

# FAITH<sup>AND</sup>VICTORY

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### Our Daily Life

The way we act and the things we do  
Are denoting just whom we belong to.  
Are you tearing down or building anew  
God's holy writ in His plan for you?

The enemy's pleased if we go astray,  
But God is delighted if we obey.  
His counsel, if followed, will give sweet peace,  
Otherwise we have no release.

The Word is given that we may know  
Which path to follow here below.  
Should we insist on a broad road way,  
A terrific mistake we'll find some day.

When the Books are opened and judgment declared,  
And the soul is forever among the damned,  
That bitter wail will then be heard:  
If only I had obeyed God's Word.

Forever too late must be the cry,  
Never again will my Lord pass by.  
The call was spurned, I went my way,  
Now I rightly deserve this verdict today.  
—Laura Bowman.

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### Searching For The Lord

Jer. 29:13, 14, "Ye shall seek me and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the Lord." Here is an old text, written many years ago, but I feel it is so important for us today. I see so many people today whom God begins to convict of sin and their need of Him—and I believe God talks to almost all people at some time in their lives—make some start at searching for Him, but sad it is that many search in vain and fail to find Him because they fail to look in the right place and manner. Please notice the text as we notice some examples of old in God's Word.

Dear reader, this is a very important text. First, people must desire to find him as Jesus said in Matt. 5:6, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." And as David said in Ps. 42:1, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O

God." And in Song of Solomon 3:1-3 the writer wanted to find him whom his soul loved so much he sought him in the night, on the streets, and went forth asking about Him. In other words, he put forth much effort until he found Him whom his soul loved. Surely we must want him bad enough to start searching for Him. And now here is the important part of this little message.

After people start searching for the Lord, many times they look or search in the wrong place or have the wrong purpose and quit before they really find Him. Now let us look at Ps. 42:4-6. Here David was surely in earnest about finding the Lord. He said he went with the multitude to the house of God. It may be that some of them knew God, but in the next verse we see his soul was still cast down. He had not found Him. Dear soul, you may go to church with the multitude and yet not find God. Many people are doing that today. They think just because they go to church on Sunday with some of God's people, they are all right, but go on for years and never really find God, a personal God. Dear soul, you are going to meet God personally. That is why it is so important for you to find Him personally. Read Job 19:27. Job said, "I shall see him for myself." And in Romans 14:11, 12, Paul said every one of us shall give an account of himself to God. So do not stop short of finding Him a personal Saviour. Then in Luke 2:44 is an example so true today. Here were some people looking for Jesus and they supposed him to be among the kin folks. Oh, so many people today do this. Sometimes when the Lord talks to them, they get under conviction and start searching for the Lord. It is sad, but they start looking for him to be among the kinfolks. Maybe they have a mother or father or brother or some kin who belong to some church, making a cold profession. They just join in with them and suppose the Lord is with them, but many times the kin have gone on many years' journey without the Lord. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch, Jesus said. Oh, dear soul, you had better beware. How about it? Is your profession built on a family tree or have you searched for the Lord with all your heart until you found him? If not, do not stop, he may not be with the kin. You may have to do like the text, go back a long journey

from your kin to find Jesus. Many people have gone a long ways from the Lord, yet supposing him to be among them. It is such a common thing for people to join some church or creed just because father or mother belongs to it. Dear soul, father or mother, or any one else cannot answer for you. So you had better search until you find Him and forget all the old family tree. Many of the so-called churches today that once had God in them when your old mother or father lived, have gone on the rocks and wrecked, and God moved out, and He is not there any more. So just because you had a good mother or father in some church does not mean you can find the Lord there for yourself. Be honest, and if God is not with them, forsake them and do not hold on to some name or creed and be lost at the judgment. But be as the one in S. of Solomon 3:4 (Please read this text). He went on until he found Him whom his soul loved. Prove the Lord. We can find him yet today if we will not stop short of the text in Jer. 29:13.

Dear soul, be persistent like the Greeks were in John 12:20. They came on a long journey to see Jesus. The disciples tried to tell them about him, but they said, "Sirs, we would see Jesus." They insisted on seeing him personally. Dear soul, let us do the same. It is good to hear others tell about Him, but that is not enough. We want to find Him ourselves, personally; and we CAN, is the good news. Let us not stop short of our goal.

In Luke 24:5 is another example. Here the women were looking for Jesus in the wrong place. The angel said, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here," he is a living Christ. Oh, dear soul, so many today are seeking the Christ among the dead, spiritually speaking. Beware! These churches (so-called) of the day are just dead places, so to speak in a spiritual sense. They are just man-made organizations full of dead people spiritually; and you cannot find Jesus in such dead places. He is a living Christ, and must be sought among the living. These old dead formal churches (so-called) whose members have taken on the world, its pride and fashions, are a stench in the nostrils of our God. So beware! He is not among the dead.

Now let us notice John 6:24. Here some people were seeking or searching for Jesus and put forth much effort and crossed a great lake. When they found him, he said to them, "You seek me not because of the miracles, but because ye ate of the loaves and were filled." Verse 26. They had the wrong purpose, a selfish one. We see this today in many. They want a personal gain out of Christ. They want to gain some praise of men or honor one of another, or some vain glory, etc. Beware! This will not work. Read James 4:3 and Acts 8:18. This tells of a man named Simeon who wanted the Holy Ghost, but Peter warned him that his heart was not right in God's sight. Beware, dear soul! Just what is our purpose for seeking the Lord? We must have a pure purpose as in S. of Sol. 3:1-4, "By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but found him not. I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom

my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. The watchmen that go about the city found me: to whom I said, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth? It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him and would not let him go, . . ." We must seek Jesus because we love him. Our souls must pant and thirst for Him as in Psalms 42:1, 2, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?"

Dear soul, have you found him yet? Are you searching for Him? If not, you should start now, and do not stop short of my text, Jer. 29:13, 14. You can find him precious to you and he said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," praise His name! Just get right down to business with him and begin to surrender your all to him and he will come and be a personal Saviour to you. He will be your God and you will be his son or daughter (Heb. 8:10).

Your blood-washed brother, Archie Souder

### Superfluity

James 1:21 tells us to lay aside all superfluity, and when it says ALL it means along every line. In the home or on the car or on the body. The Greek dictionary gives the word superfluity as "to super-abound in quantity or quality; be in excess; to cause to super-abound or excell; be more abundant; be the better; enough to spare; exceed; excell; increase." The Word of God tells us in Prov. 3:6, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." The Lord wants us to acknowledge Him in our buying as well as other things.

Some folks told me one time that they needed to buy some furniture for the house. The woman wanted to pray about it, but the man said they did not have time to pray. They went on and bought their furniture without praying about it. They said they felt like they lost one hundred dollars in the deal.

Some people seem to think just because they have the money, they can buy whatever they want. But He says to acknowledge Him in all our ways. I am sure that if God was acknowledged, some people would be more careful and more economical in their buying.

When we build a meeting house, we say we want it durable and plain, so we should feel the same way about our homes and furnishings.

The Greek says that superfluity is to superabound in quantity or quality. Superabound means more than enough or more than sufficient. In Isa. 23:18 He says for "her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before the Lord, to eat sufficiently and for durable clothing." From the looks of the furnishings in some of the homes of people who call themselves saints of God, it doesn't look like God has been acknowledged in their buying. It looks more like a wealthy person's home than an humble saint of God.

After the Day of Pentecost they had all things common and they had great power with God. Oh, saints of God, how careful we ought to be! If we

don't watch and pray, we will let the cares of life and the comforts of the home crowd out Jesus.

Some people are more eager to talk about and to show you their nice furnishings than they are to talk about Jesus. It seems the more comfortably people are fixed, the less spiritual they are. If we don't pray much and live an humble life, we will drift into a state where we will buy the best for ourselves and give God the left overs. There needs to be more dying out to self. The Spirit of God in people will teach them to be temperate in all things. 1 Cor. 9:25, "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible." 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20, "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God. And ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

Col. 3:17, "And whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." 1 Cor. 10:31. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." If we live up to these scriptures, we will do all to please the Lord. Our eating and drinking and putting on of apparel or building, furnishing, buying a car, or whatever it might be should all be done in the name of the Lord. If the Lord is not acknowledged in these things, self will have its way. Even if we have money with which to buy things, we should seek God to know how He would have us spend it, that would be to his glory. I am sure that in many cases Jesus has been crucified and self has been pleased. We are going to have to give an account of the way that we spend our money.

When Jesus fed the multitude, he gathered up the fragments that were left, that nothing be wasted. The Word of God also teaches us plainness and to buy things that are durable. Pride has caused many people to ride over the Word of God and to go on and buy things in order that self might be pleased.

