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### What Might Have Been

I might have filled a drunkard's grave,  
And, like the rich man, woke in hell;  
But Jesus came, my soul to save,  
And of the love of God to tell.

I heard the story Jesus told;  
To Him I gave my heart of sin.  
He washed the sin-stains from my soul,  
And now my life is pure within.

Now, since He saved me, all is well;  
My heart and life are free from sin,  
My soul will not wake up in hell  
Since Jesus came my heart to win.

Oh, glory to His precious name!  
Oh, glory, glory be to God!  
He lifted me from sin and shame,  
And keeps me by His chastening rod.

And now when all this life is o'er,  
To be with Jesus I will go;  
For perfect love casts out all fear  
When we accept Christ here below.

—George W. Stephenson.

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### Do We Know What We Worship?

"Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews." John 4:22. The Jews were God's one chosen people, representing in type God's one chosen people today. "For he is not a Jew which is one outwardly, . . . but he is a Jew which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men but of God." Rom. 2:29. Thank God, he has revealed himself, the one true and living God, to us who are his people today. He has taught us and committed to us the one pure worship of God in spirit and truth. He has not left us in darkness to "ignorantly worship" "we know not what." We cannot worship God acceptably until we know him. We are dead in trespasses and sins. We have no life until we come to know him as he reveals himself to

us. "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." John 17:3. A living God can only be worshiped by a living people with eternal life abiding in their souls through the knowledge of God revealed through Jesus Christ. "And we know that the Son of God is come and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen." 1 John 5:20, 21.

So long as we keep ourselves in the love of God in living in touch with him, so long as he knows us and we know him, so long as we abide in him and he in us, revealing himself afresh to our souls from day to day in communion with him, we shall never be found groping in darkness, worshipping "we know not what," worshipping idols and giving our service to them yet thinking we are worshipping the Lord. Yet what a danger there is of this very thing if we fail to maintain a constant, close, and daily communion with the Lord; if we let our living acquaintance with the Lord get a little dim and distant, if we fail to keep it continually renewed and up to date. How quickly we would begin to stumble in darkness if we let the light of His presence become a little dim. God had a purpose and saw a need in warning even the saints, "Little children, keep yourselves from idols."

Alas, because many have not the knowledge of God, and many, to their shame have lost it, we see many who think they are worshipping God, spending much time and effort in his service, and making great sacrifices for him (as they think) but they know not what they worship.

How many today are "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God" yet "have a form of godliness." 2 Tim. 3:4, 5. Pleasure is their idol. They love their own pleasure more than the pleasure of the Lord. "She that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." 1 Tim. 5:6.

How many "love the praise of men more than the praise of God." They "receive honor one of another and seek not the honor that cometh from God only." They are "men pleasers." Many preachers today are

preaching to please the people instead of the Lord. God's Word says, "If I yet pleased men I should not be the servant of Christ," yet "they think they are doing God service." They are "deceiving and being deceived." They might spend much time, labor, and money, but they are seeking honor to themselves and not the glory of God. They know not what they worship.

Many others make an idol of money and material gain. God's word plainly tells us that "covetousness is idolatry," but how many fail to recognize it when it appears? Are we seeking things above or things of the earth? Are we, with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength reaching out to possess the riches of the kingdom of God, the true riches, or is our attention given to seeking after material gain? When our Lord leads us into trials that we might possess some of the "gold tried in the fire that we might be rich," do we draw back and complain if it means material loss or suffering or reproach? Do we use the substance the Lord gives us as our own, to be used as we desire, for our own comfort, convenience, and pleasure? or do we look to the Lord to direct us in using it for him, as willing to deny ourselves of the comforts of life as we are to see our brothers and sisters denied of them, even though we might have the means at hand to satisfy our wants? Are we rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate? If we are not sure what we are worshiping, God has ways of searching us and trying us and helping us to see.

Another idol that multitudes worship today is their "church." I have heard it expressed how people will easily endure hearing the name of the Lord blasphemed, but will become greatly stirred if anything is said against their "church." Many are very indifferent to the commands of the Lord, but very active and busy in the work of their "church." If convicted of the truth, God's will, and their duty, they will not walk in the light if their "church" teaches otherwise and if it means leaving their "church" to follow the Lord.

Multitudes today who know not what they worship, who know not God and are ignorant of his true worship, have very decided ideas as to what just the proper form of worship is. The Samaritan woman thought their religion was right: "Our fathers worshiped God in this mountain, and ye say that Jerusalem is where men ought to worship." John 4:20. So people today who are in darkness, worshiping idols under the name of worshiping the Lord, oftentimes hold tightly to their forms and traditions; they think they are right.

How many professed Christians are ruled by the god of this world and the god of fashion! If the god of fashion speaks, even though the Word of God is against it, they will find excuses and ways and means of conforming to what fashion dictates. They will obey the fashion before they obey God's word. "Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey?" Rom. 6:16. "Be not conformed to this world." Rom.

12:2.—Or do not observe the commands of this world or be like unto it in following its worldly customs and ways, for its ways are contrary to the ways of the Lord, are enmity against God, are the ways of death. "If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him." 1 John 2:15.

Not only do the people without the knowledge of God worship idols while thinking they are worshiping God, but they also make great sacrifices to their idols just as the backsliding Israelites did long ago. Time, money, strength, life itself are sacrificed to the idols they love and serve. Nothing is too dear to be withheld. How many innocent little children are being sacrificed to idols today, that is, their souls are being sacrificed. We read of the backsliding Israelites, how their hearts turned away from the Lord and they learned to serve idols round about them. "Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to devils and shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan and the land was polluted with blood" Psalms 106:37-39. Their land was polluted with the blood of their children. Oh, if our eyes could be opened to see the slaughter of souls, even souls of the children that are being sacrificed to idols today! We would see the land running with blood, polluted by blood, the blood of souls. Surely their blood will be required.

Children are being sacrificed to the idol of the love of money. Parents, greedy for material gain, for more worldly possessions, neglect their children while they struggle to obtain it, fail to teach and train, and guard them.

The god of this world, the god of fashion, claims many more. Parents who claim to worship God would not have their children to be too different from the world. They could not bear that they should be reproached or slighted by the world. Instead of being brought up to feel that they are to be different and distinct, one of God's people separate from the world, they are brought up much as one of the world and feel that they are. They appear as one of the world. The world recognizes and loves its own and they are soon swallowed up in its broad ways into which they were led. How many parents bring their children up to follow the dictates of fashion rather than the teaching of God's word at the cost of their children's souls!

If parents put anything, however necessary and desirable it may seem to be, before God and the salvation of their children's souls, they need not wonder if their children's souls are sacrificed and lost. How very necessary a worldly education seems to be today to success in this life. People feel their children must have it, even if their souls are lost in obtaining it, as is the case with such large numbers of especially the weaker ones who might have been saved if they had been kept and cherished under careful Christian teaching and training during the formative years of their lives. The feeble starts which nearly all of our children make for the Lord while they are small are so often almost immediately choked out, over and over, by the worldly training and influences they are

being sent out under. Soon many cease to try any more, and we see them, often while still quite young, able to sit unmoved under the earnest appeals of the gospel. How different it might have been with these weak ones if they had been kept under godly training and supported and encouraged until they became strong and established in the Lord. Let us "support the weak" as the Word instructs us, and not send them out while young, unprepared, and unestablished, under the training and influence of the world. The Lord, who knew all things, has left the way open for us to do this in faith in God—a way for us to have our own little schools wherever there are saints with children, who have faith and a burden. There, while we teach the necessary things, we look to the Lord first of all to help us to teach the way of the Lord. If some worldly advantages that the world can offer must be sacrificed, shall we sacrifice them, or shall we sacrifice souls?

Many parents make idols of their own children, honoring them above the Lord. While they are pleasing and indulging their children in a way displeasing to the Lord, failing to restrain them, they are sacrificing to this idol worship the very souls of these same children. The Lord told Eli that he honoured his sons above the Lord (1 Sam. 2:29, 30). In the 30th verse he said "for them that honour me, I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed." Our Lord Jesus said, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." Matt. 10:37. The very sons that Eli honoured so highly by pleasing them before he pleased the Lord, were destroyed in an awful destruction by the judgments of God which carried awful calamity besides, not only to them, but also to the whole family and nation. The same spirit will likewise involve many others today, through example and influence, in the destruction that is sure to follow, except there is repentance.

