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My Choice

The worldly may take the world,
And sin with evil meet;
But I love to take the cross,
And sit at Jesus' feet.

Help me, Lord, to keep my eyes
Looking only on thee,
Thou art near whate'er betide,
To hear unworthy me.

So give to me, Lord, thy faith,
And fill me with thy love;
And help me on to heaven,
To dwell with thee above.
—Effie Miller

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With What Are You Filled?

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Matt. 5:6. These words were spoken by the Lord Jesus in his sermon on the mount. They are just as valid today as they were when they fell from his blessed lips. They which do hunger and thirst after the things of God shall be filled with his righteousness. Speaking in a general sense, people are usually filled with those things which they long for, for that is what they seek after and desire to obtain. If one has an appetite for fruit, such as apples or peaches, he will put forth an effort to obtain that fruit. If he has a longing for meat, that is what he will call for. If milk is what he wants, he will seek to get milk, etc.

If one has a desire to be filled with the righteousness of God, his soul will naturally cry out to God as one of old: "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is." Ps. 63:1. And as his longing and thirst-

ing becomes more intense and the pangs of hunger become so keen that it will cause him to still cry out "I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land, . . . hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like them that go down into the pit, cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee." Ps. 143:6-8. God will surely be moved with tender compassion, and will come to the rescue of such an one as he did to Hagar when she wept because the water was spent that she had in the bottle for her little son. God opened her eyes, and she was shown a well of water where their thirst could be satisfied. And God is looking down today, and he will hear the earnest cries of every one who is thirsting and longing for the water of life. Jesus told the woman at the well: "Whosoever drinketh of this water [the water from Jacob's well] shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." And not only shall it be a well of water, but also he says in John 7:38, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." The Lord, speaking by the mouth of the prophet Isaiah, said, "I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: and they shall spring up as among the grass, and as willows by the water courses." Isa. 44:3, 4. This is a wonderful promise, but it is only given to them who do hunger and thirst after righteousness.

There are many who do not have a relish for the Spirit of God. They have no appetite nor longing for the righteousness of God. They cannot say as David did, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God: my soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?" Ps. 42:1-2. It is vain to think that God will fill one with his

righteousness before one turns away from his sins and transgressions. David prayed upon one occasion, "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin . . . Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. . . Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." *Psa. 51:1, 2, 7, 10.* "This poor man cried and the Lord heard him," we read in *Psa. 40:1-3*, "I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings, and he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord." When he was filled with God's righteousness his mouth was filled with praise.

Dear reader, with what are you filled? What are your desires? for what are you seeking? *Prov. 14:14a* says, "The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways:" that is what his heart went out for, and that is why he is in a backslidden condition; he lusted after his own ways, and not God's ways. Therefore he is filled with the things after which his heart lusted, and is become like the class of people we read of in *1 Cor. 10:5-7*, "But with many of them God was not well pleased; for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." They had lost their relish for the good food God had so graciously provided for them. The manna was a type of Christ, the living bread, and they lusted after the flesh pots of Egypt, saying, "There is nothing at all beside this manna, before our eyes, we remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic." *Num. 11:5.* When God saw that the people were not satisfied with the manna, but lusted for flesh, he gave them their hearts' desire, "But while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the Lord was kindled against the people, and the Lord smote the people with a very great plague and he called the name of that place Kibroth-hat-ta-avah: because there they buried the people that lusted." *Num. 11:33-34.*

Many people today are dead and buried in their graves of sin, because they have rejected Jesus, the living bread, and have gone on lusting after the sinful things in this life. "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient

to parents, without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them," *Rom. 1:28-32.*

We see then that it is made clear by the gospel that the hearts of men are filled with the nature of the things after which they long, or lust, these people mentioned above, instead of being filled with God and his righteousness, were filled with evil and all unrighteousness. And it was not because they had never been enlightened by the Spirit of God, for the Word of God declares, "that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened;" and Paul says of this same class, in *2 Thess. 2:11, 12*, "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." What a sad condition, what a miserable state, yet many whose hearts are filled with darkness, believe they are full of light; but the Word of God says "even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate," or void of judgment. And that is caused by the reason that they do not like, or desire, to retain God in their knowledge. They do not like to acknowledge God as being God. They have a form of godliness, but their hearts are filled with a love for the vain pleasures of this wicked world instead of a love for the righteousness of God.

With what is your heart filled, dear reader? What is the condition of your heart as revealed by the Word of the Lord? "For from within, out of the heart of men," proceed this and that, "out of the abundance of the heart," there is where the testimony springs from. Is thy heart right with God? Are you now, at this moment filled with the righteousness of God? If not, are you longing and thirsting to be cleansed from all unrighteousness, that you may be filled with His righteousness alone? or has your heart and mind become so seared and hardened that you are satisfied to go on giving no heed to the earnest pleadings of the Spirit of God, and the Word of truth?—just sleeping on in the sleep of sin, never to be awakened until that great day when all nations shall be summoned before the throne, there where the wicked shall hear the awful sentence, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive." *John 7:37, 38, 39a.* With what are you filled? —Ulysses Phillips

The Selective Service Act of 1950

According to the Selective Service Act of 1950, under the heading of conscientious objectors there are two classifications—(1A-O) those willing to enter the armed forces as noncombatants, and (IV-E) those who object to participating in any manner as a member of the armed forces.

On the first general questionnaire the objector must indicate this fact and request the Special Form for Conscientious Objectors, to be filled out and returned to the local board so that it may determine the sincerity of his belief, and into which of the two classes of objectors he should be placed.

If a registrant is a sincere, all-out objector, he must be placed in Class IV-E and deferred under the provisions of the law. A qualification for such deferment is that the person "by reason of religious training and belief, is conscientiously opposed to participation in war in any form. Religious training and belief in this connection means that individual's belief in relation to a Supreme Being involving decisions superior to those arising from any human relation, but does not include essentially political, sociological, or philosophical views, or a merely personal moral code."

Ordained ministers of religion are deferred, and also students preparing for the ministry in recognized theological or divinity schools.

The Church of God, which this paper endeavors to serve, stands opposed to participation in war in any form, as indicated by its latest official statement, a copy of which may be obtained from this office or the undersigned.

Some of our sincere conscientious objectors are having difficulties in securing the proper classification from their local boards, especially since the development of the Korean situation and the activation of the draft. We are ready to assist any of our young men in securing their rights under the law.

Our advice at this time to those who have questions on appeal procedures, etc. would be to write direct to the National Service Board for Religious Objectors, 1000 Eleventh St., N. W., Washington 1, D. C. These advisory services are available to ALL sincere conscientious objectors regardless of religious affiliation.

—L. D. Pruitt.

What Is Communism?

The following is a brief statement by an Associated Press Foreign Affairs Analyst:

"There is grave danger in the fact that there are many communist agents at work in the country, and there are more than a few misguided citizen sympathizers who have a misconception of what communism is.

"Present day communism mustn't be confused with the original which was conceived centuries ago. The old brand was in many respects a beneficent ideology. It abolished all private property and set up a community in which everyone shared equally

in everything.

"Soviet communism, or bolshevism, is international in scope and it is militant. The fountain head is Moscow, whence come all fundamental laws. Countries which become communist must abandon nationalism and surrender their sovereignty to Moscow. Their allegiance belongs there.

"Beneficent aspects of the old-time communism have been prostituted to fit the propaganda needs of a Russian imperialism which openly seeks world domination. This current communism is a new ideology created to meet a new situation.

"Communism is the opposite of capitalism and private initiative, such as exist in democratic countries. The state controls all resources and means of production.