Think of Jesus, how humble, plain, and common he was, and he tells us to follow in his footsteps. Jesus also lived for others. Our whole motive in life should be to please Him in all things. Superfluity and covetousness goes right along together. Paul said he brought every thought into the obedience of Christ. Self has got to be crucified.

The judgment day is drawing nigh. Soon Jesus will be coming. If we haven't been faithful over the few things that he has entrusted in our hands here, how can he make us ruler over many things? Oh, saints of God, we need to lay up more treasures in heaven and less for self. —Murphy Allen

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## An Exclusive Christ

Jesus is the sovereign, universal King, and "only Potentate." He only is the Christ of God; he is the Savior of men, neither is there salvation in any other. "Ask of me," saith God in the covenant made with his Son in the untold ages of the past—"ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen [Gentile nations] for thine

inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." Psalms 2:8. Not only is he Lord over all the earth, but "when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him." Hebrews 1:6. Jesus is King over heaven and earth, yea, throughout the vast universe. His kingdom, therefore, is an exclusive kingdom; it leaves no place for any other. It is the stone that breaks all other powers to pieces, and fills the whole earth.

His church is likewise exclusive. It is only to be expected that the Savior who gave his precious life to redeem us from sin, would jealously guard his redeemed church, and that any counterfeit would receive no recognition from him. The Word of truth acknowledges no church besides the one founded by the Saviour, and it is therefore our duty to recognize only this one. This church is the body of saved believers—"his body" (Eph. 1:22, 23; Col. 1:18, 24).

The Spirit of God of the Bible is an exclusive Spirit. It repels and rejects every other spirit. God's children have all been "baptized by one Spirit into one body, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:13). This all-searching and eternal Spirit in the hearts of the redeemed of the Lord takes cognizance of what kind of spirits dwell in the hearts and bodies of others who claim to be the worshipers of God. If of opposite character, there is no fellowship. If all are in possession of the pure and gentle Spirit and nature of God, the blessed elements of heaven, their hearts flow joyfully together; and this is fellowship, pure and heavenly, and the source of much happiness. Thus the Spirit of God endorses himself and excludes all others.

The religion of Jesus Christ is exclusive in its nature. It compromises with no other. It justly assumes to be the only true religion and announces all others to be of the devil. This very characteristic has chiefly elicited the persecutions that have befallen Christ and his church in all ages. Had Christ been willing to fuse with Jewry and endorse along side of his own laws the laws and traditions of the Jews, they would not have crucified him. Had the apostles grafted the new faith upon that Old Testament code that was ready to die and vanish away, then, says Paul, would the "offense of the cross have ceased."

At one time during the great persecution inflicted upon the saints of God by pagan Rome, the idolaters offered to spare the lives of the Christians and give them religious liberty if they would but acknowledge the pagan gods and religion as also being genuine. But this the Christians could not do even to save their lives. Nay, only the system of divine worship that Christ founded is of God. It alone is the truth, and every other is false. As it was then, so it is now: to confess any religion but Christianity and any creed but the New Testament is to deny Christ. To confess that there is any true church besides the one Jesus built is to make God a liar. To be honest in the sight of God and to stand upon the offensive foundation of the exclusive Christ and his exclusive church, kingdom, and religion, is what stirs the forces of opposition today and calls out what little persecution saints have

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Ohio—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Today I am glad that I can still report victory in my soul. I'm much encouraged to ever follow Jesus. He is such a wonderful Savior. How I do thank him for his loving kindness. Truly he is a merciful God.

I want to thank all the saints for their interest in praying for me and my afflicted limb, which will be hurt two years this coming August 10th. The Lord is wonderfully blessing me, soul and body but I still need your earnest prayers for complete healing. I am still not able to walk without crutches and it is very uncomfortable to let my foot rest on the floor. It causes the limb to swell quite a bit to let it hang down any length of time, which causes very uncomfortable feelings. I do thank God for it being as well with me as it is. I don't doubt the Lord in any way because I know he is able to do all things and I'm determined to trust him to the end for both, soul and body.

Yours in Christ, Christine Warren.

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Pa.—Dear saints of God and readers of "Faith and Victory,"—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. This finds me saved and sanctified,—filled with the Holy Spirit that keeps me living a pure and holy life every day for my Heavenly Father. Sanctification cleanses out that sin nature that came from our foreparents. L. R. Boda.

**Editorials**

By the time this "Faith and Victory" paper is printed and circulated out among the many readers, the summer campmeetings will have begun. We are expecting a harvest of souls in these meetings, for the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. God has an army of good clean ministers who have the fear of God upon their hearts insomuch that they fearlessly declare the truth of the Word of God and preach the definite work of being justified by faith in Christ and his atonement, also the second definite work of being sanctified or cleansed from the sin nature and infilled with the Holy Spirit.

In justification one's actual transgressions are all forgiven and he has peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. One lives holy in a justified state and walks in all the light that God shines on his pathway, and in this way he keeps free from sin and condemnation. As he (or she) does this, there is a death going on in his soul, as he is dying out to selfish carnal ways and his soul is growing in grace and in knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Adamic transmitted sin is dormant more or less as the presence of God gives him power to do His will. By doing the will of God and growing in grace one will soon find that his soul needs something more from God, which is the cleansing from the sin nature, so the soul can be made pure and most holy, giving one power and more freedom to bear the fruits of the Spirit and opening the understanding to the deeper truths of God's holy Word.

In the book of Joshua 3:5, we read where Joshua commanded the people to sanctify themselves just before they crossed over the overflowing Jordan River, for tomorrow He would do wonders. This is typical of our sanctification. Today, in order to be ready for God to sanctify us, we first sanctify ourselves, which means that we die to everything that we know and that which we do not know, setting ourselves apart to be God's sacred property. Then we are in a condition for God to do wonders and sanctify us by sending the Holy Spirit into our hearts, cleansing us and making us most holy, and we love to obey the Scripture found in Col. 3:2, "Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God." Read the next verse and you can see why this is needful.

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It seems there never was a time when this literal world was in such a "jittery, topsy-turvy" condition. The rulers of the nations are puzzled and know not what to do. They are all in a strained condition and seem ready to fly at one another's throats. War, war is filling the air, and they are inventing such deadly weapons to destroy life and property that it looks like if the power, strength, and energy were turned loose that it would destroy the inhabitants from off the face of the earth; but according to the Bible, man will not destroy the earth completely, but God himself will do that.

While the world is in a turmoil and greatly perplexed concerning peculiar things that are taking

place, we also find that the religious spiritual elements are greatly disturbed and peculiar winds of doctrines are blowing many off their feet, so to speak, which leaves them without any solid foundation, and it takes some time for some to get their bearings again and get settled on the true Rock with the company of true holiness people, which is His Body, the church. There seems to be quite a number at this present time who have become estranged from the Body. They have a desire in their hearts to get back in fellowship with the Body of true believers and hardly know what steps to take.

The first thing they need to realize is that in being led off and separating themselves from the saints in light, they have brought grief to all the saints. They need to humble down and confess and ask forgiveness of God and of all the saints in order to restore confidence and fellowship. Those that would come back without any humbleness and confession would be likely to do the same thing over if the enemy worked up a divisional spirit in any leader. In calling souls to himself, Christ said, "I am meek and lowly in heart." Any one that is meek and lowly in heart would naturally be broken up because of grieving the saints and aiding in division. If they are not in this condition it would not be safe for them to be turned loose among the sheep and lambs of the Lord's flock. It seems, from past observation, that it is hard for anyone who strays away to see what great wrong they have done in dividing themselves from the saints and aiding some leader that has gone astray and talks and speaks evil of the meek and lowly saints of God, to ever get humble enough to come back the Bible way. It seems that "Barabbas," spiritually speaking, stands between them and the saints and will not allow them to humble sufficiently to clear up the whole thing so the saints can have that needed restored confidence and fellowship. We are praying for every one, as their souls are precious in the sight of God. We would love to throw our arms around them and welcome them, if we can see that meek and lowly spirit being manifested; but for them to come in without manifesting the meek and lowly Spirit of Christ, our receiving them would only be aiding them in deceiving their own souls and preparing the way for later trouble.

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You will find a large list of campmeeting notices in the "Faith and Victory" paper. These meetings are held for the purpose of getting the truth to lost souls and for the edification of the saints of God. Every child of God should attend one or more of these meetings and reap the good things the Lord has on His well-filled spiritual table.