Oh, dear saints, may God help us in these perilous times to live daily in the light of his presence, in the light of his countenance. Here we can walk safely with no stumbling in darkness. He will guide us with his eye. He will make his face to shine upon us. Our light is the "light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" 2 Cor. 4:6. As long as we keep this light burning brightly in our souls, keeping a living close, and daily acquaintance with Him as He reveals Himself and His ways to us, He will keep us in His love and keep us from all idols and we will know what we worship, and our worship will be acceptable before Him. Faith Embly

### GOD'S LAW IN MAN'S MIND AND HEART

"I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts" (Heb. 8:10). To live holy lives we must have God's Word in both mind and heart. The same hand that writes it in the heart also writes it in the mind. Studying the Bible is good, but not sufficient. We must have written in the mind by the Holy Spirit what we read in the Book or it will profit us little or nothing. The Holy Spirit never writes

God's law in the mind except He writes them in the heart also. When written in the heart, man obeys.

### Obituaries

Deloris Irene Faith, infant daughter of Ernest and Ruth Faith was born on April 11, 1950 in Centralia, Washington and passed away July 15, 1951 at the age of one year, three months, and four days. Besides her parents, she is survived by two brothers, Frankie and Rodney; one sister, Beverly; grandmother, Mrs. Clara Johnston of Chehalis, Wash., and a number of other relatives and friends. One sister, Geroldean, preceded her in death. The family moved to Willow Springs, Mo. from Peoria, Illinois about 2½ months ago.

Funeral services were conducted July 18, 2 p. m. with J. W. Hunter in charge. Burial was in Willow Spgs., City Cemetery.

John Frank Porter was born in Knox County, Illinois in the year 1870. He departed this life August 13, 1951, at the age of 81 years, one month and seven days, after an extended illness.

Mr. Porter was united in marriage to Lillie Mae Clark on December 22, 1891 in Sumner County, Kansas. To this union twelve children were born, two having preceded him in death.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter came to Oklahoma in 1893 and located near Covington. They later established their residence near Orlando, where they lived for a number of years. He operated a grocery business in Oklahoma City for twelve years.

Later in life he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour and was affiliated with the Church of God. He manifested the fruits of a true Christian life to the end. During the many months of his affliction, kindness and patience shown forth as an example to all who visited him.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillie Mae Porter; six daughters, Mrs. Minnie Hunt, Ponca City, Okla.; Mrs. Grace Ventris Jennings, Mrs. Mary Weeks Crews, Mrs. Lucille Grinter, Mrs. Pauline Arismendez, and Mrs. Anna Maude Ard, all of Oklahoma City; and four sons, Roy and Clark Porter of Guthrie, Okla.; Charley of Glencoe, Okla.; and Franklin of Ponca City, Okla. Also, one sister, Mrs. Mary Hartzell of Tulsa, Okla., and one niece, Mrs. Elva Daum of Guthrie; 42 grandchildren, 58 great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral was conducted by Fred Pruitt in the Hunter Funeral Home, Oklahoma City. Text: Psalm 19:9, "The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever." Interment in Summit View Cemetery, Guthrie, Okla.

John Frank Porter, the deceased, was the father of Bro. O. C. Porter of Guthrie, who is quite well known among the saints. His mother is still living, but is quite feeble. Her faith and hope is in God. A large company of relatives and friends attended the funeral, both at Oklahoma City and at the Cemetery at Guthrie, where services were also held before burial. Bro. O. C. Porter says that his father was quite tender in the truth and would often shed tears when spoken to about the Word of God, and he feels like he was in favor with God before passing from this world to the next.

All who follow Jesus will be persecuted, for all hypocrites are not dead.

"And when we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Then when we first begun."

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#### Editorials

We are thankful to God for the privilege of once more greeting our readers through the "Faith and Victory" paper. We have been in some blessed meetings where we saw many souls saved and large numbers of the saints encouraged to press the battle on

since the July paper was issued. We are greatly encouraged in the work of the Lord, and our soul leaps for joy when we see and know of the saints being so uplifted and willing to sacrifice and do all they can for the furtherance of the cause of God. God's blessings will rest upon those that yield to him and forsake the world and all of its foolishness to bear the cross here and wear a crown in that world of bliss.

The needs at the Lord's Print Shop are great, but we look to God alone to supply and keep the truth going out by the printed page. We know that he does most of the supplying of needs of the printing work through his saints, and we have confidence in them that each one will hear his voice and obey him. We would not want any offerings given unless they are given freely as unto the Lord, for we are conscious of the fact that God would not accept an offering unless it is given freely and willingly by the giver. You can only keep saved by continually giving yourself and all as a gift to him for him to use you and all he puts in your hands to the glory of God. This way with the Lord is a wonderful and glorious way, but it is opposite to the way of the worldly religions that are so numerous in this present age.

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Today the enemy has many ministers working under a cloak of religious holiness and many souls are deceived by their vain talking and led into confusion further and further from the true holiness way. Some ministers, who at one time were with the true saints of God, are advocating the doing away with the sending forth of the gospel by the printed page. I do not know of a more effective way of getting the truth to men than by the printed page. It is not only a very effective way, but also souls can be reached that never have an opportunity to hear a gospel message spoken. In our work here, printing and sending forth the gospel by the printed page, we reach more souls in one month than the ordinary minister could reach in a life time; yet some will become so shriveled up in soul and allow selfishness to so predominate them that they would turn the printing all over to the enemy and precious souls would be lost and many isolated saints discouraged and crushed by the enemy. There is no doubt but that Satan is using printed matter to get his false doctrines out to deceive and destroy souls, but why turn it all over to him? There is a crying need for the gospel to go forth in its purity to fish out and hunt out honest souls and to show up the church of true holiness today among false teaching that seems to be so plentiful. God forbid that the clean gospel should cease going forth by the printed page. We have a greater determination and an urge in our souls from God to do more along this line than ever. May God supply so we can equip better for the printing and send it forth in a greater volume than ever before. The Lord is so near and precious to us as we write these editorials and it deepens our consecration to strain every fiber of strength he gives us to print and send forth the true holiness doctrines of the Bibles and uphold the one true church of the living God, which is the pillar and ground of the truth.

We wish to warn the saints of a false doctrine which some are teaching and advocating at this present time; that is, that one is saved and sanctified at the same time. This doctrine is not in harmony with the sacred Scriptures and will lead into greater confusion and separate precious souls from the body of Christ, which is functioning in the world, but is not of the world.

They also say that there is no cleansing or purifying in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which is absolutely contrary to the truth of the Lord's Word. Thousands upon thousands of believers have been cleansed and purified and infilled with the Holy Spirit down through the ages, and they have a clear and definite testimony of this work. The Wesleys were blessed of God in this sound teaching and God favored them in expounding this sacred truth inasmuch that America and England were shaken and stirred by the Spirit of God to accept and embrace this truth. When Bro. D. S. Warner, who was mightily used of God, began to preach and bring back hidden truth to souls, he also embraced and taught the second work of grace, the cleansing and infilling of the Spirit. There has been no other work since the morning age of the church upon which God so mightily put his approval by allowing signs and wonders to be done in the name of the holy child Jesus, which verifies that the doctrines he taught were of God.

The second definite work of grace is referred to in the Bible by different names. In John 14:17 this work is spoken of as receiving the "Spirit of truth," whom the world (unsaved people) cannot receive. All must have their actual transgressions forgiven and have peace with God before they can be cleansed from that evil nature, the planting of Satan, and receive the divine nature. In the 26th verse of this chapter you will read where the Holy Spirit coming in is called the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost. In the second chapter of Acts is an account of the apostles receiving the Holy Spirit. It says that cloven tongues like as of fire sat upon each of them. This cloven tongues like as of fire represents the purifying and cleansing process which preceded and accompanied the infilling of the Holy Spirit. At a later date Peter rehearsed to the apostles the account of the Gentiles receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 15). He said, "And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." In this Peter definitely made the statement that the Gentiles' hearts were purified even as theirs were on the day of Pentecost. Brethren, let us keep balanced in the truth and not turn to the strange doctrines of men and lose our souls in the end.