"There is a regimentation of the individual in all activities. The completeness of this is shown in the fact that even artists, scientists, dramatists, and what not must subscribe. They can't produce anything which doesn't glorify communism or add to red prestige.

"Individuality is largely swallowed up by the state.

"Those who evade regimentation are "purged"—that is, they are punished—perhaps sent to labor camps, to prison, or even to death. Those who serve the nation best are rewarded in various ways and may become famous.

"When communism came to power in Russia through the revolution of 1917, it established the "third international," or comintern, which was known as the general staff for world revolution. It now is called the cominform.

"The object of the comintern was to carry revolution to every country in the world, to establish communist governments. This was undertaken by red agents which we call fifth columnists.

"Now it's important to note that the red leaders laid it down that every revolution must be accompanied by violence and bloodshed. This was to impress the importance of the event on the minds of the proletariat.

"That's why there has been violence in all the countries which Russia has absorbed as satellites. In some cases there has been no actual revolution, but there have been "purges" of people opposed to the change.

"Another important point is that communism is atheistic. It opposes religion fiercely on the grounds that it is the 'dope of the masses.'"

—D. M.

MEETING NOTICES

An evangelistic tent meeting will be held one mile southwest of Plymouth, Ind. on highway 17, beginning August 25th and lasting as long as the Lord leads. Bro. Egbert Allen and wife of Mo. and Fred Pruitt of Guthrie, Oklahoma will be among the ministers present to preach the Word. For further information write to Bro. Wesley Hardy, R. 4, Plymouth, Ind.

Attend the Dover, Okla. Campmeeting Sept 1-10. One mi. north, 2½ east of Dover. —Ulysses Phillips, pastor.

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Editorials

It has been about fifty days since we have done any printing in the "Lord's Print Shop" to speak of, as we have been attending the campmeetings and most of the office force have been either in meetings or engaged in other work for the Lord. We are now resuming our duties here, such as printing tracts, papers, and booklets to send out to souls who are in need of help and who hunger after the real truth of his word. The Psalmist David said, "As the Hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." It is good for saints to have a good appetite for the word of God. We should take our delight in pleasing the Lord, eating his word, and practicing it in our every-day life. To do that would be symbolized by eating his flesh and drinking his blood, which gives heavenly life to our souls. It is the Spirit of God that quickeneth and causes us to rejoice in Him. When we are doers of his word and not hearers only we are blessed of God. He says in his word, "The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way." Psalm 25:9. In the 34th Psalm we read, "The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry." He says also that, "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit."

We are reaching many precious souls with the gospel by the printed page, and I do not know any way by which we could be the means of bringing more souls to the Lord. We do not find great crowds flocking to the Lord. Such things as that are found among the false teachers and prophets that are filling the land and country in these last perilous times, performing miracles and lying wonders which deceive the ones who do not love the crucified way, the self-denying route; but have a love more or less for the world and can mix in with the worldly-minded. Such will pull off great meetings and have hundreds and thousands of converts in single meetings. All of these things are foretold in the Bible, and they are coming to pass in a magnified manner in these last of the last days. God does heal his saints and manifest himself in miraculous ways to his chosen few, but these big manifestations accompany erroneous doctrines and is not of the true God, but belongs to mystery Babylon and her harlot daughters. Some people seem to think that all miracles and healings are of God, but such thinking is contrary to the holy Scriptures. To prove this, I will give you some Scriptures on the subject. 2 Cor. 11:13, 14, "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into an angel of light." Jesus spoke these words (Matt. 24:24), "There shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." It is not possible to deceive the elect if they will keep loving the crucified way and will not become spotted with the world. Be not of the world even as Christ and his disciples

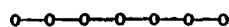
were not of the world. Jesus told the high-professing religious sectarian people of his day, "Ye are from beneath; I am from above; ye are of this world; I am not of this world." John 8:23. Those who are out in the full light of his word are no more of this world than Jesus was, for their life is hid with Christ in God and they love the self-denying way with Christ. They keep a love in their hearts for all of his truth.

In 2 Thess., chapter 2, beginning with verse 9, we read, "Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceiveableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they receive not a love for the truth, that they might be saved." You will see by these Scriptures that Christ's coming is after Satan is loose and is showing his signs and lying wonders and deceiving those who do not retain a love for the truth. You will notice that souls who do not love this holy and pure way which separated us from the world will readily fall in with some of these present-day false teachers that are performing miracles and are more or less attached to the world, having great meetings and making a great show of religion, claiming Christ as their leader. It is easy to prove by the Scriptures that they are not of the true God, for they teach false doctrine and recognize the harlot daughters of Babylon as a good place for their converts to have a church home, as they call it. The true God is calling all of his people out of such places to prepare them for his coming, and he calls them his jewels (Mal. 3:17). He would not work miracles and mighty healings to deceive souls into a corrupt thing that He is calling them out of. In Rev. 18:2 we read concerning the many sects that make up the harlot daughters of Babylon, "And He cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and a hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. In the 4th verse we read again, "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

According to Rev. 17:2, the kings of earth (present-day false teachers which deceive the people by miracles—they are kings of the earth and are not of heaven) have committed fornication. In the 5th verse we read of this same false religion, which is called in the first verse "the great whore," "and upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and the abomination of the earth."

In these last days the world is cursed with religious spirits and they claim Christ and cry, "this is the way, see the miracles and signs and wonders we do in the name of Christ!" Those unclean spirits like frogs are numerous in the world now and they have come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. The dragon has reference to Paganism with its many gods, its idol worship, which ruled

in the Roman Empire when Jesus set up his kingdom and the disciples began to preach the gospel of Christ and this power, which was anti-Christ and anti-God, persecuted the Christians and slew many of them, it is stated that they overcame them with their testimony and by the blood of the Lamb. This devilish spirit is loose now and is cloaked over with the word Communism and is going forth to deceive the nations. The beast refers to Catholicism and a lot of these wicked spirits have come out of it. The false prophet has reference to sectism, or these human-organized so-called churches which are so numerous all about us. These wicked spirits, which the revelator saw, he said, "For they are spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth [great religious preachers that work miracles and make a great show of getting thousands of souls converted. They are not of heaven.] and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of the great day of God Almighty." God is allowing these great false prophets and preachers to deceive the people because they do not have a love for the truth of God's sacred Word, but defile themselves with the world, hence he sends them strong delusions that they all might be damned that love not the truth, and are not willing to walk with Christ and bear the reproach of the cross. Not long ago I received a letter from a young pastor who said that the Pentecostal toungees people were holding one of their big meetings close by and were doing signs and wonders and claiming a large number of conversions. He became troubled and burdened about it and was praying and talking to God, as it seemed he was doing nothing in comparison to their big show of things. As he held it before the Lord, the Lord spoke, saying, "Let them have their show first." Yes, God is allowing the prophecies to be fulfilled and the little remnant that are keeping their robes unspotted from the world and bearing the reproach of the cross will in the end come out victorious. Just be patient, dear ones, and keep loving the crucified way, which is separate from the world, and God will in due time manifest his mighty power and we shall be glorified with him. God allowed the wicked religious people to put his dear Son to death and they laid him in the tomb, then God manifested his mighty power and put them to an open shame by resurrecting him to life. He is alive forever more and is now ruling the universe in spite of what men think. He will manifest himself in due time. "In your patience possess ye your souls." My dear brethren, these great meetings and the miracles and lying wonders that are done in our day are coming from the prophecied false prophets that have gone out in the name of Christ, deceiving those who have not a love for the truth, the strait and narrow way which leads to heaven and to God. Let us not be deceived and troubled and run after such things, for it is a good thing to be settled and grounded in the truth and loving the humble way that Jesus trod.



"Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion"—Amos 6:1.

Jesus said, I Am the Way

The way to heaven is to turn to the right
And go straight ahead with all of our might.
Don't turn back to Egypt for help you may need;
Remember, your soul from Egypt was freed.
We know that Egypt is a type of sin,
The place where we used to be walking in.
But now we're set free from Egyptian despair,
Through the great Red Sea into God's free air.
And now for Canaan we surely are bound
Beyond the River Jordan on God's holy ground.
Where the figs and grapes in abundance do grow,
And all of God's blessings of grace freely flow.
And now our spirits are so happy and free;
We enjoy God's blessings and his goodness we see.
Now we're sanctified wholly and saved from all sin,
And ready for heaven thru the gates we'll go in,
To be with our Saviour and the great happy band
Of saints and bright angels in the bright glory land.

—George W. Stephenson.

"Blessed are they that do his commandments,
that they may have right to the tree of life, and may
enter in through the gates into the city." Rev. 22:14.

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Selections from Writings by C. E. Orr

Is it any wonder that the Christian seeks after God? Is it any wonder the apostle tells him to "seek those things which are above?" They go often to the closet because God is there. They go to family worship with delight, because God is there. They go to the Bible with a keen relish because it is life to their soul. They go to the place of public worship, because God is there. They are ever seeking to be where God is and do not go where God is not. A Spirit-filled soul seeks after God with fervency. It flees to his presence. It is only there the soul is satisfied, because only there it is safe.

In my meditation I saw a dreary, barren waste of land—barren, I say, except here and there a thorn bush, a wild cactus, or a brier. A man came, and with a sharp instrument he cut these all to the ground and cleared them all away. The field now looked clean and ready for planting. The man then came and after well fertilizing the field, he sowed the seed over the whole. Then he came and took the roots of the thorn and thistle, of the cactus, and brier, out of the ground, lest the shoots, springing up, would hinder the growth of the plants. Then began the careful husbandry. The plants were watered as they had need. The soil was kept moist and warm. One thing I noticed particularly was that the man was careful not to let the ground to become hard, or compact. Where it hardened, it would turn the water off instead of drinking it in, that the roots of the plants might be nourished. Wherever it would begin to harden, he would break it up with a sharp instrument he had for that purpose. I understood that the plants would not grow well if the ground hardened around them. I saw the plants grow and

bud and blossom and produce that fruit which was well pleasing in the gardener's sight.

Then I saw my own heart. It was once a parched land, a dreary, barren waste and here and there a thorn, a thistle, a cactus, or a brier. But a sharp two-edged sword was laid to them, and all were cut down, and were washed away. These were my sins, and it was the blood of Jesus that washed them away. Then the precious seeds of truth were planted in my heart. Again the quick and powerful sword was applied. This time it took all the roots and remains of sin out of my heart. Then all was clean. There was nothing to hinder the growing of the plants that my heavenly Father had planted. Then began the husbandry. Oh, how beautiful! God "working in me to will and to do of his good pleasure." That once barren waste began to blossom as a rose; waters broke out and streams, and the thirsty land became springs of water. Glory to my Saviour's name! Wherever my heart has begun to harden, the Spirit of God has been active to break it up; for the heavenly plants will not grow in a hard heart. Oh, how very tender and soft the heart must be kept! This world has a very hardening influence upon the heart; therefore it must be kept far away and the heart guarded with all diligence.

I am conscious today that the plants are growing and that they are budding and producing some fruit, and oh! I hope the Master is well pleased. This is a serious thought: "Is my heart producing that which is well pleasing unto the Lord? I want God to get the best yield possible. If it needs more breaking up, I pray that it may be broken, no matter what the cost. God's grace will help me bear the pain. Oh, what worlds of glory fill my soul! I have the sweet consciousness that my heart is as soft, pliable clay in the potter's hands. No part is resisting the will of God.

In my meditation I well understood that the working of the Spirit in our hearts is to go on that they are to bear more fruit throughout our life, and it may be, and I believe will, through all eternity. A good, thrifty, strong tree taken from the nursery and transplanted in our garden will grow more rapidly and bear fruit earlier than a dwarfed one.

In the nature of things, if the same careful husbandry is given, the graces in our hearts will grow more rapidly each succeeding year of our life. Phil. 2:13, "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Christ is working in me his own life and holiness, and some day I shall be like him in the sense of a full redemption of soul and body.

The above words by C. E. Orr have become my experience, and, by the grace and love of God, I want to go on and get all that God has in store for me. I make it a point to study my Bible every day and pray, and God has put his love in my soul so that there is no doubt any more that sin has been taken out of my life and I have no desire in my heart for the things I did. I praise God for his blessing my soul from day to day. It seems a wonderful thing to me that a man 67 years old can

live free from sin after spending all but the last 19 months in that very thing and then be freed and kept free from that very thing. God says in Deut. 8:16, "To humble thee," "to prove thee," "that he might do thee good in thy latter end." So by the grace and help of God, I have determined to be "stedfastly minded" like Ruth in her decision (Ruth 1:16-18) and keep rowing upstream; for I certainly know the results if I stop rowing. I have yielded all to God and want to do his will and remain true to him. Songs 99, 233, and 160 in Evening Light Songs (508, 259, and 47 in Select Hymns) have been a great help to me.

I have read "The Hidden Life, or Walks with God" through three times, from which I have selected the above. It has helped in my Christian life and provided advice at the time it was sorely needed. If you have not read the book, I recommend it to you, as it will prove a blessing to you as you meditate on the truths as given by the Spirit of God. —C. H. Weir

Obituaries

Little Betty Jean Rice was born November 16, 1945 in St. Louis, Missouri. She departed this life June 10, 1950 at the age of 4 years, 6 months and 25 days. She leaves to mourn her departure her parents, Lavell and Juanita Rice; 2 sisters, Barbara and Brenda; one grandfather, Pete Rice; one grandmother, Mrs. Alice Osine; one aunt, Freda Osine and a host of relatives and friends. Betty was a sweet little girl and will be sadly missed by all who knew her. We truly know that our loss is Heaven's gain, for Jesus says, "Suffer the little children to come unto me for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

Sister Wilma Belle Hilbun Lea was born June 15, 1914 and passed from this life July 15, 1950 at the age of 36 years and 1 month. She was married to Clyde Lea September 2, 1931 to which union 3 children were born, one of whom passed away in infancy, leaving 2 boys, Donald and Norman, besides her faithful companion, who stood by her so attentively during all her illness; also her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hilbun; 2 brothers, Otis, Jr., and Robert; 5 sisters, Mrs. Eva Aronstein, Mrs. Thelma Holcomb, Mrs. Margaret Bennett, Mrs. Frances Nell Moore, and Mrs. Ruth McLain. She leaves many other relatives, friends and saints who loved her very dearly. We found her true to the Lord, faithfully trusted him to the end for both soul and body. We looked upon her as an example in patience in her suffering and long affliction for her faith was anchored in the Lord whom she loved. She got saved some years ago in their community and so far as we know lived true to Him all those years to the end.

Funeral services were conducted by the saint ministers in the South and the body was laid to rest in a cemetery near the saints' chapel in Line Creek community a few miles out of Kentwood, Louisiana. Texts, 1 Thess. 4:13-18, Psa. 116:16, etc.