There are some who come to campmeetings to criticize and find fault, and, if possible, in private talk to confuse some unenlightened souls, speaking slightly of some of God's ministers, sowing discord. In many cases they have some confusing idea of their own with which to trouble souls. It would be godly in any saint not to listen to nor receive any thing that they have to say, for they generally have some wind of doctrine back of their talk, which they will bring

out if they think they have your confidence. Things like this going on in the campmeetings will hinder souls from getting saved and throw a confusion over some that otherwise would get more soul food from being in the meetings. Satan will do all he can to hinder the work of the Lord, and he has many agents that often feign to be saints of God, working under a sheep-covering, even like the Communistic agents work in our government, poisoning and making converts of all they can, which is weakening our government and bringing upon us decay and ruin. Let all the saints be watchful and in much prayer and keep their hearts filled with love divine, and do not receive strange and misleading theories of men.

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Most of our readers know that we do not put out the "Faith and Victory" paper in August, so do not look for the August paper. We expect to print the "Bible Lessons" and send to all that want them or those that use them in their Sunday school classes. If you are not using the lessons in Sunday school and want them anyway, you can let us know.

The workers here at the "Lord's Print Shop" will soon be scattering out. Some will attend the campmeetings and others will go to other places as the Lord leads. We will not be doing much printing until most of the campmeetings are over, or until the Okla. State Campmeeting at Guthrie is over, then we shall have to begin to prepare the September paper for circulation.

At this present time there seems to be a vacancy here in the Print Shop for two consecrated workers to begin work here after the Guthrie Campmeeting is over. A man and his wife or a single boy and girl whom the Lord lays His hand upon and are qualified, would be able to fill the place. If the Lord is talking to you about the work, you may write us or talk to us this summer at the campmeetings.

May the Lord bless all the readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper and continue to feed your souls and keep you alive in the things of God. Heaven will be cheap at any cost, so let us keep yielded into His hands and keep all on the altar for His glory and our future good.

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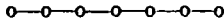
### Notices and Requests

It would be very encouraging and soul-inspiring to us three couples, if any of the saints of God passing near or through Topeka, Kansas could stop and visit us. The devil would like to discourage us, but God's grace is sufficient to help us live a holy life, regardless of circumstances. Keep us on your prayer list.

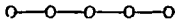
Donald and Marilyn Eck, 335 Chandler; Gene and Dora Lela Beisly, 1405 Kansas Ave.; Troy and Wilma Meek, 2055 California Ave. Phones available for our use are: Pho. No. 24220 for Meek; 3-7615 for Eck.

An elderly couple living in Plymouth, Ind. would like for some one to stay with them. They have an unfurnished room which one could live in free of rent. The wife wants someone to be there with her when her husband is at town or church services. This would be a good home for a Christian woman. Address: Lewis Cannan, 128 Dickson St., Plymouth, Ind.

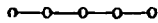
I desire to have a Christian woman to come live with me. My folks are afraid for me to live alone. I have weak spells. Neva Buchanan, R. 2, Cherry Valley, Ark.



Va.—Dear Saints,—A worthy saint here is under a heavy financial burden. Her son went in service and left her with a lot of expense. One instance is: She thought her son had paid the rent for May but learned he had not, and many other things. If any of the saints have any of the Lord's money, I am sure it would please him for us to help her get straightened out again. The devil surely is putting her on the spot. Anyone who cares to donate to this can either send it to Sister Bessie Foudree, 308 Nth 25th St, Richmond, Va., or Sister Laura Powell, 2408 Melbourne Ave, Richmond, Va.



Sister Gladys Ewbanks desires the saints to earnestly pray for the healing of a goiter.



Okl.—Dear saints,—Just a few lines in the Lord's name. I am glad to report to all of you dear saints that I am reading the papers every month and I do enjoy reading them, and I am seeking the Lord and try to become a better man in Christ, and I am writing you dear saints, asking you all to pray that the Lord will save me. I am a prisoner, and I do ask you all to pray that the Lord will save me.

Horace Fancher



## Campmeeting Notices

### HAMMOND, LOUISIANA

Date: June 26-July 5th.

Location: South-west part of town, just off White St. Max Williamson c. o. Post Office; Ray Key, Box 370, Hammond, La.

### AKRON, OHIO

Date: June 26-July 5th.

Sister Cordelia R. Jones, 740 Roscoe Ave., Akron 6.

### SOUTH CHARLESTON, W. VA.

Date: July 10th-19th.

Location: 1006 F St., West of 10th Ave.

Bro. and Sister T. L. Spaur, 151½ 10th Ave., So. Charleston; Sister Elizabeth Flowers, 105½ 10th Ave.

### MIDWAY (JENA), LOUISIANA

Date: July 10th-19th.

Location: About four blocks south off Highway 84, one mile west of Jena.

Ruth Murphey, Box 824, Jena, La.

### NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

Date: July 24th to August 2nd.

Location: Monark Springs, about five miles east of Neosho, Mo. (Send mail to Neosho, R. 3, in care of Church of God Camp Grounds at Monark Springs.) Go east out of Neosho on Highway No. 86 and watch for signs directing to campground.

As in years past, the tents will rent for \$5.00 each and steel cots with mattresses will rent for \$1.00 each as long as they last. Space in dormitories for individuals will be provided at \$2.50 each including mattress and cot. There may be some who will not be able to pay for your accommodations on the grounds, but don't let this keep you from the meeting. Come anyway; your soul is precious to the Lord and to His people. Those of you desiring tents and cots or spaces in dormitories, please send your order to Ralph M. Beisly, R. R. 5, Coffeyville, Kans. It is nec-

essary that we get the orders early so we can make arrangements to order tents from the tent and awning co. Meals will be served at the dining hall by free-will offerings.

### GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA

Date: August 7th to 16th.

Location: 600 block W. Warner Ave, Guthrie, Okla. O. C. Porter, R. 5, Guthrie, Okla.

### BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

Date: August 14th to 23rd.

Location: The 99 U. S. Highway runs through Bakersfield north and south. Those coming from north, come one-half mile south of California Ave., turn east on 4th St., go a little more than one mile to chapel. Those coming from south, come one-half mile north of Brundage Lane, turn east on 4th St. to the chapel.

J. A. Harris, 615 South Haley, Phone 3-3805, Bakersfield; Francis Blackwell, 501 Monticello Ave., Ph. 3-2731.

### MYRTLE, MISSOURI

Date: August 14 to 23rd.

Location: 20 miles east of Thayer and about one mile east of Myrtle, Mo. From Thayer take Highway No. 142 then follow signs to Myrtle and the camp ground. Those coming by train or bus should arrange for someone to meet you, or take a cab, or call Bro. A. J. Sorrell, Ph. 1530, Myrtle.

Bro. S. E. Abbott, Thayer, Mo.

### BOLEY, OKLAHOMA

The saints at Boley, Oklahoma expect to have a campmeeting this year, Lord willing, beginning August 21st through Aug. 30th. We are praying for the Lord to burden the hearts of his ministers to come and minister the Word of God as the Lord directs. Come praying that the Lord will save, sanctify, heal and keep honest souls.

Expenses will be paid by free-will offerings. Sleeping quarters will be provided. There is good bus service to Boley. For further information write to Bro. C. A. Wallace, P. O. Box, Boley; Sister Ora Spears, R. 1, Box 109, Boley; or W. W. Crawley, R. 4, Box 142, Okemah, Okla.

### CALIFORNIA STATE CAMPMEETING

The California State Campmeeting will convene (Lord willing) on the saints' camp ground located at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, Calif., August 28 to Sept 6th, inclusive. Pacoima is a suburb of Los Angeles. Those driving in to the meeting from the north, come on through San Fernando on Highway 99 to Osborne St., which is the third traffic signal after leaving San Fernando. Turn left and you will run into Osborne Place down about three blocks, and continue on it a short distance to the camp ground entrance. Those driving in through Los Angeles, come right on out on Highway 99 (San Fernando Rd.) through Glendale, Burbank, and Sun Valley, and Osborne St. will be the 4th traffic signal after you pass through Sun Valley. Turn right to camp ground.

Anyone coming from North on bus, get off at San Fernando. If you come by train, get off at Glendale, which is the nearest train stop. If you come from east or south, you will get off in Los Angeles. All parties arriving by bus or train phone EMpire 1-0608 and if possible write ahead so we will be expecting you and have arrangements made for you to be picked up at station.

Tents and steel cots and mattresses will be available on the same schedule or rental as heretofore, and it is much to our advantage and also yours to have orders in advance. Space is also available for ladies in the parson-

age, but it has a limit and all cannot stay in the house. A few rooms will also be available.

We are expecting the usual visitation of God's presence and power as has been evident in this meeting in former years and urge all who desire help for soul or body to come expecting God to supply what you have need of.

Address correspondence or inquiries to O. B. Wilson, 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, California, or any of the saints you know in this vicinity.

Will be seeing you at the campmeeting, Lord willing.