One minister brands the work which the Lord has laid upon our hearts to do as a "sect" because we call this the "Lord's Print Shop." When we have given ourselves over into God's hands to print and send forth the gospel and the building and machinery is all surrendered into God's hands, it is truthfully called and is "the Lord's Print Shop." To call it

"our print shop" would be an untruth. If God would call anyone else to print the pure gospel and he would consecrate to God until his printing work was all in God's hands, he also could call it "the Lord's Print Shop," as well as we can speak of this shop as such. We reach our hands out in fellowship to every blood-washed saint who is retaining that experience by keeping separated from the world and all its allurements. Souls that are cleansed from all sin and walking in the light of His Word will have no trouble in having fellowship with others who are likewise free and attached to Him alone. Saints of this kind have no trouble in flowing together, as nothing will hinder. God's people in this world are fitted and framed together, knitted together, compacted together, melted together, raised up together, and in that Judgment Day will be caught up together to ever be with the Lord. This company of blood-washed and white-robed saints in the world compose the body of Christ, the church of the living God that is in the world but not of the world. Glory be to God for his saving and keeping grace.

### Adultery Is Sin

Adultery in any form is sin in the sight of God, and indulgence in it will bar souls out of heaven.

We do know that God is a merciful God, but we also know that He does not look upon sin with any degree of pleasure. While He is merciful, he is also severe on the transgressors and rebellious and those who become indifferent to his sacred word. Read Romans 11:22.

The Pharisees approached Jesus, asking him if it was lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause (Matt. 19). Jesus answered them thus: "Have ye not read that he which made them in the beginning made them male and female," In other words, God only made one woman for one man, and that was his supreme law for man on the subject. By the following words, He gave them to understand that a man was to leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife and the twain would be one flesh: "What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder." This is a positive statement. Jesus told them that because of the hardness of their hearts, (carnal nature) Moses suffered the people to put away their wives, but positively stated that "from the beginning it was not so."

Under the law of Moses they had no way of getting rid of or freed from that carnal nature which brought hardness to their hearts in transgressing God's laws, therefore they were in great darkness and ignorance as to the purity of God. It is recorded in the New Testament that the times of this "ignorance God winked at" (Acts 17:30). In other words, He bore with it, but now since the day of Christ has come and men can get rid of the carnal nature by faith in his blood, he commandeth all men everywhere to repent, clean up, and live clean and holy in his sight or have the penalty of eternal death hanging over their heads. The law said that if one was caught in adultery, he should be stoned to death; but we find

that God did allow a man to have a plurality of wives and approved of them. David had many wives and concubines, and it is written of him in the New Testament that he was a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22). But when David took another man's wife and put the man in the front of the battle to be killed, God's anger was kindled against him and David had to suffer for this thing. I believe the reason he was a man after God's own heart was because of his great faith in God; and when he came to the knowledge that he had sinned against God, he humbled down in godly sorrow and repentance. Solomon had many wives and concubines, but according to the record, he lost his soul; not because he had many wives, but because his wives led him into idol worship and he worshiped their gods. By this we understand that God bore with them having many wives while the carnal nature and hardness of heart was upon them; but now in this day of grace, since Christ has come and through faith in him the carnal nature is destroyed and we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we are brought back to that Eden state of purity, and Jesus said, in the beginning it was not so for man to have more than one woman. God just made one woman for Adam, and thereby set an example of purity and holiness before us as a pattern; and, under grace, forbids us to have more than one companion. Yea, he does not recognize the second one as a wife at all, but positively states in the first few verses of the 7th chapter of Romans, "So then if, while her husband liveth, she is married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress." God calls her an adulteress woman, and does not recognize her as a wife, even though the law of our land may and does do so. We who are saved and sanctified are under the law of God and are back in the Eden state and we should consider things as God sees them lest we have the Scriptures contradicting themselves. Under grace, the first woman whom you marry is your lawful wife in God's sight; and God forbids any man to put you asunder from her. If you do put her away, and by the laws of the land marry another, God does not recognize that marriage, but looks upon you as living in adultery.

Some try to find a loop-hole to marry again by the verse of Scripture which reads thus: "Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her that is put away committeth adultery." The word "except" does mean that you can put her away if she be a fornicator or an adulterer; but because of other Scriptures, such as Mark 10:11, 12; Luke 16:18; 1 Cor. 7:19, 11; and Romans 7:2, 3, we affirm that you have no right under God's true holiness laws to tie up with another woman; for if you do, God will not recognize that marriage, but will look upon you as living in adultery so long as your lawful companion lives.

Of that which we have written, this is the sum total: When a man stands before the minister or judge and vows that he "takes this woman to be his lawful wedded wife" and chooses her in preference to all others to be his wife until death parts them,

this vow is before God, and he holds you to it so long as that companion lives. When we are sanctified wholly and brought back to the Eden state, we are to walk in true holiness before God, having only one companion, for God made the man only one woman in the beginning, and we are taught in the Word that we are bound to that one woman so long as she liveth. Men may, and do, put asunder the lawfully wedded; but God does not sanction it; and if you are married to another beside the lawfully wedded one, you are an adulterer in the sight of God and will have to give an account to God in that day as such.

Brethren, God has a clean church, a holy bride, and he says in Eph. 5:27 of his sanctified church or family, "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." Dearly beloved brethren, let us not compromise with the devil in any form or manner and become like the many so-called churches of God around us who allow and indulge in questionable things. Let us show to the world the clean holy bride of the Lamb, which has come down from God out of heaven and is now functioning in the world, but is not of the world. For true holiness becometh His house forever.

—Fred Pruitt

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## Report Of Meetings

The latter part of June we closed up the printing at the "Lord's Print Shop" here at Guthrie, and the writer and workers were free to busy themselves with other work of the Lord as He would direct by his Spirit. My wife remained at the printing shop to fill tract and book orders and to answer letters and do the other necessary work.

No paper was printed for the month of August so the workers could have a vacation from the printing work until the middle of August.

The Hennessey, Okla. campmeeting was held June 8th to 17th, which was before we were free from the printing work, so we had the privilege of attending it only part of the time. The Lord blessed in this meeting as saints came in from far and near. Sister Hudson and others were there from Akron, Ohio, and there were ministers present from Missouri and Kansas, besides quite a number from Oklahoma. It was a good meeting, as the Word went forth in the power and demonstration of the Spirit. Souls were saved and bodies were healed, and it was very encouraging to the saints in attendance.

The next meeting, at Hammond, La. was attended by the writer and all the workers excepting Sister Lois Whipple, who felt the Lord would have her spend that time at home in north Missouri. This is an old established place for campmeetings, and as the saints met for the 44th annual meeting and sang "We have met today on the old camp ground," it was quite appropriate, and they made a joyful noise unto the Lord. This meeting progressed smoothly under the direction of the Holy Spirit as He placed the ministers in the pulpit whom He had anointed to preach messages of truth. One outstanding thing about the meeting was the number of seekers at the altar; and though some may have been as the seed sown among thorns or stony ground, we believe some received the Word on good ground where it will grow and bring forth fruit.

Bro. Merrill Williamson, who was reared near Ham-



mond, La. and is now pastoring the congregation of saints at Webb City, Mo. was acknowledged by the ministers as being ordained of God to preach the gospel. Bro. Merrill is a nice clean man and vessel for the Lord to work through to get truth to souls and has proven himself to be worthy of the confidence and fellowship of the ministry and of all the saints. We bid him God-speed in all the work that God has laid upon his heart.

