever will," and should be encouraging to those who have not yet accepted the invitation, as well as a summons to the servants, whose privilege it is to extend the invitation, to be earnest and zealous in pressing the claims of the kingdom of God.

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CHRIST'S CONCERN FOR THE LOST  
Sunday, January 26, 1941.

Daily Readings and Meditations  
January 20 to 25.

- M. The friend of sinners Luke 15:1, 2.  
T. The lost sheep found Luke 15:3-7.  
W. The lost coin recovered Luke 15:8-10.  
T. The lost son restored Luke 15:21-24.  
F. A publican saved Luke 19:5-10.  
S. A publican serving Matt. 9:9-13.

Printed Portion ..... Luke 15:1-10.

Luke 15:1. Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.

2. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

3. And he spake this parable unto them, saying,

4. What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if

he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

5. And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

7. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

8. Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?

9. And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

10. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

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

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The scribes and Pharisees uttered a very precious truth when they said, "This man receiveth sinners." If this were not true we would all be hopelessly lost because "all have sinned."

Some people, like the sheep, willingly stray into darkness and sin for something which momentarily appeals to them; while others, like the coin, are pulled down by gravitation (The pull of the world is strong, and many go that way because it is the "way of least resistance.") All must be diligently sought for ere they are brought back into the care of their rightful owner.

The Lord is still seeking the lost. He sends the light of His Word into the dark places of earth; He seeks us by the whisperings and pleadings of the Holy Spirit to our consciences; He seeks us by causing us to have yearnings after something which the world can not give; and He seeks us by acts of providence (Calamities will bring some to Him, while the goodness of God leads others to repentance). His constant searching verifies the scripture that "He is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." "Sinner, oh behold, the wonderful love of God," and be not numbered among those of whom He said: "I called and ye refused. I stretched out My hands, and no man regarded."

The hearts of the redeemed are filled with grateful praise to Him when we think of how untiring was His search for us.

"Poor little black sheep had gone astray,  
To be lost in the wind and rain;  
And the Shepherd said, "O hireling,  
Go bring that sheep back again."  
But the hireling frowning, answered,  
"O Master, that sheep is bad."  
The Shepherd looked grieved like that little  
black sheep  
Was the dearest lamb he had.

And the Shepherd went out in the gloom of night  
Where the winds were cold and bleak;  
That little black lamb He finding it,  
Lay it close against His cheek.  
The hireling said in a bitter tone,  
"Master, that lamb's unworthy of Thee."  
But the Shepherd smiled as He held it close,  
And that little black sheep was me."