#### DOVER, OKLAHOMA

The Dover, Okla. Campmeeting will be held one mile north and two and one-half miles east of Dover, on the chapel grounds September 4th to 13th, Lord willing. Bring your blankets, sheets, etc. Anyone desiring to be met at station notify us in time.—Ulysses Phillips, and Henry Caldwell, Dover, Okla.

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#### AN EXCLUSIVE CHRIST

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to endure in these last days. This persecution, however, may yet assume degrees of severity. But, my soul says, Let it come as the providence of God shall permit, and he will overrule it to his glory, to the more perfect purging of his sanctuary, and to the spiritual improvement of his remnant.

The sects would not mind our using the title given by the mouth of the Lord, namely, "the church of the living God," if we would only confess that all the sects are likewise churches of God—sister churches. But this would be confessing a falsehood. The Lord owns no sisterhood of sects, but ascribes "mystery Babylon" to Rome and her family of harlot daughters. This statement seems at first thought to be a hard saying. The Lord give us eyes to see and ears to hear that we may receive the truth with unprejudiced hearts.

The Bible gives no place for a plurality of brotherhoods in Christ. "But one is your Father, and all ye are brethren," one family in heaven and earth (Eph. 3:15). "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." Rom. 12:4, 5. Only "one body in Christ." As we discern that body and know that God has inducted us into the same, it would be dishonesty in the sight of God and a base, cowardly compromise to please men, to admit that several hundred other bodies are also in Christ. Yea, it would be making God a liar, since his Word says there is one body in Christ, only one.

John Winebrenner was too honest a man to sanction such a lie. Hence he taught an exclusive church of God, and as a result met with persecutions from the sects, who were unchurchy by the Word of God. He and those with him, however, did not possess sufficient light to avoid forming another sect. This they did when they organized themselves together in general and annual eldership incorporations. Though they called themselves the church of God, they soon found themselves without that Bible holiness and that identity with the body of Christ which authorized an

exclusive use of the sacred title, "The Church of God." And finding themselves no more that divine body than other bodies organized by men, and becoming more and more destitute of godliness, they felt the inconsistency in crying "sect" to their sister sects. So they dropped all opposition, confessed in plain words in their organ, that all the other sects were churches of God also, and consequently they are now received in peace in the Babel sisterhood.

But in the last few years God has raised up a people who fully discern the body of Christ. They have taken their stand upon the platform of "all truth," as it is in Christ Jesus. By the process of salvation they have been taken into the one fold of Christ (John 10:9); the Lord himself added them to his own body, the church (Acts 2:47). They teach and accept no condition of membership in the church other than those conditions found in the Word of God. And by a life of perfect obedience to the divine will and of faith toward God, they have this witness that they please God and are abiding in the one and only church of God, which is the body of Christ and which includes all the saved in heaven and earth. With perfect consistency and loyalty to God they resist every spirit but that which they have received of God; reject every other church (so called) but that which Christ built upon the rock; and say to all honest disciples of Christ who have been falsely taught and taken by men into men's churches, "Come out of her," "Come out from among them." Though this is the point of offense and persecutions, yet by the grace of God we will not compromise the truth to save our lives.

All sects are associated on a plane of sisterly non-exclusiveness. To teach one God, one Lord, one body, and then to continue in a divided condition is to be subject for the scorn of unbelievers and to make it difficult to reach the lost. None of the sects holds a divine charter for its existence; hence none challenges the right and title of another. In other words, all are without foundation in the Word of God; therefore they agree not to question each other's foundation. All have glass houses, hence must not throw stones at one another. But we repeat that in these last days God has raised up a people who believe the Word of God and act accordingly. Christ has but "one fold," one church; and, knowing we are saved into this one fold, we must in order to be consistent before God and to act out his Word, ignore every other (so-called) fold or church.

With a view of destroying the work of God, the enemies of Ezra and of Nehemiah proposed to join with them in building the temple and the wall. But they answered them, "The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem." Neh. 2:20.

They were then an exclusive people unto the Lord, and their reformation at Jerusalem was a grand type of the present reformation, in which God is restoring a pure church, the bride, the Lamb's wife. "As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith, that will I say." It would be bigotry for one sect to say, "We



are the church, and all the rest are frauds." But for God's true saints, who "follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth," and belong only to him, and adhere only in "his body, which is the church," and which includes all saved men in heaven and earth, in or out of sect folds—for such to talk of other churches would be inconsistent and God-dishonoring, yea, confusion. Therefore be sure you are right, then go ahead in holiness of heart and life. "Noah condemned the whole world." One man mounted on eternal truth can safely defy all the devotees of human creeds and systems on earth. There is "one God." Amen. Then all others are idols. "One body." Amen. Then all sect bodies are excluded. "One Spirit." Then all spirits not in fellowship with the pure in heart are not of God. "One Christ," then all others are antiChrist. —D. S. Warner

### To Whom Does It Belong?

To whom does this breath that I breathe belong? To whom does this strength that keeps me going belong? To whom does this money that I have inherited, this salary I am earning, this home I am building, these savings I have in the bank belong? When I speak of them, I call them mine, but whose are they? But who owns it? this power, this influence, this money?

"You do, of course," laughs the world.

"God does," asserts the Bible.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Psalms 24:1.

So it does not belong to me. Even myself does not belong to me. Then if this is true, I must do differently. I must act differently. If it were mine, I could use it to please myself, and it is nobody's business but my own; but if it is God's, I must give an account to the owner for every penny, every ounce of strength, every act.

Jesus gave a parable of the man that went into a far country and called his own servants to him and gave them his goods. To one he gave five talents, to another he gave two, and to another he gave one. To each he gave according to his ability. Then he went into a far country (Luke 25:14-30).

God has given to each of us talents. The talents that he has given us includes our salvation, our strength, our money, our ability, our influence, our all. Jesus has gone to heaven and he has left the spreading of the gospel to us. He has given us a commission to save our own souls by believing in Him and to help save others by telling them of God's great love. God has given each of us ability to do something for Him. To some he has given more, to others less. But He has given it wisely. And as we use these talents they will grow, and God will be more glorified. But if we do not accept the Lord as our Savior and use the talents that he gives us, they will not grow. God is looking for an increase. Some day there will be a reckoning day. Some day we will have to stand before God and give an account as to what we have done with that talent. To whom does the talent belong? To God, and to Him we give an account.

After a long time the man returned. He called his servants to him and reckoned with them. The one to whom he had given five talents said, "Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents, behold, I have gained beside them five talents more." And the Lord said to him, "WELL DONE." The one to whom he had given two talents said, "Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents, behold, I have gained two other talents besides them." His Lord said to him, "WELL DONE." The one to whom the Lord had given one talent buried his in the ground. In other words, he called it his own and he could do as he pleased with it. He did not bother to work and cause it to grow, so his master could reap the increase. He hid it, he was ashamed of it. Yet he stood before the Lord and tried to make an excuse which did not stand. He tried to tell the master that he thought him to be hard and cruel. But his thoughts were wicked and wrong. The master with whom he had to reckon and to whom he belonged said, "Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou shalt be cast into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

To whom does it belong? Was it God's talent that you used to revel away? Is it God's money that you are withholding, while his work suffers, while others are crying for the gospel? Is it God's time you are spending in ease? Are you slothful in praying for a burden for souls? Are you too busy with the cares of this life? To whom does it belong?

Whose is it anyway—mine or God's? This is a serious question. It is a question for every one to answer; a question every Christian must settle. If you do not settle it here, it will be settled in the judgment day.

—M. Miles.

"If you want to be rich, Give!

If you want to be poor, Grasp!

If you want abundance, Scatter!

If you want to be needy, Hoard!"

### The Way of Love

The Bible is God's law. It teaches us the way of salvation and peace and love. The love of God is so wonderful. He placed man in the beautiful garden of Eden. Man sinned! But through the love of God, he made a way for man to keep from sinning. God, thru His great love, sent His only begotten Son Christ Jesus. Christ, the one they mocked, the one they smote, the one they nailed to the cross! Jesus did not render evil for evil. Jesus said in Matt., "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them which despitefully use you and persecute you." Jesus is our example. When some wanted to call down fire on his enemies, he would not, and said in Luke 9:56, "For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." Jesus is our example, if we are Christians (Christ-like) we will not destroy men's lives nor help to do it. We will live the way of love and peace. —E. W. Burford

To realize the worth of the anchor, we need to feel the storm. He stands best who kneels most. Selected by E. S.



# Young People's Section

## I Chose; Will You?

I was traveling on a sinful road  
That had a bitter end;  
Serving sin and all its follies,  
Never helping out a friend.

Until affliction came upon me  
And I thought that I would die;  
Then I called upon my Saviour,  
But I told an awful lie.

I said if He would heal me,  
I'd give my life to Him;  
He healed me of my sickness,  
But I turned again to sin.