From Hammond, we went to Muncie, Ind. where Sister Minnie Brown (pastor) with the small congregation of saints had made arrangements for campmeeting for the first time. Bro. Egbert Allen's tent was stretched for preaching services and the small chapel was used for a dining hall. Several other tents were used for sleeping quarters. This meeting started off in good order, and God blessed from the beginning of the meeting to the end. The saints gathered in from far and near. Ministers came from different states besides the state of Indiana. The devil was greatly defeated in all of his plans to hinder the meeting. He afflicted many during the meeting, but God would heal them. It seemed more healing was done in this meeting than is usual, and some was quite definite. On the second day of the meeting, Bro. Wertz from Dayton, Ohio became deathly sick with acute indigestion and heart trouble. The ministers prayed for him and he would get relief, but it would soon strike him again. For several hours his case was uncertain. The ministers kept holding on to God for complete victory, but his eyes set and death struck him. The ministers and saints held on to God in prayer. Sister Catherine Simpson, who is a trained nurse from Louisiana, was sitting by his side and was just about ready to pronounce him dead when he showed some signs of life again. As we continued to pray, he was healed and brought back to life. It was a marvelous healing, and Bro. Wertz was so blessed of God that he could not keep back the joy as he would tell it to others on the grounds, and he would both laugh and cry. The devil was greatly defeated in this case.

The attendance at the meeting was good and the tent was often full of people, many who were hungry for the old time truth. Souls got saved and quite a number were sanctified. Eleven were baptized, Bro. Darius Gibson officiating. It was a meeting long to be remembered, for the Word preached was backed up by the power of God and rich anointing was upon the people.

Sister Minnie Brown has been laboring there for three years, and her labor has not been in vain, as a little flock of devoted saints has been raised up. The ministers acknowledged Sister Brown's call to the ministry by laying on hands and bidding her God-speed in the work he has laid upon her to do. She is an ordained minister now in the church of God. No doubt, her burdens and work will increase for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God among men in this world.

One of her burdens during the meeting was to move to a different location in Muncie where they could have more space. The present site is very small and the meeting house insufficient for this growing work. She expressed the desire to purchase an acreage in a better location and build a larger meeting house in order to have room for campmeetings each year. To do this, the property and present meeting house would need to be sold, other grounds purchased and buildings erected. All this will take time and means, but her faith takes it in, as God is moving her in this matter. She said that God had already supplied some means for making the change. If all the saints everywhere will look to the Lord for their part in this matter, it will be easily done, and next year

the campmeeting will not have to be so cramped for space.

Since writing the above, I have received a letter from Sister Brown in which she wrote that the Lord has led her to purchase an acre of ground in the new addition just out of the city limits, north east. There are some restrictions, but just enough to keep it clean and to prevent it from being filled up with shacks. They have electricity and gas accommodations. They will have to drill a well, which they have already begun. She is asking the prayers of the saints as she moves according to his leadings. The work will have to go step by step as they wait upon God to provide the payments and for the building of the meeting house. They have a buyer for the other place, but they do not feel led to give it up until the new building is erected for a place of worship. She says the man from whom they bought the acre told her they wanted a meeting house out there and they donated fifty dollars on it. She explained to them what we preach, and they said it made them want it all the more. So you can see that God is going before and leading the way. Neither this man nor his wife is saved.

From the Muncie Campmeeting, we went to the National Campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo., where we found a large company of saints gathered. The camp ground consists of nearly five acres of ground, yet this seemed to be too small a place for so many people. They put up nearly seventy tents for families, and there are a number of cabins built on the grounds. All were filled, also the dormitories for men and for women, and there was a need for more. In different ways we could see divine approval resting on this meeting. Ministers came from many states. Perhaps fifty ministers were present and divine fellowship flowed from heart to heart. God placed the ministers in the pulpit (with few exceptions), of his own choosing, and the messages in a general sense were backed up by his power and fire. The long extended altar bench was often full of seekers and as some would become satisfied in their souls others would come. It was a glorious place to be. Quietness and sweetness of heaven was known and felt and experienced in this meeting. One would have to be quite blind indeed if he could not see in this the functioning of the body of Christ. Many were set free from sin through godly sorrow and repentance with faith in His blood of atonement. Believers were sanctified and filled with the Spirit. Much healing was done in the name of the holy child Jesus. Two hundred thirty-two happy saints took part in the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing. It was a blessed place to be. The expense of the meeting was great, but it was all taken care of by free-will offerings.

The work of God is moving forward in spite of Satan's accusations and deceitful lies. The saints are deepening down into God as never before, and Satan is having less to do with them as the fire of the Spirit is binding on him.

The ministers met on Monday following the close of the campmeeting, and although there were some differences of opinions according to each one's light and knowledge, yet the meeting was carried on by the Spirit, and as we reasoned together on the different subjects, the love of God filled each soul and no unholy contentions existed, nor was carnality manifested. Each minister showed godly love and respect for the others. I feel that it is good for the ministers to get together in love and unity and instruct or exhort one another as God directs and come to a better understanding on the truth of the Word of God. The ministers met only one day.

On Friday, after the close of the Monark Springs campmeeting, the Oklahoma State Campmeeting was to

begin; but the brethren got the pavilion ready, and as some ministers were already present, the meeting began on Wednesday evening. The preaching of the Word was good and edifying to our souls. As time moved on and more ministers arrived, the fervency of the Spirit increased. Good, sound, solid truths of the Word went forth, which caused much rejoicing among the saints as their souls were lifted heavenward. There were more saved in the latter part of the meeting than the forepart. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing were observed on Friday, and the saints were made happy in these precious services which the Lord himself instituted, setting us an example, and told his disciples that they would be happy if they would do them, especially washing one another's feet, which is a manifestation of the humility practiced by true saints of God.

Bro. O. C. Porter of the Guthrie congregation, who has been teaching the gospel and laboring in the ministry of the Word for a number of years, was acknowledged by the ministry, in the laying on of hands, as being called of God for the ministering of the Word. We are thankful to God for calling and qualifying young ministers to carry on the work of God. We feel sure that Bro. Porter will have the prayers of the Guthrie congregation, and also of the ministers in this evening light truth. May God make his labors effectual and cause him to stand firmly in the truth as greater responsibility and crucifying ways loom up and overtake him in this life.

The family of God is increasing as he is adding to the church daily and yearly such as should be saved. The contents of the "Faith and Victory" paper is proving a great source of comfort and encouragement to the saints everywhere and many are being led into true holiness and into the church of the living God by constantly holding up the truth before honest souls.

It is written in the Word of God by the hand of Moses concerning the coming of Shilo, the Rest-Giver (Christ), "and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." Gen. 49:10. The "Faith and Victory" paper is lifting up Christ, and many are gathering unto Him, the Rest Giver. He places them in the body as it pleases him, and they become an habitation of God through the Spirit; for God frames them together, fits them together, knits them together, compacts them together, melts them together, and by his governing power, he causes each pliable vessel to function in his proper place in the body, which is the church; and some day those of His who are alive and remain will be changed in the twinkling of an eye, in a moment's time and shall be changed into His likeness. Those who have fallen asleep will be resurrected, and all will go up together and meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord in a glorified state.

The campmeeting closed with victory. A good timely message went forth and some were at the altar for salvation and help on the last night of the meeting. The heavenly sweetness of the Spirit of God in the hearts of his children caused the atmosphere in the meetings to be charged with His presence. Heavenly quietness and assurance prevailed and many praises went up to God as expressions of love for Him and His work sounded out from overflowing hearts.

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One occurrence while the campmeeting was in progress brought sadness to the saints and caused their souls to be burdened with prayer and supplications to God. Bro. Ligons of Hoffman, Okla. was bringing eight others to the campmeeting in his pick-up truck. As he neared Guthrie, he lost control of the truck and it over-turned, causing severe injury to himself and four other occupants

insomuch that several had limbs broken. Sister Miles had a bone broken in her neck and her collar bone was crushed with other bruises. Sister Williams suffered a broken arm and face bruises and injured lower limb. Sister Warren's right lower limb was scraped to the bone, which injury is quite severe. Bro. Ligons' left knee and leg was badly injured and one hand was torn badly.

The Lord showed himself strong in healing and knitting of broken bones insomuch that at this writing (Aug. 17) all are getting along nicely with the exception of sister Warren, who has some infection where the flesh was scraped from the bone. But the saints are all in an agreement of prayer, and we trust that God will speedily remove this and heal up the wound. We feel sure that God is getting glory out of this accident, for we know that all things work together for good to them that love God.