Sister Laura White, daughter of Horace and Amanda White, was born September 16, 1866 at Lancaster, South Carolina. She departed this life June 18, 1950 at Tulsa,

Oklahoma where she had made her home for a number of years. She was united in marriage to William Reed April 16, 1882, to this union 17 children were born, 8 of which preceded her in death. Sister Reed and family moved to Guthrie, Okla. in 1900. In 1908 they met the saints 5 miles north and west of Guthrie. Mother Reed accepted the truth through the labors of Bro. and Sis. Winn and got saved and lived a victorious life. Mother Reed often testified she never could see it right to join any church and never did and was always glad to know that she was born in the Church of God.

Mother Reed is known to all for her kindness, patience in suffering, giving to the poor and needy with her finance and her hands as well. She was a chaste house keeper and gave many young women advice along these lines. She never did retire in giving for the sake of the Gospel. Mother Reed suffered many afflictions but trusted the Lord, in full.

The bereaved are 1 brother, 2 sisters, 1 neice, 4 daughters, 5 sons, 40 grand-children, 54 great grand-children and 5 great great grand-children, a host of relatives, friends and saints.

Funeral services conducted by Bros. Sam Barton and Ulysses Phillips, burial in Crown Hill Cemetery near Tulsa, Okla. Texts, Rev. 14:13, Josh. 23:14, Jas. 4:14, 1 Thess. 4:13-17.

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Sister Hazel Creson passed away July 2, 1950 after almost three years suffering. Funeral services were conducted at Hillsboro, Oregon and she was laid to rest in the Laurel Cemetery near her home. She was faithful and true to the Lord to the end.

MEETING REPORT

The tent meeting at Herminie, Pa. convened from June 2 to 11 inclusive with saints from Akron, Ohio and one from New Jersey.

The word went forth with the anointing of the Holy Spirit and was food to our souls. As we need food for these bodies, we need food for our souls. Bless the Lord forever.

On Sunday, June 11 one followed the Lord in baptism. In the afternoon the ordinance of feet washing and the Lord's supper were observed.

We thank the Lord for the meeting and how He has a few people in the world (but not of the world) that will stand true to his precious word. We hold services in the home here Sunday, Tuesday and Friday evenings and Sunday School Sunday morning. Any time the saints can come and be with us they have a welcome.

Your Sister in the one body, Sis. Avis Tinsley.

Report of Campmeetings

The campmeetings held by the saints of God in different places have been well attended, and the working power of God has been manifested in a very precious way. The first campmeeting that we attended was at Hennessey, Okla., where the saints had built a tabernacle. We were privileged to be there in a number of the services and the Lord was blessing and encouraging the saints as well as saving some precious souls.

The next campmeeting was the annual campmeeting held at Hammond, La. The attendance there

was more than usual and the Lord showed himself strong in behalf of believing souls in that meeting. Sick bodies were healed, sinners were saved, believers were sanctified, and the saints of God were built up in the faith.

After the Hammond meeting, Bro. Gus Poulos, jr. and I went to Huntsville, Ark. and held a meeting twelve miles south-east of Huntsville in the Wharton school house. The attendance was good when the weather was favorable, but it rained much during the meeting, which hindered the attendance. The first three nights of the meeting, before it began to rain so much, the house was well filled and much conviction was on the people. One soul got saved, but it rained after that almost every day. The meeting continued for ten nights and much good was done. Many precious souls in that country love the truth and came out even though it did rain and was inconvenient for them to attend the meeting.

On Monday, July 24th, we went to Monark Springs, Mo. National Campmeeting and found that a large crowd of people had assembled there. Every available tent and cot was used and they had to order more to accommodate the crowd. The camp ground was so full of people and tents that it seemed necessary to enlarge the grounds before another meeting is held. The meeting progressed in divine order and it was easy to see that God had things in hand, and the spiritual body of Christ, the church, the pillar and ground of the truth, was functioning and bringing comfort to souls and glory to God. There were no unholy forward spirits to hinder the Holy Spirit from operating freely and effectively throughout the meeting. Every one that went into the pulpit had a message from the Lord and souls were saved throughout the meeting, bodies were healed by power divine, believers were sanctified wholly.

Following the campmeeting there were two days ministers' meeting that brought things to a glorious climax. The Spirit of God worked effectively in these meetings, choosing the ones that should be used and bringing about some reconciliations, defeating the devil's plans by uncovering his deceitful workings, giving the ministers a better insight into his crafty, underhanded working and beguiling devices. We believe that all will be better qualified to fight the good fight of faith and head off the enemy in his slimy ways to cause division than ever before. We feel assured in our hearts that there never was a national campmeeting on those grounds where the love and power of God with the effectual working of the members of His body was so clearly in evidence as in this meeting. Victory after victory was won by the power and Spirit of God and those who had just recently fled from Babylon rejoiced greatly in their freedom and in the sweet fellowship of the saints, declaring over and over again that they had found the true working body of Christ in the world, and their souls were overjoyed.

Although there be many bodies of people in the world that call themselves "The Church of God," we know that God has only one body and all the members

are fitly framed together. They are compact together, knit together, melted together, framed together, and they are raised up together and made sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Some day the Lord will come in the clouds, and they will go up together to meet the Lord in the air. Yes, the campmeeting held at Monark Springs in the summer of 1950 will long be remembered as a remarkable manifestation of the effectual working of his spiritual body, for his church is referred to as being "builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Eph. 2:22.

On Friday, following the national campmeeting, the church of God state campmeeting of Oklahoma began at Guthrie. Saints came from many states—Mo., Kans., Mich., Texas, La., Calif., Ore., and other places—until a large number had assembled. The Lord was present to back up his truth with signs following. It seemed that more testified to their healing than usual. The enemy tried to work and hinder by circulating some slanderous reports near the first of the meeting, but his efforts were weak and without much effect and the meeting moved on in the power of the Spirit, throwing off every obnoxious thing in the air. There was a breaking through on Wednesday night, and after that conviction was heavy at times. Sunday night, the last night of the meeting, was unusually precious. Souls were saved, believers sanctified, and the saints rejoiced greatly. It was a very precious meeting. After the regular meeting closed, the Lord was still working. Monday night we were called to a sister's home on the east side of Guthrie to work with and pray for a man who was under conviction. His wife was saved on the last night of the meeting and he was under conviction. We expounded the Scriptures to him by order on salvation and told him what God required of him in order for his soul to be saved. Finally he said, "I am ready to get saved." We knelt together before the Lord. He confessed his sins and asked God to forgive him and believed on the Blood as an atonement. As we prayed for him and closed the prayer with an "Amen," he said, "Praise the Lord, I am saved." And he was. He was very happy. He believed in Christ by hearing God's Word and received a genuine experience of Bible salvation. Bless the Lord. Our souls are full of his love. —Fred Pruitt

CAMP MEETING REPORT

Our hearts melt with praise and gratitude to our merciful heavenly Father, for his glorious care over his children. Even before the meeting began we could feel his sweet spirit of power over the saints and the grounds where he had appointed to gather us together to glorify his name.

In answer to prayer he directed the following ministers to be with us sending them under the power and anointing of the spirit to proclaim the burning truths of his word: Bro. Ray Key of Hammond, La.; I. D. Stover of Pomona, Calif.; A. E. Harmon of Glendale, Calif. and Vearl Kleiwer of Grants Pass, Ore. Unity and love prevailed and the happy saints gathered from different places, the praises rang out almost constantly in the

camp. A number sought the Lord and found peace to their souls, some whom we have prayed for for years. God wonderfully revealed himself and power in pardon of sins and in sanctifying believers and healing bodies. Many said it was the best meeting they had been in. All praise and honor to God. His truth is marching on. The number added to the little congregation greatly encouraged all.

Yes, there were spirits contrary to the Holy Spirit, that would have hindered the work had not the power of God held them. When God puts his holy word forth by the power of his Spirit, it will cause every false thing to move up and accept the truth and get clear with the saints in light or move on out of the way of his truth.