'Twas about a year I wandered,  
Out upon the downward way;  
Then I thought about the promise  
That I made to God that day.

So I turned to God for mercy,  
And I said I'd follow Him;  
If He would take away this burden,  
And this awful load of sin.

So I gave my heart to Jesus,  
And He washed my sins away;  
I've left the world to follow Jesus,  
And to live for Him each day.

Now there lies two roads before us:  
Which road to take, we all must choose;  
One will lead us all to Heaven,  
But on the other road you lose.

—Bro. Earl Sharp.

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## A Young Saint's Experience on Saintly Dress

I was saved about six years ago and did not know anything about the Word of God concerning the appearance and conduct of a young woman (or old) serving the Lord. Immediately I decided I would take no other's opinion on how I should live for the Lord, but I would seek God and His Word for myself. It would take much time and space to relate His precious dealings with me. I read where a woman's hair is her glory and her covering and that it is a shame for a woman's head to be uncovered. My hair was very short and quite pretty. But the Holy Spirit began to talk to me, and being so happily saved from all sin, I obeyed my Lord and let my hair grow long and ceased to put the artificial curls in it. Today I'm satisfied in my soul that I'm pleasing the Lord. We are told that we ought to obey God rather than man. Man cannot save us, but God can.

Then I read in 1 Peter 3:1-6 that the holy women of old who trusted in God adorned themselves with a

meek and quiet spirit (within) and not the outward ornament of gold (and trinkets) and (fancy) apparel. It says a meek and quiet spirit is in the sight of God of great price. 1 Tim. 2:9, In like manner also that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness (without paint, etc.) and sobriety; not with broided hair (made up) or gold, or pearls, or costly array. These words are so plain I do not see how anyone could not see what they mean. The Lord says he will beautify the meek with salvation. Immodest, gay dresses, exposed limbs, jeans and slacks, made-up faces, hair and fingernails most certainly do not indicate a meek and quiet and godly woman.

My husband is unsaved and the ways of the world are quite attractive to him. A friend of ours told me if I would cut off my sleeves and hair and wear make-up, etc., that I would be nice looking (also meaning my husband would be pleased). I told him if that was what it took (to please my husband) I would just suffer the consequence. I do not feel compelled to do these things, but I am so happy in pleasing the Lord that reproaches mean so very little to me. Naturally, I want my husband to be pleased with me, and if the outward appearance is so important to him now, I pray God to help me to so live the life of true holiness before him that some day he will just have to see beyond to the extent of his wanting salvation, too. Appearance IS important. It shows so plainly what is on the INSIDE.—J. T.

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Mo.—Dear young saints,—Greetings of love once again. Surely the Lord is so good to me. I only desire to be able to appreciate his many blessings more and just draw closer to the Lord, that I might show my appreciation. David said in Psalm 116:12-13, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord."

Three days before my baby sister was born I took the flu. The next day I felt much better but it left me so weak. But after my little sister was born the Lord gave me back my complete strength.

I have been going through a severe trial of late but I have found that the Lord will never put more upon us than we can bear. He has been helping me learn to rejoice in trials and disappointments. Surely I have learned several precious lessons. As Paul said in Rom. 5:3-5, "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." Also during this time I took a sick spell and one night I could not sleep for suffering. At times when I would praise the Lord the suffering seemed to let up some. Surely it is a wonderful privilege to trust the Lord.

I also want to express our appreciation to all of the saints for their prayers in our behalf during the trial that we have been going through.

I have been writing to several of the young people

but have had to neglect writing of late. I hope to be able to answer them all in the future. I enjoy writing to everyone because it is encouraging to share our experiences in the Lord and it makes us feel nearer to each other. Pray for me. Yours in Christ, Eva Lou Sorrell.

Kansas—Dear Young People,—Greetings of much love in Jesus' dear name. Truly the dear Lord has been blessing and keeping us. How ever could we live without him?

I felt much impressed this afternoon to write a letter of encouragement to all young people everywhere who are serving the Lord in these great trying times. Be encouraged!! The enemy is trying to devour every saint whom he may, but let us not be found among the number devoured. We have one on our side who is mightier than all the powers of the devil. Isn't that wonderful?

Sunday night in church the Lord gave me a Scripture that I feel might be of encouragement to someone else. As some of you know, Gus, my husband, is having trouble getting the ministerial classification for which he is asking—neither have they given him a conscientious objector's classification. I have been much burdened in this. Well, Sunday night in church my Bible was open and when I glanced down at it, my eyes fell on Psalm 118:6. Have you ever read it? What a great promise it is! It reads, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?" Doesn't that sound wonderful? We are just standing on that precious promise.

In closing I would like to admonish each one: don't be discouraged! Do not consider going back to the wicked world. There is nothing to go back to. Just be encouraged and press on! Great will be our reward if we do.

Pray for us. Dorothy Poulos

Okla.—Dear saints,—I want to thank all who prayed for me for the wonderful prayers you all sent up for me; also I do thank the Lord for the way He brought me thru. I entered the Mercy Hospital on Friday, May 15, was operated on May 16th, Saturday at 8:30 a. m. I was very sick Sunday, May 17th. Monday morning, May 18th at 9 a. m. I was walking. Praise the good Lord for a miracle, also for the prayers that went up for me. I am out of the hospital now, very weak at this writing.

I desire the prayers of the saints that the good Lord will save my soul before it is too late. Pray for me. I am Sister C. A. Robinson's son. —John B. Robinson.

## CHARITY — LOVE

I Cor. 13:1-3 reads, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."

Prov. 10:12 and 1 Peter 4:8 show us that charity is love. You may say many people in the world today have love. And so it is, but Paul was talking of a different love than what the world has. He was talking about God's love, for in 1 John 4:16 it reads, God is love and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him." This proves that without God's love, even though we present our bodies to be burned and though we bestow all our goods to feed the poor, it

profiteth us nothing. It goes on to say in verses four and five that charity (love) suffereth long and is kind. Charity envieth not, vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up (proud), doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil. So that certainly leaves out all forms of love except God's love.

Look back over your life when in sin. Could you do the things that verses 4 and 5 say love will do and so manifest the love of Christ and God? Or were you not at least once guilty of some of them? It is without question we need and must have God's love to have charity and obey the above verses.

Lately I have been amazed at the faith I have seen among the so-called holiness movements. It made me to wonder until the Lord brought to my mind verse 2, "Though I have ALL faith . . . without charity . . . I am nothing." If you converse with them, you soon see envy, hatred, etc. working, thus proving that they are nothing although they do have a form of love and much faith.

Oh! children of God, let us all keep our hearts with all diligence, for out of the heart are the issues of life. Watch and pray as our blessed Lord commanded. Let us ever keep our hearts open to God's search light, willing to measure up, for he is faithful to keep us if we are willing to be shown the way and walk therein and so keep the love of God in our hearts, then our labor and faith will not be in vain. Pray for me that I will remain faithful. Laverne Moles

## CORRESPONDENCE

Ohio—To the saints everywhere,—I thank the Lord for being truly sanctified. It keeps me a constant over-comer. W. T. Tomlin.

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Ky.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the name of Jesus. I got saved in a Pilgrim Holiness Church. My son led me to the Lord. I am a blacksmith and worked at the coal mines. After I got saved I heard a few sermons on sanctification but it was hard for me to see, because my father always taught that God didn't half-way do anything. He was a Baptist. I had an altar around the hill from my work so I would go two or three times each day all the time doubting it until one morning. It was raining and just at the break of day. I went to my place and fell on my knees and began to call on the heavenly Father, telling him that I wanted to be sanctified now; that I was willing for him to just take me, if it took my life from me. "Here I am, take me if it means death. I want all you have for me," and then the Holy Ghost came in my whole being as currents of electricity. Praise God! How wonderful is his sanctifying power. I came out of sectism. I got the light. Pray for me.

Your brother,

J. T. Roberts.

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Okla.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I want to tell my experience of how I got saved in my own home. One night I thought that I would die if I didn't get saved. I wrestled with the dear Lord until way in the night, then I sat down in a chair and said, "If the dear Lord will save me I'll serve him all the days of my life." I went down on my knees, prayed awhile and all at once the Lord God flooded my soul. I was so happy that I just knew that I was saved. I asked my companion

if she wanted the Lord. Well, she got down on her knees and prayed through. We surely had a happy time praising God and feeling good in our souls.

We heard in a short time about perfect holiness. We started praying for that experience. I sought the good Lord for about a year. I would let up until one night I went to the altar and prayed a long time. All at once He sanctified me. Praise the Lord! I shouted and praised God all over the room. I never felt so good, so clean, and so holy before, as that night. Praise God for his unspeakable gift. Oh, how wonderful the Lord is to us to come in our hearts and give us the victory over everything in life, 365 days in the year just as long as we live in this time world and then go to the glory world and be with Jesus forever and ever. Praise his name! D. J. LaFavor.