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Ohio—Dear friends,—Greetings in the name of Jesus. I am writing my testimony to the "Faith and Victory" to testify for what the Lord has done for me. He has healed me and made me walk again. I had paralysis of the ankle bone and was told I would be crippled and couldn't walk again. Today I am up and walking around on my foot. I was wonderfully healed by the Lord and my six year old boy was healed by the Lord when he was given up to die with double pneumonia. He is up and around and is better. I thank the Lord for healing me and my little son. A sister in Christ, Mrs. John D. Stinehoff.

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Calif.—Dear saints everywhere,—I feel this afternoon that it will please the Lord for me to write my testimony to the little paper. I am happy in the Lord. I'm glad to be saved, sanctified and satisfied with my blessed Lord. My Saviour is so good to me. Words can't tell how good he is to me. He is my healer and keeper. Some time back I was much in need of healing, so I promised the Lord if he would heal me that I would testify to his healing power. Oh, bless his holy name. We can't ever do too much for our Lord. I often go back over my childhood days thinking of the good advice my father always gave us children, and how he always prayed that we would come to serve his God. I am so glad the day came when I gave my heart to the Lord. The way gets brighter as I travel on. If we will only let our Saviour lead, he will take us through, but we must be obedient in all things. I want to say the saints at Orland are seeing a need of drawing closer to the Lord. We are much burdened for the lost and as we are drawing closer to the Lord we can get our prayers through. We ask all to remember the little group at Orland when you pray.

A sister in Christ,

Alpha Daniels.

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Mo.—Dear bro. and sis. Pruitt,—In February I wrote to you how God had wonderfully healed my little girl when she had been sick with pneumonia and bowel infection and was so near death. She grew and gained weight and every day seemed to be more like an angel. She was always happy and never gave me one minute's trouble. Two weeks ago on July 15, she passed away. She had been sick only three days and seemed only to be cutting teeth until almost the last. I called a minister to pray for her. They came and anointed her and prayed for her, but she was gone in a few hours. I am sure God healed her last winter as a living testimony to the many who doubted his power to heal. The Lord has surely been my strength the past two weeks. I don't know how I could have stood it without him. Remember us in your prayers.

With Christian love, Mrs. Ernest Faith and family.



# Young People's Section

## I Met The Master Face To Face

I had walked life's way with an easy tread,  
Had followed where comforts and pleasures led,  
Until, one day, in a quiet place  
I met the Master face to face.

With station, rank, and wealth for my goal,  
Much thought for my body, but none for my soul,  
I had entered to win in life's mad race,  
When I met the Master, face to face.

I met Him, knew Him, and blushed to see  
That His eyes full of sorrow were fixed on me.  
And I faltered and fell at His feet that day,  
While my castles melted and vanished away.

I had built my castles and reared them high  
Till their towers had pierced the blue of the sky.  
I had sworn to rule with an iron mace  
When I met the Master face to face.

Melted, vanished, and in their place,  
Naught else did I see but my Master's face,  
And I cried aloud, "Oh, make me meet  
To follow the steps of Thy wounded feet!"

My thought is now, for the souls of men,  
I have lost my life to find it again,  
E'er since one day, in a quiet place  
I met the Master face to face. —Sel.

Okla.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I am writing my testimony to tell of God's wonderful power, how he saved me from sin and healed me of cancer. Very few people thought I would live. The doctor gave me one month to live, but praise His Holy name he healed me and spared my life a while longer. The dear saints did really hold on to the Lord for my healing and he did hear and answer their prayers. Praise his holy name. I have it settled to live for the Lord the rest of my life, and do whatever he wants me to do. Pray for me that I will forever live true to God. I thank the saints everywhere for their good prayers. Your sister,  
Viola C. Black.

Mich.—Dear brother Pruitt,—I am Mrs. Emaline Vanzandt's daughter, with whom she made her home. Mother has gone on to her heavenly home to be with Jesus, for her life here on earth left me that assurance. Mother was with me for nearly six years, and I would hear her prayers day by day, "Lord, save my baby's soul, no matter what it costs, and all my children." She would say, "I don't know why I'm here Lord, but you do. And if I don't live to see them saved you still can do it after I'm gone."

My baby, my youngest son, was in a motor cycle accident. There were two on the bike. The other one that was with him was dashed into eternity, and the doctors gave us no hopes whatever for my son. He had from 25 to 30 broken bones, including a piece taken right out of his shoulder bone, three fractures of the skull, and a lung injury to the extent that they had to pump the blood from

his lungs. He was unconscious for days. The doctor came out of the room and said, "It is just a matter of minutes, which way he will go." They couldn't even find his pulse. I went in the ladies rest room, fell on my knees, and said, "Lord, this is an answer to my mother's prayers." I had been trying to live a Christian but could not give up smoking. I said, "Lord, what do you want me to do to spare my son's life?" He said, "take up thy cross and follow me." I knew what my cross was. I said, "Lord I will leave the cigarettes right here," and I called mightily on God to spare my son. When I went out, he had begun to breathe better, and I knew God had heard my prayers. This happened May 20, and I haven't put a cigarette to my lips since I got off my knees in the hospital. Thank God for his help. He has saved and wonderfully blessed my soul, and also my son. His smoking is bothering him, so please pray earnestly for him, that God will deliver him, and continue to heal his body. His case has been a miracle in the hospital. He is home now, but still needs much prayer. He is all healed except the hip that had to be operated on, and a plate bolted with 8 or 9 bolts inside of his leg. The doctors say he will not be able to be up before October at least, but I believe God can still show them different. It has stirred the souls of many of his young friends, and we pray it will bring some to God, also pray for his wife, as she is not saved. Well God knows how it almost took my baby to answer my mother's prayers for her baby, but I thank God today for salvation. I mean to spend the rest of my days for Jesus, and some day meet my dear praying mother and father. Pray for my son and me. Mrs. Emma Kapff.

Mo.—Dear saints of God,—Greetings of love in Jesus' name. Today finds me saved and living for the Lord, also much encouraged to go all the way with him, regardless of the price. I am grateful to God for the blessed experience I have just recovered from—of how Jesus can so sweetly deliver and heal the body as well as the soul.

About six weeks ago I broke a needle off in my foot. My foot was X-rayed, and the broken part of the needle was lying against the bone of my big toe. Three doctors said that it would be a dangerous operation that would likely leave me with a stiff foot. They advised me to just forget about it, so when I came home from the hospital, I went to my family altar and gave myself over to Him. I desired his will to be done. I also desired that He give me back the broken piece of needle, so I could have a new testimony. The broken piece is my witness. It came out of the top of my foot. I thank Him for every pain the needle caused me to suffer, because it was the best for me. All things work for the best for those that love God. I hope this testimony will increase the faith of others. The needle broke off in the ball of my foot and came out on the top. A sister in Christ, Thelma Wade.

## SPIRITUAL EYE TROUBLE

It is not cured by accumulating riches (Eccl. 4:8).  
It is not cured by mote-pulling (Matt. 7:3, 4).  
It is not cured by consulting an "I" specialist (1 Cor. 12:17).

It may be caused by a bad heart. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matt. 5:8)

## CORRESPONDENCE

Texas—To all the saints of God,—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. May his gracious love abound in each of you and awaken in each one a desire to walk closer to Him who loved us so much. Oh, the wonder of his love. I stand amazed at his long suffering, faithfulness, and patience, while so many play around without much thought of the suffering of Jesus. I am so glad I can say Jesus is all the world to me and I am so glad I can testify to the truth that lives in me. I pray I shall ever be found doing the will of the Lord and that he will keep me faithful until the end of time.

I want to praise the Lord for his mighty healing power. Last winter I was very sick with the flu. I couldn't seem to get victory over it. They were having special services at church and I did so want to go. I told the Lord if he didn't help me it looked like I'd miss it all so the dear Lord took me out of that sick bed and made it possible for me to attend the service. He completely healed me. Praise his dear name! He has healed me so many times of so many things. Blessed be his holy name. Oh, if men would only rise up and praise the Lord for his wonderful works to the children of men. How blessed the people of the earth would be.