God wonderfully provided for his work in every way. He gave us means and strength to improve the grounds to make them comfortable for our bodies then abundantly comforted our souls with pure food from heaven. Amen!

Sam Wilson.

PRAYER REQUEST

The saint's prayers are needed for the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Black who has polio. Earnestly remember him that the Lord will heal him and make him normal again.

J. B. Smith desires the saints' prayers that the Lord will heal him so that he may be out in the Lord's work.

Most sincerely I desire the prayers of God's dear children for the healing of all my afflictions and for the heavy burdens under which I labor from day to day for others who need help from the dear Lord. My greatest desire is for a strong well body in which to glorify my Lord and Master.

A sister in Christ.

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"Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein." Mark 10:15.

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Without Sin

That we can live perfectly free from sin in this present life is a truth beyond doubt in the hearts and minds of God's true children. The story that none can live without sin in this life can only come from the enemy of our souls.

The blood of bulls and goats could not take away the sins of the soul, and the same offering had to be made each year. Christ gave himself a sacrifice for us. "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." Heb. 10:14. "Let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God" Heb. 6:1. Christ has made the sacrifice for us and it is now up to each individual to partake of the offering.

"For if after they have escaped the pollution of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse than the beginning. 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. 2:20-22.

"For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin" Heb. 10:26. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

Once a lady told me we could not live perfect without being on our knees at all times. It is true, we need to pray much, and the Lord does not fail to answer our prayers, and He wants us to desire to live free from sin to the extent that we are willing to give more time to prayer. But He does not expect us to stay on our knees all the time. There are other duties. We must read the Word and walk in faith and obedience. Christ left us an example that we should follow in his steps, "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth" 1 Peter 2:21-22.

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Cor. 10:13. When one does not stand temptation, it is because he fails or refuses to take the way God has made for his escape. Man in his own strength can never defeat the enemy in a battle of temptation. Dear souls, accept God's way of escape and there is victory for you. The Lord may allow you to suffer awhile, but it is only for your good and his glory. After suffering, he makes us perfect (1 Pet. 5:8, 9).

When we love the Lord with all our hearts, we are willing to put our faith in the Lord and say, "Thy will be done." The Lord does not have any pleasure in a soul that will draw back in time of trials and temptations (Heb. 10:38, 39).

The time has come when judgment must begin at the house of God. "And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly [the one who claims to be a sinner Christian] and the sinner appear?" 1 Pet. 4:17, 18. Think of it, dear souls, in what group are you? Remember, the righteous are the only ones who will be saved. If you are one who believes you are a sinner Christian, Paul had this to say to you: "For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things." Phil. 3:18, 19.

These enemies Paul is telling us about with a burdened heart (Can you not see him weeping for dear souls?) are none other than the men and women who come in the name of the Lord as a preacher or teacher and teach precious souls that it is impossible to live free from sin.

Dear ones, there is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than ninety and nine just persons (Luke 15:7).

How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? (Heb 2:3).

May you accept the plan of salvation that was made by the death of our dear Lord, and come on to perfection, is my prayer.

—Alice Campbell

CORRESPONDENCE

Calif.—Dear Saints of God,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I felt impressed this morning to write my testimony for the "Faith and Victory" paper for I truly thank the Lord for all he has been doing for me. When I first began to lose my eyesight I would get so down hearted and discouraged, which was of the devil; but the saints here in Pomona were so faithful to pray for me until the Lord could bring me out victorious. Praise his dear name. It was hard at first to lie still under the pressure, but that is just what it takes for God to show us our need. I have learned so many precious things that the Lord saw I could learn no other way so I am so thankful for these wonderful lessons. Many times the Lord has put me in the hands of the potter, but I did not lie still and the vessel marred; but, praise God, he would take me back and try me again and then again and again put me in the furnace until he could see the dross removed. Now he has me in dry dock so to speak so he can scrape off the barnacles but praise the dear Lord he is giving me the grace to lie still under the pressure. I am sure when he gets me at the right place he will open my eyes, so keep on praying for me until the victory is completely won.

I have learned so many lessons on patience and waiting. I have always been so impulsive and ambitious but the Lord has been helping me. I am just telling this for God's glory of how he has helped me to be more patient. He let me wait three months for new heels on my shoes, but he gave me grace to bear it. The word says he will not let us be tempted above that we are able to bear. And all things work together for our good if we love the Lord. When the Lord gets the dross burned out and the potter gets through molding me and gets all the barnacles off then he will have me ready to set sail for him. Praise the dear Lord. Pray for me saints. Let us all stand true to the Lord at any cost. The promise is ours, if we endure to the end.

Flossie Atha.

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La.—Dear ones in the Lord,—Greetings to all the dear Saints. Husband and I have been thinking for some time of writing our testimony and thanking the good Lord for some of the things he has done for us. Husband had a cancer on the back of his neck over three years. Sister Katherine Key prayed the prayer of faith about four months ago. We are thankful to say the Lord healed it. We also thank the saints for their prayers. We have learned that we need to be in real earnest to get blessings from God. Husband had an infected varicose vein on his leg two years ago. Bro. Max Williamson prayed the prayer of faith and the Lord healed it. It is wonderful to trust the good Lord for we know he never fails his trusting children. Pray much for us that we keep our eyes upon the Lord.

Yours in Christ,

W. S. Miller and wife.

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Ariz.—To all the saints scattered abroad,—I send greetings. I am yet saved and encouraged to go all the way with the Lord for I find the Lord a present help in every time of need. He is my Saviour, healer and keeper. We are still isolated here but I realize that Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever. He heals me when I am afflicted. I was very sick last night but the good Lord wonderfully touched my body and made me every whit whole for which I give him all the glory and praise.

I desire the prayers of the saints that I keep true to the Lord and pray for my unsaved family.

Yours in Him,

Bertha Slaughter.

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Miss.—Dear saints and readers of "Faith and Victory:"—Greetings of Christian Love in Jesus' name. May God bless and keep each one of you until the end and that you will be faithful in all things then the Lord will say, "Come up higher, you have done what you could." This is our prayer to him. Read Matt. 25:14-23, 31-46.

We take this opportunity to express our thanks to each and every reader of this paper for their many deeds of love, kindness, prayers and sympathy during the long illness and death of our dear wife and mother. We are so thankful to let you each one know that not long before she passed away she said, "I bore it to the end, now I'm going to heaven." Praise God forever for these words of hers that causes us to rejoice in our soul. Amen. God bless each one of you. Heb. 6:10.

Your Bro. in Christ,

Clyde Lea and sons.

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Colo.—Dear ones,—If when teaching children and they seem indifferent or disinterested don't despair nor become discouraged. They really don't forget too easily, and our Father, who is ever mindful of your labors will some day reward you.

For instance this bit of song comes to the writer's mind after some sixty years. As a small girl she heard a man sing it, by way of leading the testimony meeting.

"Now just a word for Jesus,
Your dearest friend so true.
Come cheer our hearts, and tell us
What He has done for you.

Oh, just a word for Jesus,
'Twill help us on our way.
One little word for Jesus,
Oh, speak, or sing or pray."

Viola G. Endicott.