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Va.—Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I am led to send in my testimony of how God wonderfully saved me and healed my body. Two years before I was saved I was under conviction. I quit doing the things that I thought were wrong, such as going to movies, wearing make-up, and some more things. But I still held on to the world with one hand and tried to hold to Jesus' hand too. The scripture says that we can't serve two masters.

The Spirit was dealing strongly with me one day so I knelt down in my home and prayed through or until I knew my burden was gone and Jesus saved my soul. I had cried night and day. I was sick in body and sin sick too.

In just a short time I sent a handkerchief to a Godly preacher to be anointed and I put the blest cloth to my affliction and prayed. By faith I was instantly healed from ulcers that I had had for many years. It was just like the little lady in the Bible with the issue—I grew worse and when I touched the hem of his garment, thank God I was made whole. I eat anything that I want now, but now I have a hurting in my heart. God is able to heal. Pray dear ones, and keep holding on to God for me.

The fields are white and we've no time to lose. Pray for my little ones that I may bring them up in the fear of God. Let us pray for a nation-wide revival.

A sister through Christ, Mrs. Edith Melvin.

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Ore.—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt,—I greet you in Jesus' dear name. I am thanking and praising the Lord this morning for salvation, sanctification, and healing to soul and body. The Lord is my all in all and I love him and want to live to please him in all things. He means more to me than everything else. He is so good to me and blesses me from day to day with all of my needs, both soul and body.

Although the enemy is on every hand to try to drag us down, God's grace is sufficient, if we keep our eyes on the Lord from whence cometh all of our help. I never can thank and praise his dear name enough for all that he means to me. He supplies my needs in such a marvelous way. Sometimes I am made to marvel. About two years ago I was thinking of going to work in a mushroom cannery. I was asking the Lord about it and he spoke to me so plainly and said, "The Lord knows how to take care of those that are his" and truly he has proved it many times. Oh, I love the Lord and go to sleep with praises going up to him, and that is my first thoughts when I awake. I tell him over and over that I love him. My daily prayer is, that the Lord will help me to live so that I won't be a hindrance or bring a reproach to his cause in any way.

Yes, as you say, I have proved the Lord over and over and none of his promises have ever failed. The song says

"Search the whole broad space of earth around and search it once again." If there is any failure it is on our part and not on the Lord's. Yes, truly the Lord is behind all of his promises. The Lord is so precious to me. I surely wouldn't know how to get along without him and I don't mean to try to. I am alone all day and I talk to the Lord and tell him all of my burdens and cares and he has promised that he will care for us. He surely has proved it in my case.

Four weeks ago last night we got a phone call saying that Mama was very bad and we began to pray as we got ready to go. In less than an hour we were on our way to be with her. When we got there we found her much improved and has been getting better ever since. She hasn't been well for over a year now and could hardly eat any thing, but now the Lord has healed her stomach and she eats quite heartily and almost any thing that she wants. We truly thank the dear Lord. He is so good to us.

Emma Busch.

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Okla.—Dear saints,—Greetings. This leaves me still saved and kept by the mighty power of God. It was a wonderful thing when God truly saved me, and I was so happy, but after while I saw that I needed something else. I didn't have that sweetness, that assurance, that close communion with God all the time. I heard the Word go forth on Sanctification and I found out by the word of God that Paul said to certain believers, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Acts 19:2. I examined myself carefully and saw that I didn't have it. I sought the Lord with my whole heart and received the second definite work of Grace—Sanctification.

Your sister in Christ, Bessie L. Gordon.

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Mo.—Dear saints scattered abroad,—Greetings of love. I have taken the little paper for several years. I enjoy it very much as I get so much encouraging words from reading it. I have thought of writing to it several times but now I am writing to tell what the Lord has done for me. He has healed my body several times and I thank him so much.

I just had an attack of something like gravel and I promised the Lord if he would heal me that I would testify for him.

I am planning to go to Myrtle, Mo. to the camp meeting if the Lord is willing, so pray for me that I will be able to go as I am weak in body.

Your saved and sanctified sister, Mary Hampton.

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Calif.—To the saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I am yet saved and very much encouraged to go on for the dear Lord. I promised Him that I would write my testimony if he would heal me. I had some kind of breaking out on my hand. It was so bad that sometimes I would walk the floor. My husband told me that I had to go to a doctor but I told him the Lord was my doctor and that I was trusting in him for my healing. I told him too that I would die with the breaking out if it was the Lord's will.

I was trying to work while I had it and had to wear gloves when I put my hands in the water. One of the ladies that I work for told me that she had had the same thing for twelve years and had gone to the doctor and he couldn't do anything for her. But all of this discouragement did not matter to me because I knew that I had a doctor greater than any man and my trust was in him and I knew that he would not fail me now, because he had not failed me in the past for I have been trusting him for several years.

Besides the breaking out, I have had an ingrowing toe nail for the last two years on my big toe. The nail grew down into the flesh instead of growing straight out. I didn't go to a doctor but just had my husband to trim it. This last year it became so painful that I couldn't bear to let him trim it at all. So I put in a request at meeting and prayed about it myself and told the Lord about it and he stopped the growth and healed my foot and it hasn't bothered me since. I thank the dear Lord for his goodness to me and only wish that everyone could learn of his goodness and kindness. I had another experience with the Lord and his goodness a year ago this past spring, when I was suffering much in body. I was prayed for and was wonderfully healed. I praise his dear name for what he is to me.

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Ga.—Dear saints,—It's a great pleasure in the Lord to write my testimony about what he has done for me.

In January I took very sick. I couldn't walk and later I couldn't walk unless I had some help. I couldn't bend over to put on my shoes. Then I took the flu. I hardly knew what to say, but I looked up. I thought about the prayer that I had been sending up and it seemed like the time when Paul was on the ship to me. Acts 27:20.

My family isn't saved and they seemed to get a little afraid and didn't know what to do. Then I asked my husband if I could call the saints in to pray for me and he said "Yes." I promised the Lord if he would heal me that I would send in my testimony for his glory. When the saints came and prayed for me the Lord touched my body and in a few minutes I got up without any help and He healed me. I am walking as good as I was before. Thank God for his wonderful power. I have been trusting the Lord for soul and body for 16 years. He has healed my children so many times and brought them out of the hospital without operation. He will never fail you nor leave you. Thank God!

Pray much for me, also my family that God might save them before it be too late.

Sister Bostec.

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Ohio—Dear saints,—Greetings to you in the precious name of our blessed Lord. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear. We are saved, sanctified and satisfied in him this morning.

We just closed a wonderful revival meeting. The presence of the Lord was with us. The little place was filled in spite of the rainy weather. One precious soul got saved that had never been saved before. It brought shouting in the midst of us here. On Sunday night Sister Jones and about all of the saints on the east side were over. It was a wonderful time of rejoicing here together.

The Word went forth to us through the anointing of God's Holy Spirit. The Lord did wonderfully use Brother Lewis Williams of Wichita, Kansas. Truly our God is a great God and his people are a wonderful people. Let us pray much for each other in these dark, evil days. Your sister reaching out and looking up for more of God,

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Mo.—Dear saints everywhere,—I am writing this that it may encourage everyone that reads the "Faith and Victory" paper. God healed my body April 25th. I put the anointed cloth on in Jesus' dear name and I know God healed me for I was bedfast and couldn't get in bed without someone lifting me up or laying me on the bed. Now I can lay down or get up by myself and I give God all the praise and glory. I know if it wasn't for God we wouldn't have anything, not even the breath to breathe

so I am asking you dear saints to pray for me that God will give me more strength to get up good so I can walk. I haven't walked since 1947. I did take a few steps the 25th of April. That is why I know God healed me. When I did go I was in a wheel chair, but I don't get in the wheel chair now. Pray for my swelling feet to stay normal. I know God can do everything. I'm not doubting him because I know God can heal. Sister Eva O'Brien.

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Va.—Dear saints,—I want to thank the Lord tonight for what he has done for me. I thank him for sending me to the true saints that could teach me the right way. Please pray for me that I ever stay true to the Lord.

Your sister in the Lord,

Nannie Connell.

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Wis.—Dear saints,—Greetings to all in the blessed name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. I have been saved for twenty-one years and in these twenty-one years I have been practically isolated from the saints, but had it not been for the Holy Ghost, the Comforter that Jesus has sent to us, I wouldn't have been able to stand true to my Savior. I placed myself on the altar, body and soul, and told the Lord to take what he could use of it and he is using me for the salvation of souls. We cannot stay saved unless we are sanctified and have received the second work of grace which keeps us pure and holy.