Dear ones, who read this I would like to say to you who have not made your peace with God, to do so without delay. If the Lord should suddenly descend and stand at the door how would you meet him? Would you go to him shame faced and tell him you were not saved but would get saved at once and follow him? Do you think my friend, he would wait for you at that late time to get saved, when he is now giving you the time to do so? He would not. He would certainly tell you to depart from him for he knew you not. The Lord knows every one of His sheep and the sheep know their Master's voice and a stranger will they not follow. Therefore take heed to yourself and prepare while you yet have time because the wages of sin is certainly death but the gift of God is eternal life. God offers that gift to every one who will accept it. Won't you accept that precious gift today? It is more precious than all the gold of the earth. Jesus stands at the door of your heart, won't you bid him enter in before it is too late? God bless every one.

A true sister in Christ Jesus, Flora Gibson.

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Miss.—Dear saints,—In Jesus' dear name I greet you. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Jesus is so real to me. I thank God for my Saviour who died on the cross to save me from sin. I am so glad for a sinless life. Praise God, I know we can live it by the help and grace of God. I was once like it says in Eph. 5:8, "For ye were sometime darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord." Praise God, I can be a light in the Lord to all those that scoff at his word. I am glad this morning that I am determined to make heaven my home by the help of the Lord and by the leadings of his Holy Spirit to guide me into all truth. I am weak but he is strong. I am so glad that I can have the sweet peace in my soul. When sickness overtakes me I flee to him in prayer not to aid of doctors. I need Jesus then as much as when things go well with me. I thank God for a calmness in my soul at all times. "If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus." I'm thankful that I have put off the old man that was warring in my members to deceive me and make me do wrong when I wanted to do right. Many say they live in the Spirit but bear the fruit of the flesh. May God help people to live

an honest life before God, so his work can go on. Mortify the deeds of the flesh and let God rule. I have no faith in those that pray for healing and when sickness comes, run to doctors for help. That is trampling the word of God under our feet and not having a solid foundation. May God help us. Sister J. Strickler.

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Ohio—To the dear saints scattered abroad,—Greetings to you in Jesus' precious name. This morning finds me saved. I'm happy to write my testimony through the "Faith and Victory" paper as to how the dear Lord blessed and healed my body when I was sick, while sister Ruth Murphey was here with us in meeting. I was stricken with a nervous breakdown while taking her and others home from meeting. I lost control of myself and went blind. I told them of my condition and they began to pray. I was temporarily restored back normal enough to get them home, then to get home myself. This condition continued about two months. I prayed and told the Lord if he would heal me that I would send in my testimony, that it might be of some encouragement to others that read it. I was anointed and prayed for. The Lord completely healed my body. I truly thank Him for what he is to me, and thank you for your prayers. (You that have been burdened for my sickness.)

Your brother in the one body, G. A. Johnson.

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Tex.—Dear saints,—I would like to write a few words for the dear Lord and tell how he wonderfully healed my foot. I had a bad callosity on the bottom of my heel and at times it would get so sore that I could hardly walk to do my work, but had to go limping around. I sent in several prayer requests. Before long I noticed that it was not near as sore, then it went away completely. I am so thankful to the Lord, he is so good to all who will serve him. Remember me in your prayers.

Chesna Walton.

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Ohio—Dear brothers and sisters,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I want to write my testimony. On the night before I was to go to the Muncie camp meeting, the old devil tried me. I was up four times during the night with cramps in my limbs. My toes would draw up and I suffered greatly. I said to my husband, "If I'm not any better in the morning I won't get to go, but if it's the Lord's will I'm going." I got a little sleep before daylight but I woke up at four o'clock. I sat on my bed and combed my hair, also dressed and was ready to go. Then I said, "What a mighty God we serve." I was healed of three different ailments. I was healed of diabetes, hardening of the arteries in my ankle, and there were two places grown out on the side of my ankle. They were as hard as bone. They were close together and larger than a hen egg and the blood couldn't circulate in my left ankle. While at meeting at the sister's house, the night before I came home a lump came on my body. It was about the size of the end of my finger when it first came and the pain was severe for a while. The devil just came like a whisper in my ear and said, "that is a carbuncle." No one knew about it except sister Jenkins, sister Brant and the sister that we stayed with. They began to pray for me, but when I got home it had enlarged. It became as round as a quarter and raised up as if it were going to burst, but it didn't. The next morning it was all gone, but while I was there the devil tried to make me believe I'd be laid up for a long time.

I knew the devil couldn't come in person among God's children. He thought he would come in a spirit and

whisper, but he was rebuked and had to flee away. I never have been in as good a meeting before. Such a sweet spirit and unity existed. God is calling his people out of all places where they are scattered. It seems like Heaven to be with the dear children of God. All have the mind of Christ, and are ready to meet him in the air. I desire the prayers of all the saints. Amanda Jones Basye.

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Okla.—Dear ones in Christ Jesus,—Greetings to you all. I am happy to be able to testify that I live because Jesus lives in me, by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Jesus came for this cause into the world, that the kingdom of God should be in our hearts. It is a joyful joy to know and keep this truth. Pray for me, also remember the saints everywhere in your prayers. May God bless you abundantly. Your sister, Eva Pennner.

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Ariz.—To the saints scattered abroad,—I send greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I am still saved and on the highway to heaven. I am encouraged as never before to go all the way with Jesus, for I find him a present help in every time of need. Truly the way grows brighter day by day. I want to testify to how the Lord healed my daughter, who was very, very ill. I sent a request for prayer to the saints in California and now she is doing fine, for which I give the Lord all the praise. Pray much for me and my unsaved family. Bertha Slaughter.

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Ore.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I want to thank the Lord for what he means to me and for the privilege I have of serving him. I can truly say the Lord has been very patient with us and helped us so much in sickness. He has healed our children so many times. I do not know what we would have done without the saints and their prayers. Truly I thank the Lord for his people.

As I have been thinking of all our dear Saviour has done for us, and of how much we really appreciate the love the Lord had for the world, my heart saddens as I see so many professed Christians trying as it seems to avoid attending church services. It seems they do most anything to keep from going. Oh! they are so taken up with the world. They are looking for worldly entertainment, instead of looking to the Lord for his help and guidance. If they could only learn to put God first in their lives. How many of us give the Lord first place in our hearts? The old song goes, "Lord, take the first place in my heart, Oh take the first place in my heart. I open the door, Come in I implore, Lord, take the first place in my heart." Dear ones; will you let the Lord have first place in your heart today? I tell you dear ones, if we love him as much as he loved us, we will want to give him first place and we will love to attend services. We won't be just sitting idle wishing for something to do for the Lord, but will find plenty to do for him. My only desire is to give the Lord all my time and just let him have his way in my life, so I can always be found doing something for my Lord. There are many souls that don't know about our Saviour. Why should we be idle? Dear ones, let us work while there is time. Pray for me that I will do all I can for him.

A sister in Christ, Mrs. Leonard Watkins.

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Kans.—Dear saints scattered abroad,—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. Oh, how much we love him this morning, and the desire of our heart is to ever be faithful and do his will in all things. I feel it would be to the glory of God for us to testify through the little paper of God's wonderful healing power and watch care

of his trusting children. On the 14th day of June as my husband and three of our children (the baby, 21 months and two little girls, 4 and 8 years of age) were coming home from Walch, Okla., the drag link on the car came down between the fill of two creeks, throwing the steering mechanism out of control. The car went down a 12 or 14 foot embankment and overturned, pinning the baby's head and the oldest girl's arm underneath the car. My husband said as he looked at the children, and the baby was still and not making a sound, that he felt confident that he was dead, but the thought came that, even so, the Lord could restore him back to life again. Husband said as he and the oldest girl were praying he felt such a calmness in his soul. He kicked the windshield out of the car and put one little girl out and then proceeded to get the other little girl's arm out from under the car as the pain was so great with the weight of the car resting on her arm below the elbow. In the meantime the baby started crying so husband left the little girl and started digging the earth away around the baby's head to loosen him. He had to use his bare hands as he was afraid of hurting his head worse if he used any kind of tool. By the time he had dug the baby's head out help had arrived and they lifted the car up enough to finish releasing the baby and the little girl's arm. While they were under the car, the battery being up directly over the baby, had dripped acid all over his face and in his mouth. The people wanted to rush them to a doctor, saying, the little girl's arm was broken and the baby's head and face was in an awful shape, with his head mashed and swollen almost twice its normal size, his face swollen and full of holes, blisters from the acid, and his little lips were just turned inside out.