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Obedience Is Better Than Sacrifice

To the dear saints who read the "Faith and Victory,"—

I am glad today that I am saved from all sin. Praise God! I am glad that Jesus came to save people from their sins. I thank the Lord for giving me eyes and ears that could see and hear the Word of God. Praise the dear Lord. It means so much to really see and hear the things God wants us to see and hear. Dear saints, let us not be conformed to the world in the least. We are not of the world and let us be sure we do not look like the world. If you lady saints do not watch out, you will let the enemy of all righteousness cause you to have a desire to look just a little like the world and by so doing the devil would get a snare on your soul. Of course, this can be applied to men and boys as well. To the ladies and girls, I exhort you to wear your dresses long enough to hide every portion of your body that should not be exposed. The legs, arms, and chest should be well covered to manifest the appearance of a saint, and it should be with such materials as would show a meek and a quiet spirit. If God hates a proud look, then don't look proud. Oh, how we do need to study to show our-

selves approved unto God. I saw more of the sisters wearing cotton hose at the Hammond, La. campmeeting this month than I have seen for a long time, which makes good covering for the legs and looks like they love God by wearing such hose. I recommend dresses for ladies that profess godliness to be plenty long so that no one can see very much of the legs. If I were a lady professing godliness, I would never have a dress that was made with a V exposing my neck and chest. This is the way the world makes their dresses, V, and cut low. All these things are done for a purpose. What is the purpose? I heard one brother say that he hated to see one wearing hose so thin that you could see the hair on the legs. This is plain talk, but I feel that it will be to the glory of God to tell people about these things. May God talk to every one about these things and help His children to have a perfect willingness to obey God in every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Please check and re-check 1st Peter 3:2-4, which says, "While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel: but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." Oh, how serious these words are! And how beautiful it is to see saints dress according to this Scripture so that nothing but Christ is in view.

The reason for writing this article is that I see a real need of measuring our lives to God's Word, which would be far better than to be weighed in the balances and found wanting. Yours for Jesus and for measuring to all the Word of God. J. S. Green.

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Preach the Word

2 Timothy 4:2

Paul wrote to Timothy the following command: "In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who will judge the living and the dead, in the light of his appearance and his reign, I adjure you to preach the word; keep at it in season, refuting, checking, and exhorting men; never lose patience with them and never give up your teaching; for the time will come when people decline to be taught sound doctrine, they will accumulate teachers to suit themselves and tickle their own fancies, they will give up listening to the truth and turn to myths. Whatever happens, be selfpossessed, flinch from no suffering, do your work as an evangelist, and discharge all your duties as a minister. The last drops of my own sacrifice are falling; my time to go has come. I have fought in a good fight; I have run my course; I have kept the faith. Now the crown of a good life awaits me, with which the Lord, that just Judge, will reward me on the great day—and not only me, but all who have loved and longed for his appearance." 2 Timothy 4:1-8. James Moffatt Translation.

Religion without SALVATION is a curse to man. Salvation from sin is deliverance from the power of Satan. Satan likes nothing better than for one to

put on a cloak of religion, and make a big profession of any kind of religion, if his religion does not save him from committing sin more or less every day, yes, and we can say every night too. Ah, so many hungry souls are going to meeting every Sunday, but they never drink of the "LIVING WATER" or eat the "BREAD OF LIFE," which Jesus told the woman at the well about. She had come to the well that Jacob had dug for his descendents many years before. Christ sat there awaiting his disciples' return, as they had gone to buy meat for him and them to eat. Jesus told her as he sat there, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him and He would have given thee LIVING WATER." John 4:10. After her talk with Jesus, she returned to her home town. There she told them about the Lord and what he said to her. When his disciples returned, he told them that he had meat to eat that they knew not of. John 4:23. The woman returned with the people of her city and she and they received the "LIVING WATER." They believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, and they were convinced that he was the Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah of promise, the Son of God which taketh away the sin of the world. They said to her, "We have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world." John 4:42.

The preaching of the Word, under the anointing of the Holy Spirit brings results that please God; yes, and all the hosts of heaven. The Holy Spirit's work is to convict men of their awful sinful condition. The religious Pharisees needed Christ's rebukes to them. Had they heeded Him, like the Samaritans did, instead of hating him, they would have been delivered from their awful wicked condition.

Oh, that professors of religion would listen to Him today and be delivered from their wicked nature—all who cannot cease from sinning. No one is able of himself to cross the bridge to a victorious sinless life. No one without Christ in the soul will ever enter the portals of heaven. Many, who are under the power of Satan, are trying in their own strength to lead folks religiously; but, out of Christ, a religion is a curse to man, if man has not repented and forsaken his sins, yes, and followed on to know the Lord (Hosea 6:3).

The holy way is found by those who "FOLLOW JESUS" as He said, "FOLLOW ME and I will make you fishers of men." Matt. 4:19. One cannot be fishers of men without the Lord in his life. One can get men into their net, but this is not getting them into Christ. Christ will say to all who are not delivered from sin: "I know you not." (Matt. 25:12). And what an awful awakening that will be when God's wrath is being poured out upon all the wicked that know not God or the Redeemer. I feel sorrowful when I let my mind dwell upon the sinful condition of the religious world as it is today—people resting at ease with a big profession of religion, and nothing in the heart but self and Satan. You get delivered from sin and Satan through the Lord Jesus Christ

and the joy bells of heaven will ring in your heart, and in heaven. "JOY SHALL BE IN HEAVEN OVER ONE SINNER THAT REPENTETH, MORE THAN OVER NINETY AND NINE JUST PERSONS, WHICH NEED NO REPENTANCE." Luke 15:7. Listen to me, I am telling you the TRUTH: nothing but being delivered from all sin, then living for God, will make you acquainted with the REDEEMER, and the FATHER OF LIGHTS. Harken to the Redeemer! He gave his WORD as He went about Palestine preaching to the tribes of Israel. The message is still the same today. The salvation of souls is a joy to the LORD.

He is just the same loving Saviour today, and delights to hear the cry of the spiritually hungry, who are willing to forsake all sin and live for Him that they might become children of God and have their names added to the Book of Life. Let man hear and heed the words of our Saviour; and, no matter if it is strict and positive, HEAR and OBEY GOD, and your soul shall live.

As disobedience caused Adam and Eve to sin and lose out (they lost God's nature out of their hearts) so today, disobedience will cause man to lose the reward of heaven. God uses the willing and obedient to accomplish his work. He does not use those who are not delivered from their sins, no matter how high their profession. The wicked priests of Israel were not of any use to God after Christ came with his gospel of salvation. They, from then on, were out of a job. The gospel ax was laid at the root of the trees and they were cut down (Luke 3:9). Religion without salvation is a curse, but salvation with Christ's Holy Spirit makes man a joint heir with Christ. He is our elder brother and all God's redeemed are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We have brothers and sisters, Father and mother, and a home in heaven forever and ever. We know, as Paul knew, that there is a reward for the redeemed. Christ does not claim the ungodly as his sheep, or his people, so take warning. Christ says, "I know you not," to the unredeemed. So seek him with all your heart that Christ might reign righteousness upon thee.

By the grace of God, I. E. Kriebel

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Just Before Christ Returns

Paul wrote to the Thessalonians that before the coming of our Lord there should come a falling away first (2 Thess. 2:3), and to Timothy he stated that evil men and impostors should wax worse and worse, and that there should be perilous times in the last days (2 Tim. 3:1-13). It will be noticed in the Scriptures that the apostasy is not concerning education, or fine churches, or able ministers, or large congregations, or the progress of intellectual and material prosperity, but the breaking down that is foretold of the visible church is on faith, and a denial of the power of God in Holy Ghost experience. There is at present well-nigh a universal landslide in the visible church towards higher criticism, which is

lower infidelism, and a denial of the supernatural working of God in regeneration, definite answers to prayer, and the revelation of divine things to the soul by the Holy Spirit, which make up the religion of the Apostles and their true successors.