God has called me to labor for the salvation of souls and I am burdened for the lost souls, so I want to be obedient to my heavenly Father and devote my life for others to get saved and enjoy the glories of being a real true child of God.

Will you please pray for my wife who has a bad leg and is causing her much pain. She has had a lot of trouble with it for years and God has healed her many times and now it is bothering her again. She is saved and sanctified and we know that God can heal her again. God bless you all. Your brother in Christ, Arthur Klatt.

W. Va.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the dear name of our Savior. He means so much to me this morning. I can report victory in my soul. I feel led to write and tell a little of God's dealings in my life.

My teeth were bad and I went to the dentist to have them pulled. I had been saved and sanctified twelve years at that time and when I got saved I stepped out on God's promise for healing of my body as well as the saving of my soul and I think we should because both are God's promises and God's promises can't be broken. One is as strong as the other and these promises hold good for me yet today. When I went to have my teeth pulled the dentist got his medicine ready to inject in my gums but I told him that I didn't want it put in my gums. He got angry and said, "Why don't you want it? Your heart is all right." The devil tried to run a bluff on me. The dentist said that he wouldn't pull them. I was determined not to have anything put in my gums. I started to get up out of the chair and he grabbed up his tooth pullers and said, "I can pull them but I don't want you to tell that I pulled your head off."

I laid my arms down on the arms of the chair, put my feet on the foot rest and leaned back in the strong arms of Jesus and let him pull them. The devil was defeated. God took away the pain. I sat there as calm as could be and never raised a hand and he broke some of them. When he got through he was shaking worse than I was. When I arose from the chair I started praising the Lord. Then I could testify for my dear Lord. When I began to tell the dentist that I trusted the Lord he said that I might trust Him too far some time. Now just look

at man's poor puny wisdom, when God says that his ways are higher than our ways.

God is my Savior, Sanctifier, and Healer. He is all and all to me. I feel like telling how that God verified Matt. 9:29, "According to your faith be it unto you." I am only telling this for God's glory of how he answers prayer when we don't give up too soon.

My son bought a farm and the oldest son and my husband were taking a team of horses down to the farm. They had a truck and had to get it backed up against a bank to be level so the horses could walk in. One went in nicely but the other one wouldn't go in at all. They were there about three hours trying to make it go in. They pulled on the reins of the bridle and husband picked up a switch and hit it on the hips. The horse raised up on its hind feet and its front feet came down, nearly hitting my son on the top of his head. There were several around and I was in a car praying. I would pray awhile and then I would look up to see if it was going in. All at once it dropped its head and walked in as calm as could be. My son said "Mother, why didn't you pray at first?" I told him that He wanted him to have some test.

Georgiana Sayre.

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Ore.—Dear saints,—I wrote last December (I believe it was) asking for a request to be printed in the "Faith and Victory" for my healing. Now I am sending my testimony of healing. Before the paper could possibly get to all the readers I began to see an improvement. And now, Praise God! I am getting along just fine. Oh, thank the dear Lord and thanks to all who agreed with me for my healing. I surely did need help from God. Sister Ed King.

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Wash.—Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in our dear Savior's name, the one who suffered and died for us, that we could be saved. I am praising my dear Savior for saving me out of sin. When I was lost, 27 years ago, Jesus called me to come unto him. I knew I was lost and how sad I felt. I had no where to go but to Jesus and he saved me. How happy I was to know that I was saved and to know that Jesus loved me so much that he died on the cross to save a sinner like I was. I have had faith in Jesus all the time ever since.

Sometimes the trials would get so hard that it seemed like I couldn't hold on much longer, but praise God! he would strengthen me and I would have courage to look to Jesus to help me in my trials. I would find Jesus an ever present help in time of trouble or sickness of all kinds. I am more encouraged than ever to go all the way with my loving Savior, as he means all in all to me.

I want to keep meek, low, and humble at the foot of the cross, looking to Jesus all the time and let Jesus lead me where he would have me to go. I want to keep in the center of His will as I want to have a closer walk with God. I am praising my dear Lord for saving grace, for keeping me saved and in his will. I love this way and it gets better every day.

I am glad that this is a growing way. The more we study God's word, the more grace we receive and the more blessings we receive. I am praising God for all the rich blessings that I receive every day. I want to be more humble and meek and I want more of an understanding of God's holy word. Pray for me that I will ever be true to my dear Savior, Lord and Master.

A sister in Jesus, Mrs. C. I. Johnston.

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Okla.—Dear saints,—Holy greetings in Jesus' dear name. This evening finds me still saved, sanctified, and satisfied. I truly thank God for all he is to me. I thank

him for his saving grace and keeping power. Praise his holy name! I thank him too for how he brought me out of darkness into his marvelous light and how he sanctified my nature. He is my all in all. I have no greater desire other than to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. I am dead to all that the world has to offer. I can truly say that this world has no charms for me.

Let us contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints. Pray for me that I be true. Callie B. Owens.

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Ore.—Dear saints,—I do thank the Lord for salvation, his tender mercy and love shown toward me, ever since I turned to One who loved me best of all. Praise his holy and righteous name! I am so thankful for our Guide while living here in this world. This house of clay weakens but the inner being grows stronger from day to day. I am alone and yet not alone as his all-seeing eye is over me. Praise his name. Pray for me. Bertha V. Blais.

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Okla.—To the church in the earth,—To them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called; mercy unto you, and peace, and love be multiplied. I am so glad that today finds me still earnestly contending for the faith which was once delivered unto (me) the saints, for we can see as Jude tells us, that certain men crept in unaware, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

I do thank my Lord that I was included when Jesus prayed for His in St. John 17. You will notice that he said in the 9th verse, "I pray not for the world;" not for those which were not subject to the law nor indeed could be, but for those that had his mind, those that were not of the world even as he was not of the world. Those were the ones that were worthy of sanctification. I am so grateful that he didn't pray for them alone but for me who believes on him through the word.

I am so thankful that we learned through the type of the tabernacle that was pitched, and not by man, that we had to first enter in to the holy place before there was a way of getting into the holy of holiest. But thanks be to God after we get into Christ we can reign as kings and priests, when the vail was rent from top to the bottom. And now we can say with Ezek. 36:24-27 that we have been taken away from the heathen and gathered out from all countries, and are brought into our own land, and have been sprinkled with clean water and we are clean from all our filthiness, and from all of our idols. And he gave us a new heart, also a new spirit he put within us, and took out that unruly spirit and gave us a willing and obedient heart. Then we knew that we were justified and then we presented our bodies unto him a living sacrifice.

Notice that he said he would put his Spirit within us and cause us to walk in his statutes, and we would keep his judgments and do them. Praise God forever and ever! I am so glad that I not only crossed the Red Sea but I also crossed the river of Jordan and I am now dwelling in the land of Beulah. God saved my soul and sanctified me and now his peace abides within. I now have his power.

I will not accept another faith, only the faith that came down from God out of heaven on the day of Pentecost, when they all spoke the same language wherewith they were born; for he has brought me to the place where I can dwell safely. Read Jer. 32:37-39. "And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me forever, for the good of them, and of their children after them" verse 39.

Your saved and sanctified sister in the body of Christ, which is the head of the church. Sister Hattie Hines.

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S. C.—Dear saints,—Speaking about two works of grace,—I don't see where there is any foundation for any other than that. It is taught in the Old and New Testaments, before and since the coming of Christ. It is as old as the Bible. And every true church of God teacher or preacher that I've ever heard preach or talk stands for, and teaches it.

The first Holiness sermon that I ever heard preached was by J. W. Shaw and E. B. Haines, when I was eight years old, which now is a little more than fifty-eight years ago. It was a new doctrine, but folks did not oppose it (then as some do now) because it was Bible. These two brothers and Mrs. Shaw preached justification, sanctification, and divine healing. My mother and two brothers and another old gentleman embraced these truths and lived by them, and are gone now to reap their reward.

And now I can testify to the two works of grace by my own experience. I've experienced the new birth. All evil nature and desires, hatred, and confusion and strife is all a thing of the past with me. I love the soul of every human on earth. And I enjoy doing a good deed for my enemies. My life, my time, and all I am now or ever can be is consecrated, dedicated, and belongs to the Lord, to will and to do of his will and pleasure. It is all set apart for God's sacred use and purpose which in the meaning is sanctification.

Now will every saint who reads this please pray an earnest prayer to the Lord that he will expose and bring to the open, hypocrisy, dishonest, and other evil devices which some are covered up in and causing the true and honest to suffer reproach? Pray the Lord to openly expose it every bit to his glory, so the pure and clean will have its way and rights. A sister in Christ, Mary Jones.