My husband told them he didn't need a doctor as the Lord was able to take care of them and if some one would bring them home that was all he wanted. A neighbor brought them home and some one called an ambulance out to the scene of the accident. As soon as they got home we had prayer, then took them over to brother and sister Eck's for an agreement in prayer. The Lord touched the baby before we got there and relieved the suffering and he went to sleep. In about 15 minutes after we arrived at brother Eck's and had prayer the baby got out of my arms and started playing and we could see the swelling going down right before our eyes. Oh, what a mighty God we serve! The baby never did suffer any more from that moment on. The little girl's arm was not broken and didn't bother her at all. About one hour later after we had come home people began coming in. For two or three days later as different ones of our friends and neighbors heard of the accident they came to see the baby, and we could testify to how the Lord healed. Everyone came expecting to see our baby a pitiful sight and he could eat anything, even ate pop corn the next day after he was hurt, and never acted like anything was wrong. Every one was amazed at it. We have had opportunity to reach many people. As yet, nearly two months later, we are asked to tell about it nearly everywhere we go. We feel God has received much glory to his dear name.

Tales were told that we were forced to go to the hospital and some talked of having the law on to us, but we were not moved in all this as we saw the Lord working in our behalf. The Assembly of God movement sent us a letter, asking the details and saying if we desired to trust the Lord, they as Christians wanted to stand behind us with their prayers. We took the matter before the Lord and asked the saints to pray that the Lord would give us an answer to that letter so those poor souls would

receive light. We feel God blessed us as we wrote our testimony to them. We could tell many more interesting details and different instances of God's mighty healing power. He has healed our family of many different serious afflictions, but time and space do not permit us to tell all. I wish to say that there are only 3 or 4 scars visible on the baby's face and there is nothing else to show that he was hurt so badly with his face eaten full of holes. We desire your prayers that God will ever keep us faithful to his dear cause. Sybil Goldsberry.

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Calif.—Dear saints,—Greetings of love in Jesus' name. I am so thankful for his wonderful love and grace. How thankful I am that he has ever revealed himself to me and called me to follow him. How thankful I am for the increased joys and blessings that we find in him continually as we go on in his way and service. We just cannot appreciate salvation enough. How empty and desolate the lives of those around us appear to me, who are living only for the things of this life. Surely he has made us to "drink of the river of pleasure," and has satisfied our souls with his love and presence. As I remember the deep and painful void that was once in my own heart, how it makes my heart go out in gratitude to him for his salvation that satisfies my soul.

As we go on in His way every experience we have with him just makes the Lord more precious to us, as we prove his love and faithfulness and power. Some of us have been so blessed during the past year in seeing how he has worked in a special burden that he has put upon our hearts. We feel that it is pleasing to the Lord to have our own little schools where the saints children may learn their lessons while being kept under Christian training instead of being sent out to the world during their tender formative years for much of their training under worldly teaching and influence. We feel that many are being lost this way who might be saved. This seemed such a difficult and almost impossible thing, but with the burden, the Lord gave as it were a vision of his mighty power, through faith in God, to answer the prayer he was putting in our hearts.

It is with thankful hearts that we can look back over the past year and see how his hand has worked and enabled us to make a humble beginning in this work. It has been so precious to see how he has distributed the burden among a number whom he was preparing to work together in it. We are very thankful also for the Lord has been stirring others of the saints along these lines, are thankful for their prayers and fellowship with us in this work. The Lord has been supplying every need, has been faithful to us in every way, encouraging the first feeble steps, patiently teaching and instructing in his way and will.

As we prepare to begin a new school year in faith in God, we desire the prayers of all the saints as the Lord lays it upon their hearts. Faith Embly.

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## Lodges

Many different ones have asked me to join their lodges, so I shall try to answer, by the Word of God, why I could not join any lodge as a Christian.

First, as a Christian, I thank God that "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 1:7.

I know "All that live godly shall suffer" 2 Tim. 3:12; but, thank God, "If we suffer we shall also

reign with him." 2 Tim. 2:12. And I know, as a Christian, we are not of this world (John 15:18, 19). Praise the Lord. Jesus said in Matt. 22:37, 38, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment."

Friends, IF we obey our Lord with all our heart and all our soul and with all our mind, then there will never be any love for lodges, etc. in our Christian life.

I know our Lord wants all of us (time and money, etc.) and not half of us and the world gets the other half. What did Jesus say in Luke 16:13? "No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

We know that the pleasures of this world (and lodges) are not innocent. They choke the gospel, hindering salvation and service. As a Christian I could never be yoked together with unbelievers. Please read 2 Cor. 6:14-18, and notice these words: "Fellowship," "communion," "concord," "part," "agreement." If I would join any lodges at all, I would be binding oaths with people who are already condemned, because they do not believe in Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

Lodge members are brothers and sisters, that is true. But what did Jesus say in Matt. 12:48-50, "But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? and he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! for whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." The Lord said, "Whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven." The lodges do not do the will of the Father in heaven. You have not, nor has anyone else, read in the Word of God where he (Christ) gave dances, raffles, lotteries, dice games, etc. How can some call themselves Christians and then belong to or join some lodge? They must be the kind of Christians (church members only) who never study the Word of God. In 2 Cor. 6:17, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord [I did not say this, the Lord did.], and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." Praise the Lord! I would like to say this: If it is a sin for a Christian to marry an unbeliever—and it certainly is—then it is a sin for a Christian, a child of God, to join any lodges and bind himself or herself into any pact. Let us turn to Psalm 1:1, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." Praise the Lord. Let every saint of God who reads this, stay with our Bible and follow it, and not some man or lodge. Every man who belongs to a lodge is walking in the counsel of the ungodly, whether he believes it or not.

I believe the lodge oaths are profane and blasphemous in God's sight. Jesus commanded Christians, "Swear not at all." Turn to Matt. 5:33-37 and read what Jesus said, and notice the Lord said, "Swear not at all!" I am not sure, but I believe that the

constitution of our country admits that a Christian is bound in conscience not to take the oaths which are forbidden by Jesus Christ, but that they (Christians) may say, "I do solemnly affirm—" instead of saying, "I do solemnly swear." I wonder how any child of God can take the **unchristian oath** of the secret societies and lodges?? Jesus said, "Swear not at all." We have the right to say, "Yes, yes," and "No, no." And if we go further than that, then we sin against God. James 5:12, "But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, **neither by any other oath**: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation." Every lodge member violates this command, in every degree he takes God's name in vain (Exodus 20:7).

God says to come out from among the unconverted and unbelievers. Let us read Eph. 5:11, 12, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them, for it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret."

Saints of God, remember, Solomon sinned against God in mixing with unbelievers (1 Kings 11:4, 5). And that is true today.

In our Saviour's life, he said in John 18:20, to the high priest, "I spake openly to the world: I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing." One of the commands of Jesus was, "What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light; and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the house tops" Matt. 10:27. We know this, "For everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved" John 3:20. I do thank God for the saints of God and the old time truths today. I believe the young people today should stop and thank God for the old truths of the Word of God that we have and in prayer to God, thank Him for the old saints of God who have gone on before us.

My prayer is this, to be in His will at all times.

—Bro. William D. Summers.

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## Trees Of Righteousness

In God's Word, his people are spoken of as trees of righteousness (Isaiah 61:3). Jer. 17:7, 8 reads, "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but his leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."

Praise the Lord! How sweet it is to trust in the Lord and to hope in his mercy and just wait patiently upon him in time of trouble and in distress. In this way the child of God will grow stronger and be as the tree that spreadeth out her roots by the river and shall not see when heat cometh. He shall be

rooted and grounded so deeply in the Word of God that he remembers His precious promises and sweetly rests and continues to bear the fruits of righteousness.

In the New Testament Jesus spoke of himself as the true vine and his followers, the Christians, as the branches. His design is that every branch (individual) be a fruit-bearing branch. "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." John 15:2. "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." John 15:8. We cannot be a branch in the true vine (Christ) and not be a fruit-bearing branch, for every branch that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and if ye bear fruit, so shall ye be Christ's disciples (verse 8).