We may also expect great advances in the "form of godliness" in the last days. Faith will not become low through worldliness and the denial of the Scriptures only, but also through the remarkable initiative faiths which will work on in their deceptive power. A pastor says: "These movements will become an unseen influence in the air around us; an atmosphere peopled with evil spirits, and heavy with the depression of hell. These evil spirits will do their utmost to injure, mislead, confuse, and depress the children of the Lord. Our bodies will be affected; it will press in on our minds and becloud our souls. All kinds of strange feelings and new and peculiar trials will come to us. A surprising lack of desire and energy Godward, a spiritual deadness, a mental heaviness, lethargy of soul, an alarming desire for forbidden things and a peculiar delight and fascination in any of the world's pleasures we dare taste. It will be difficult to preach the Word in liberty and power: it will be difficult to give attention to the Word when it is preached; it will be very difficult to get real earnest and continued prayer. This is the atmosphere in which we must battle as the days darken around us. Oh! let us be strong in the Lord! Satan will, no doubt, bring a mysterious power to bear on our minds and wills, which will make it exceedingly difficult to walk closely with God, and very easy to live in the flesh. We will be amazed at the power he can use against us. It will become very hard to serve God faithfully, and to pray earnestly. It will seem as if everything without us, and almost everything within us, has conspired to keep us from following Christ all the way, and to induce us to compromise; we will be surrounded by a worldly atmosphere that will draw us away from God, that will render prayer half-hearted, and that will deaden our spiritual senses to the reality of heavenly things, and the glorious presence of the Lord. It will become very easy to slip out of communion with God, and harder than ever to keep the communication open between our souls and heaven."

Already we feel the beginning of the influence of the inrush of these things upon us. Worldliness in various forms weaves its ever expanding power over many congregations. Things are not only allowed, but are unblushingly organized now, which would not have been possible a generation since. The craze for drama and the exciting round of pleasure is catered to in connection with many places of worship to the destroying of deep spirituality, the bringing to an end of revivals and the furtherance of the spirit of compromise with doubtful things and associations.

There is a terrible decline of faith and true religion all over the world at this moment. We do not deny that there may be here and there exceptions, but looking at Christendom as a whole it presents a

sad picture.

Reveiling these matters, do they not constitute a loud call to the servants of Christ to arise, and seek during the intervening short period, to make the most of this the day of opportunity before their Lord and Master comes to summon them to give an account of their labors at the Judgment Seat of Christ?

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Deep Water

"I suppose you know where all the rocks are," said the boy to the pilot, as he watched him at the vessel's wheel.

"No," was the answer, "but I know where the deep water is."

One man urged as a proof of his fitness to navigate a certain water that he had had his craft on every rock in the stream.

There are many who seem to think that no one can preach righteousness so well as one who has wallowed in sin; that no one can talk temperance like the man who has often been drunk; and that a course in vice and sin and folly is almost essential as a preparation for service in the cause of God.

They are mistaken. Many who try the paths of sin never return to righteousness. Others are moral, mental, and physical wrecks; and while a few do excellent and permanent work for God, many relapse again and again, and some never recover themselves. One man of this description, possessed of wonderful powers of speech and song, whose words and tunes were sung by hundreds of thousands, died at last a drunken tramp in a western jail.

Experience is not the only teacher. A man may describe a shipwreck without going down in the ship; and many a studious Christian who has never tasted strong drink can portray its evils more fully, forcibly, and accurately than most men who have been through all the horrors of drunkenness, thirst and delirium.

A Moses, the child of believing parents; a Joseph, maintaining his integrity in the midst of temptation; a Samuel, consecrated to God in his infancy; a David, unspoiled amid the sheep-folds of Bethlehem; a Jeremiah, called of God to speak his word in early youth; a Paul, who lived in all good conscience toward God from childhood up; a Timothy, who from a child had known the Holy Scriptures; a Luther, religiously trained from his youth; a Wesley, brought up by godly parents and schooled in morality; and a multitude of others, cradled in poverty, inured to toil, and kept too busy to plunge into the mad whirlpools of sin and folly, and trained to revolt from the filth and uncleanness in which the dissolute love to wallow,—these are the men who have made their mark in the history of humanity, and have scattered far and wide the seed of an immortal harvest.

It is true that some dissolute men have been reclaimed and restored—they often being men who had broken away from the restraints of godly training and good principles, which now at last reassert their pow-

er and bring back the wandering soul. It is also true where such an one enters upon the work of saving others, he may be a power for good, and may through partiality or curiosity be more petted, admired and honored than a hundred who for years and years have practiced what he has only just begun to preach. But it is also true that the great mass of gospel work done for a lost world is not done by men and women who have sounded the depths of sin, and have shattered their barks on the rocks of intemperance and vice; but rather by persons who have been brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and whose correct training and wholesome lives have fitted them to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour, and to be patterns to believers in faith and purity.

Steer for deep water. Never mind so much about the rocks and shoals, but study the channel and keep in it, and push out in the great deep. No man runs on the rocks when he keeps his ship off from surroundings.

Do not dally with sin, or skirt along the coast-line of temptation; launch out into the deep. Cut the shore-line, get as far away from sin and temptation as possible. "LOOK NOT on the wine." Do not trifle with temptation in any form. Keep clear of bad company; drive away bad thoughts. Do not think you must know all the evil there is. Turn away your eyes from beholding vanity, steer straight for the eternal haven. So shall an abundant entrance be ministered unto you into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Saints

I have felt impressed to write concerning my sisters in Christ. From the days of the apostles down through the ages to the present day we find that there was a need of teaching and preaching on woman's dress, and I still see the need of it today. Isaiah preached and taught the judgments which shall be for the pride of the women (3rd chapter), and I still find some who are not willing to suffer the reproach of the cross. They still want to wear articles of clothing to take away the reproach. Some are not willing to humble their hearts and change their sheer hose for a weight that would be in harmony with the teachings of the Bible. 1 John 2:16 tells us of the pride of life. Dear ones, I know the little things will rob souls of the joy and peace that God gives. God is looking for people who are willing to suffer the reproaches of the cross. When those who are called saints will humble their hearts and give up little idols of their hearts, then things will move for the Lord. May God help us all to pray for the faith once delivered to the saints. Women are instructed to adorn themselves in modest apparel with shamefacedness and sobriety. (1 Tim. 4:16). Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee. Dear ones, we have something to take heed to.

I haven't been in the truth long, but when I found

it, I fell in love with it and began to measure up.
 When I started to do my part, the dear Lord did his.
 I feel the need of the church coming closer to our
 dear Savior, for therefore we both labor and suffer
 reproach because we trust in the living God who is
 the Savior of all men, specially of those that believe.
 Your brother in Christ, Charles Reynolds

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Ten Virgins

A little band I have in mind,
 Just ten in all, of virgins kind;
 Each holds a lamp within her hand,
 And in two groups they meekly stand.
 Why are they here?
 The night so drear;
 'Twould seem their hearts would fill with fear.

They all expect a friend to come;
 They're all invited to his home.
 There'll be a marriage feast, you see;
 To meet him they must ready be.

'Tis long to wait
 Here at the gate.
 They all sink down in sleepy state.

At last a sudden cry arose.
 What did it mean? All eyes unclosed.
 "The bridegroom's come!" Ah, this is why,
 They heard the sudden midnight cry.
 They haste and trim
 Their lamps, now dim:
 They must prepare to welcome him.

Five had their lamps soon burning bright,
 Their rays sent forth a ruddy light;
 The lights of five grew dim so fast
 'Twas plain to see they could not last.
 If they could get
 Some oil, as yet,
 Perhaps the bridegroom might be met.