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### DIVINE HEALING

Jesus said, "Ask and ye shall receive." But so many ask and do not believe neither do they receive. I went to one person who told me she had been asking the Lord for two years to forgive her sins and he had not done it yet. I asked her if she believed when she asked the Lord for forgiveness. She looked me in the face as quick as lightning and her face became beautiful with light from heaven. Jesus said if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you can remove mountains. He is the mustard seed, so all we need is Jesus.

Bro. Byers of California was called to pray for a dying boy but knew not what to do. Jesus spoke, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore." So he prayed and the child was well before he got through. I know of many similar cases. Jesus said, "Whatsoever ye ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. People wonder why there is so much sickness. It is because people are not walking in the light of the Word of God. Deut. 28:1-15-47 tells that because they served not the Lord with joyfulness and singleness of heart for the abundance of all things, these things came upon them. Sometimes God permits afflictions to show people a lesson.

I have many calls to pray for the sick from around the world. When I see or get a letter, I get

down at once to pray for them. I pray and stand on the promises which God gives me—all things that pertain to life and godliness, 2 Pet. 1:3. I give Him no rest till He accomplishes and makes Zion a praise in the earth. I got the witness at once several times. In '94 he said for me to move in the 91st Psalm for my home and rest. I had to nurse in the typhoid epidemic six weeks. Doctors did not see how I could at eighteen hours a day. I said, "God said there shall no evil befall me, neither shall any plague come nigh my dwelling. Though 'a thousand shall fall at thy side or ten thousand at thy right hand, it shall not come nigh thee.'" He gave his angels charge over me.

I never learned to dance nor play cards, use tobacco nor liquor. I didn't go to movies, base ball games. I had no desire for such things. If I had partaken of them I would be in the hospital or dead, and I couldn't face Jesus. —W. J. Baldwin.

### Obituaries

Fully realizing her condition and feeling that she was nearing the end of her journey, Sister Edna Baker reviewed the past events of her life and wrote these facts which follow:

Edna Jones, the only child of Charley and Francis Jones was born at Helena, Ark. November 2, 1891. She moved with her parents to Guthrie, Okla. in 1892.

She professed a hope in Christ, July 16, 1906 at Guthrie and joined the Mount Zion Baptist Church. On July 20, 1916 she married Andrew Baker and in December of the same year was saved with the saints at Guthrie. She moved to Shawnee, Okla. in October, 1925. Here her account ends.

Some of the things which she did not mention but which many of us know, was her patient suffering over a long period; her thoughtfulness for those near her and her sincere appreciation for even the smallest service rendered to her. Hers was an unselfish life and her influence will live in the memory of those who were privileged to know her.

Sister Baker departed this life May 7, 1953, leaving to mourn their loss a foster daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Anderson and her children, a number of distant cousins and a host of friends, who understand and say "Well done."

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Archie Souder. Sernion text, Isaiah 57:1—.

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Sister Joanna Abbagail Guinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Guinn, was born October 28, 1865 in Anderson County, South Carolina.

In 1908 she was married to John Kelton who preceded her in death. One daughter, Jessie, preceded her in death. In 1935 she was united in marriage to Brother William Bray and this union was also dissolved by death in 1941 at Tulsa, Okla.

Sister Bray was an active member of the church of God at Tulsa, and remained so until May 16, 1953, when she was called home. She leaves to mourn their loss, two brothers, two sisters, many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the Church of God chapel in Tulsa, Okla., Brothers Sam Barton and Ulysses Phillips officiating. 1 Thess. 4:13 and other texts were used. Burial was in the cemetery near Tullahassee, Okla.

May God comfort those that mourn. We sorrow not as those who have no hope.

## THE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE OF GOD

July 5, 1953

Printed Portion.....Romans 1:8-17; 2:1-2; 3:21-22a.

Rom. 1:8. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

9. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

10. Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.

11. For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

12. That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

13. Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.

14. I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.

15. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

16. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

2:1. Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

2. But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

3:21. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

22a. Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe.

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

Practical Truth: Righteousness comes to a sinner through personal trust in Christ as his Saviour.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It is impossible for man, by his human efforts to pull himself up to God. Man within himself is an utter failure in achieving righteousness for only the righteousness of God is what counts. The Christian is given a way by faith in Christ to obtain righteousness that will last throughout all eternity. Listen to what God has to say in 1 Cor. 1:30, "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." God's judgments are righteous judgments because God knows the heart of man. P'sa. 19:9 and John 2:25.

Holiness could never be communicated to sinful creatures, such as are born into the world (Rom 3:23), except through the mediation of a holy person. Hence it was of necessity that the Son of God should come. 2 Cor. 5:21. The penalty of sin must be paid. Rom. 3:23. The nature of the sinner must undergo a transformation. John 3:3. The sinner must be covered with a righteousness which he could not earn, but it comes "by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe" verse 22. Right-

eousness, then is imputed to them that believe in the atoning work; "According to his mercy he saved us." Read Titus 3:4-7.

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## A PATTERN OF CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR

July 12, 1953

Printed Portion.....Romans 12:1-2, 9-21.

Rom. 12:1. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

9. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

10. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

11. Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

12. Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

13. Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

14. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

15. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

16. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

17. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

18. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

19. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

20. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

21. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Memory Verse: Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Rom. 12:9.

Practical Truth: Where the law of God rules, there will be a consistent pattern of Christian behavior.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In our Christian behavior, our first duty is to God himself. In our scripture before us we have the presentation of our bodies "a living sacrifice" and the first thing that is mentioned is that they should be holy. Take note of this as there are many that say that "My body sins but my soul does not." Satan could not invent a bigger lie than that. When God expects us to live holy lives undoubtedly he will make it possible for us to do so. Ponder 1 Thess. 5:23, where he includes the body with the soul and spirit. Having been presented to God, the body should be kept holy for him and wholly for him to be used for him.

Our next duty in our Christian behavior is toward others. As one has said "God first, others second, me last." Then the key word that will fit all the doors is love. Love to God and love to our fellowman, and God can



give us that love. Love never grumbles, rather it is patient in tribulation. Love is ever prayerful and is ever ready to forgive and have sympathy for others. Love is peaceable, and desires to "Live peaceable with all men." That does not mean that we are to compromise with evil, for God requires of us to live a holy life before him and that will win others. Read Luke 1:71-75 and Titus 2:11-14.

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ONE WORLD IN CHRIST

July 19, 1953

Printed Portion.....Ephesians 2:8-10, 13-22.

Eph. 2:8. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9. Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

13. But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

15. Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

16. And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

17. And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20. And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

21. In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22. In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Memory Verse: Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God. Eph. 2:19.

Practical Truth: There are no national or racial barriers to fellowship with Christ.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Salvation is free, it is the gift of God and we are saved by grace and not of works. Our works can not possibly save us but after we are saved we can show by our works that we are saved from sin and saved unto righteousness. If a man goes on in his sins and claims to be a Christian, he deceives himself, for those who are born of God do not "commit sin" 1 John 3:9. The Christian is "Made nigh by the blood of Christ." "The blood, the blood, The precious blood of Jesus, The blood will work a perfect cure, Will cleanse the heart and keep it pure, The blood, the blood, The precious blood of Jesus." (127 in Evening Light Songs). It is "through faith in his blood" that we have "propitiation" (Merciful favor), Rom. 3:25.

As the individual is made pure and holy in his sight so is the church of the living God "Not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" Eph. 5:27. No one can get into God's church without getting saved from sin and no one can stay in God's church without living a holy life and keeping

free from sin. The great idea of our great salvation is to live free from sin and then Christ can dwell in the heart. 1 Cor. 3:16, 17.

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GROWING IN CHRIST

July 26, 1953

Printed Portion .....Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16.

Eph. 4:1. I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

2. With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

3. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5. One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6. One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

11. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14. That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15. But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

16. From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Memory Verse: But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ. Eph. 4:15.

Practical Truth: Christian growth is both a privilege and a duty.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

As we yield ourselves unto God (Rom. 6:13), we may expect scourging and chastening. Heb. 12:6. "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son he receiveth." We may expect purging for John 15:2 says "And every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit;" that we may be kept as sons, Heb. 12:7 and "that we might be partakers of his holiness" Heb. 12:10; and be purified, and made white, and tried, Dan. 12:10. The above scriptures show something of our growth in grace as Peter tells us, 2 Pet. 3:18 "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;" so as we have the word of Christ dwelling in our hearts and put it into practice we will "Walk worthy of the vocation."

In order for us to be a perfect man and come to the "Measure and of the stature of the fulness of Christ" we need very much to walk "With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Now, since it is Jesus who is the head of the church and it is he that has promised to be with us to the end as we yield unto him, then let us yield unreservedly to his control and he will bring joy to the soul.