We can do nothing without Christ. "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." Col. 2:6, 7. "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love." Eph. 3:17. Our hearts must be softened by the love of God, rooted and grounded in love, then we can grow and prosper in the Lord and bring forth fruits of righteousness.

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." Prov. 11:30. "The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy: and the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." "And these are they which are sown on good ground: such as hear the word and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirty-fold, some sixty, and some a hundred." Mark 4:20. Some who hear the word have hearts which Jesus compared to stony ground. When they hear, they receive the Word with joy but "have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, and the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. (Mark 4:16-19). Luke says these people "bring no fruit to perfection." "But they on the good ground are they which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience." Luke 8:13-15.

"The trees of the Lord are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted." Psalms 104:16.

"A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. . . wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." Matt. 13, 20.

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

—Cora Brant

## BIBLE STUDY

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### CHRISTIAN RELATIONS AMONG RACES

September 2, 1951

Printed Portion.....John 4:4-14, Acts 10:25-28,  
Colossians 3:11.

John 4:4. And he must needs go through Samaria.

5. Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

6. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

7. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

8. (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

9. Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

10. Jesus answered and said unto her, 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.

11. The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

12. Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

13. Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

14. 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.

Acts 10:25. And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.

26. But Peter took him up saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

27. And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together.

28. And he said unto them, Ye know that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

Col. 3:11. Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all and in all.

Memory Verse: Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. Acts 10:34-35.

Practical Truth: The Christian attitude toward people of all races should be one of helpfulness and good will.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In 2 Peter 1:20-21 we read that the Holy Spirit was the one who "moved" men of old to write the holy scriptures, and today when we look to the Holy Spirit, he will give us the meaning of the same scriptures. So as we read these lessons from John and Colossians, let us look to the only one teacher who can interpret properly the

scripture to us. He alone can help us to make it applicable to our daily living in the sight of our God. The well of water springing up into everlasting life that Jesus offered the Samaritan woman was, "Christ in you the hope of glory." Col. 1:27. When Christ is in the soul, he satisfies all the longings.

Our lesson today on the differences and of race prejudice between Jews and Gentiles and Samaritans is still a world problem today. The only remedy that Christ offered in his day is the only one that will work now. When the woman of Samaria found Christ, she brought the whole town to the Peacemaker. He takes out all animosity so that we will endeavor to do as we find in Rom. 12:18, "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." Peter, in the tenth chapter of Acts had his eyes opened to this truth, and could not withstand God. Acts 11:17.

### FELLOWSHIP IN THE CHURCH

September 9, 1951

Printed Portion.....Philippians 1:27-30, 2:1-11.

Phil. 1:27. Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

28. And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

29. For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

30. Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

2:1. If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

2. Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

3. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

4. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

5. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11. And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Memory Verse: Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 1 John 3:16.

Practical Truth: The fellowship of Christians within a church should be a means of encouragement and of growth in grace.



## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It was important in ancient Macedonia that the people who professed to be Christians, would be examples in holy conduct, and this is important yet. This lesson is based on humility. Christ is our great example for he says of himself, "I am meek and lowly in heart." Matt. 11:29. Evidently Paul had heard of some at the Philipian church who had strife and vainglory (4:2). The interests of the gospel of Christ should come first, and he exhorts them to be of the same mind and have a mutual concern for each others welfare. "Let each esteem other better than themselves" (2:3). Christ humbled himself before his Father and was obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. God's love for the world is what did that. John 3:16. The love way is the humble way. 1 Cor. 13. "The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God," 2 Thess. 3:5., that we too may take the place of a servant as Christ did and "Follow his steps." 1 Pet. 2:21. Listen to what the Lord says in Isa. 66:2, "But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." "Lowliness of mind" (2:3) is still good counsel to us.

## THE LARGER FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS

September 16, 1951

Printed Portion.....Acts 11:27-30; 15:1-2, 22-23, 28-31; 2 Corinthians 9:1-5.

Acts 11:27. And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.

28. And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

29. Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea;

30. Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

15:1. And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

2. When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

22. Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas, surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

23. And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia.

28. For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

29. That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

30. So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle:

31. Which when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.

2 Cor. 9:1. For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you:

2. For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.

3. Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready:

4. Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting.

5. Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness.

Memory Verse: He that is not against us is for us. Luke 9:50.

Practical Truth: Fellowship between Christians should be promoted by appropriate means.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

This lesson has in it a world wide brotherhood of all Christians wherever they are. We are to "do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Gal. 6:10. Here are saints of one place sending relief to saints of another place. And as every one had ability, he determined to help those who were in need in Judaea. We obey the scripture in giving to those in need and there is a joy that comes to us because we obey God that the world knows nothing about. Our hearts are knit together in love as we obey another scripture, "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another." Rom. 12:10. We need not expect prosperity in the soul if we are not liberal and cheerful in doing it. "God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7. In Acts 15 the Holy Ghost did not bind on them the things that had been nailed to the cross; neither should we do so. Col. 2:11-17. Love and goodwill toward all is a good motto. A fitting song to this lesson is, "There is Joy in the Service of the Master."

## GOD'S PRESENT SPIRITUAL KINGDOM

September 23, 1951

Printed Portion.....Isaiah 65:17-25; Acts 17:24-28.

Isa. 65:17. For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

18. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

19. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

20. There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

21. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

22. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.

24. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I

will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

25. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord.

Acts 17:24. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

25. Neither is worshiped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

26. And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

27. That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

28. For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

**Memory Verse:** Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? Malachi 2:10.

**Practical Truth:** Christians should take an interest in the welfare of men everywhere.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

There is a two-fold meaning to the portion of our lesson taken from Isaiah, but it is primarily a prophecy of the blessed state of the spiritual kingdom which Christ set up within us. When one is born again, (John 3:3, 7) and enters into the kingdom of God while he is living here in this world, he becomes the "Temple of God." 1 Cor. 3:16, 17. A holy place where dwells a holy God. Rom. 14:17; Col. 1:13; Luke 17:21 and Gal. 4:26 makes it very clear that is what is meant when it says, the kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Then those who have Christ within (Col. 1:27) are in the kingdom of God while here in this world. Isa 65:18 says, "I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy," and that was fulfilled from the day of Pentecost on. Acts 13:52 expressly says, "And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost." Any one today that will surrender to God and seek him with the whole heart may have this experience and become "The seed of the blessed of the Lord." The wolf and lamb shall feed together and the lion eat straw is figurative speech, and when the wolf like nature and lion like nature is taken out of a person and made "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Pet. 1:4) then they all have the same spiritual food. John 6:51-63.

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#### ENLARGING THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

September 30, 1951

Printed Portion.....Romans 15:14-29.

Rom. 15:14. And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

15. Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God,

16. That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

17. I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God.

18. For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed.

19. Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

20. Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:

21. But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.

22. For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you.

23. But now having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you;

24. Whosoever I take my journey, into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company.

25. But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints.

26. For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.

27. It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.

28. When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain.

29. And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

**Memory Verse:** I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Romans 1:16.

**Practical Truth:** Every Christian should have some part in the great work of carrying the gospel into all the world.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The words that Jesus used when he was about to depart from his disciples in Acts 1:8 show that the gospel was first to be preached at home and then to the uttermost part of the earth. Paul, in this lesson was an enthusiastic, itinerate preacher. There are very few in comparison to the great need in these days, of those who are willing to go. God must have a willing heart, so when we pray, as we are told to in Matt. 9:37-38 that labourers be sent into the harvest, we must be ready to answer that call. Are you ready to go where God calls you and do as he bids you? Be very careful that you do not begin to make excuses as Moses did and have God get angry with you for not obeying like God did with Moses, Ex. 4:14a. "And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses." The message of the gospel is a loving message when given with humility. When the Holy Spirit uses you there will be some who will respond and want that salvation which will enable them to live above sin in this sinful dark world. If we actually belong to Christ we prove it by what we do for him. "God has no idlers in his vineyard" (Jas. 4:17) is still true and every one has a call to some work; have you found your place? God requires obedience and anything short of that is just too short. So ask God which part of the field is for you, if you are not working. C. W.