Of course, it was a foolish thing,
 These five should all forget to bring
 Oil for their lamps. So to the wise
 They hastened with these pleading cries:
 "Our lights are gone!
 Of oil we've none!
 Divide, or we'll be left alone!"

The wise, for fear their own might fail,
 Said, "Nay, go buy where it's for sale."
 They hastened, but ere they returned,
 The bridegroom came, they afterward learned.
 He'd found the wise
 With full supplies,
 His coming caused them no surprise.

He took them in, his feast to share,
 Then closed the door with utmost care.
 The foolish came, and speaking thus,
 Said, "Lord, Lord, open unto us."
 The Lord said, "Nay,
 You now must stay
 Where there'll be weeping night and day."

Ah! watch and pray and ready be,
 Lest some day likewise you should see
 The Lord's appearance in the skies
 And have to go for fresh supplies.
 Christ warns us all,
 Both great and small,
 To be ready at his last call.
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PETER, WHO BECAME A MAN OF POWER

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Printed Portion.....Acts 4:8-20.

Acts 4:8. Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said
 unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

9. If we this day be examined of the good deed done
 to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

10. Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of
 Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,
 whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even
 by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11. This is the stone which was set at nought of you
 builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there
 is none other name under heaven given among men,
 whereby we must be saved.

13. Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and
 John, and perceived that they were unlearned and igno-
 rant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of
 them, that they had been with Jesus,

14. And beholding the man which was healed standing
 with them, they could say nothing against it.

15. But when they had commanded them to go aside
 out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

16. Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that
 indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is mani-
 fest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot
 deny it.

17. But that it spread no further among the people,
 let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth
 to no man in this name.

18. And they called them, and commanded them not to
 speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

19. But Peter and John answered and said unto them,
 Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto
 you more than unto God, judge ye.

20. For we cannot but speak the things which we have
 seen and heard.

Memory Verse: But ye shall receive power after
 that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be
 witnessed unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and
 in Samaria and to the utter most parts of the earth.
 Acts 1:8.

Practical Truth: If we want to be a person of power

we must put ourselves completely in the hands of God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Peter was a man of power because as the written portion of the lesson today declares he was filled with the Holy Spirit which is the secret of the power manifested in Christians. If we would have power we must be filled with God's Holy Spirit. We read in John 16:13 "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth." Peter was a man of power because he was filled with God's Holy Spirit which did guide him into all truth.

While Jesus was with his disciples he told them that the Spirit of truth was with them and should (later) be in them. We know this took place on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came to take up his abode in the heart of sanctified believers. So Peter was filled with the Holy Ghost which made him a man of power. This power in Peter caused him to come out boldly and stand on the promises of God and get results by healing the sick and raising the dead.

Our dear old brother Peter was outstanding because of the power that worked in and through him. We see this power so wonderfully manifested at the beautiful gates when he through the power of God healed the cripple. He told this poor cripple, "Silver and gold have I none but such as I have give I thee, In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk and he took him by the right hand and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking and leaping, and praising God." We see how Peter showed himself a man of power because God was with him and worked in and through him.

JOHN MARK, WHO MADE GOOD

September 10, 1950

Printed Portion.....Acts 12:12, 25; 13:4-5, 13; 15:36-40;
Colossians 4:10; 2 Timothy 4:11.

Acts 12:12. And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.

25. And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.

13:4. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

5. And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister.

13. Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.

15:36. And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.

37. And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark.

38. But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

39. And the contention was so sharp between them,

that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus;

40. And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

Col. 4:10. Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)

2 Tim. 4:11. Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

Memory Verse: If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine whereunto thou hast attained. 1 Tim. 4:6.

Practical Truth: It is better to make good in this life than to gain great riches.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

John Mark might well be called the "straightway" preacher as we find that expression so often in the gospel according to Mark. Straightway means immediately. We would do well to follow his example in this respect. This is one reason John Mark made good. He was a successful preacher and writer as we notice in the gospel he left on record for us. He made good because he let God have his way. We too will make good if we will let God have his way in our lives. John Mark wrote so much in his gospel about healing. In Acts 13:13 we see where John Mark left the company of gospel workers and went back to Jerusalem and later on (Acts 15:38) Paul thought it not good to take Mark along with the evangelistic company. No doubt because he had left them as we read in Acts 13:13 and went back to Jerusalem. But they got their differences all cleared up for we read these words in 2 Timothy 4:11 as Paul instructed Timothy, "Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry." We can see that John Mark made good. He behaved himself wisely or in other words he knew how to behave himself in the house of God which is the church of the living God the pillar and ground of truth. If all of God's children would behave themselves in the house of God as they should all trouble would disappear from among them and we too will make good.

JAMES, LEADER IN THE JERUSALEM CHURCH

September 17, 1950

Printed Portion.....Acts 15:13-20; Galatians 2:9-12.

Acts 15:13. And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

14. Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

15. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

16. After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

17. That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

18. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

19. Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:

20. But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

Gal. 2:9. And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

10. Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do.

11. But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.

12. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.

Memory Verse: A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and loving favor rather than silver and gold. Proverb 22:1.

Practical Truth: We should let God have his way with us and let him show us what he can do with a saint who is completely in his hands.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It is generally understood that James was the pastor of the church at Jerusalem and also the writer of the epistle of James which is written in such plain language that it needs no interpreting. As we read his writing we know what he means and what he is writing about. In the written portion of the lesson today we find James speaking to the brethren that were assembled in Jerusalem and giving good advice to all the brethren concerning the matter of accepting the Gentiles as brethren in the church. James refers his hearers to prophecy (Acts 15:16-17) on which he makes his defence concerning the Gentiles which is clearly set forth in the writings of Paul in his letter to the Ephesians. In the second chapter we read these words "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father." So we see that James proved himself an efficient leader in his day in the early church. The good advice James left on record in Holy Writ makes him a good leader for us today. How we ought to thank God for all of the great men he chose to preach his gospel and to write the Bible. We will do well to follow these great leaders as they followed Christ. We should show our gratitude to God for these great humble men he chose to blaze the way for us who are following after them.

PAUL, WORLD EVANGELIST

September 24, 1950

Printed Portion.....Acts 26:9-20.

Acts 26:9. I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

10. Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them.

11. And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad

against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities.

12. Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

13. At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

14. And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

15. And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

16. But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee:

17. Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

18. To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

19. Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

20. But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Memory Verse: Where upon O king Agrippa I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. Acts 26:19.

Practical Truth: Paul was a godly example and he asked the people to follow him as he followed Christ.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It is truly said of Paul for he was a world evangelist. He preached to most of the known world in his life time and his epistles have gone to the ends of the earth. In this way he is still preaching to all the world. Paul was a true minister of God. He preached the truth with out fear or favor. We get a good picture of Paul as to what kind of a man he was in the devotional reading for this lesson today. Especially in the first five verses of 1 Cor. 2nd chapter Paul was one preacher that hid behind the cross and preached Jesus Christ and him crucified. The world never has had a writer that gave the whole world more truth about God and his way than the beloved apostle Paul.

Paul was a very zealous man even before he was converted. As we notice in the written portion of today's lesson he thought he was doing God's will when he was persecuting the church. He seemed to think the Christians were imposters but when the Lord opened his eyes he was quick to see his mistake and turned right about face and began to preach Christ the same one he had been persecuting. Paul told his hearers that he was determined to know nothing among them but Jesus Christ and him crucified. God gave him a special call to the Gentiles and he was faithful to that call. When God called him he said "I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my sake." When Paul was told what things would befall him when he went to Jerusalem (Acts 20) he said "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself." He was a man of great faith and he had a lot of confidence in God for whom he suffered the loss of all things. G. S.