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THE SECOND MILE

There is something that the Saviour really wants
us all to do,
It was written in His Holy Word, and given me
and you.
It's a lesson in humility, tho' Satan tries to rile;
Whoever compels you walk with them,
Go the second mile.

He said to "turn the other cheek," now that seems
hard to do;
And we have heard of folks who did, and got that
cheek slapped too!
Can God get glory out of that? Meekness is out
of style.
Must we, in such an age as this still
Go the second mile?

That second mile looks long and hot, and most of
it's uphill;
And we are very, very busy, there's so MUCH to do,
but still
It is our Christian duty, so humbly try to smile,
Forget the things that go undone, and
Walk the second mile.

A meek and gentle spirit is a very lovely grace;
And love, yes fervent charity, is never out of place.
From right now on, forget yourself, don't be so
juvenile!
You'll find it really warms your heart to
Go the second mile.

Life is so short at the longest, like a vapor that
passeth away;
Remember for every deed you do, there's coming
a Judgment Day.
Let us be zealous, and grow in grace, so we'll see
the Saviour smile
And nod His head and say, "Well done, you
Went the second mile."

—Alberta Cook

Satan's Devices

The apostle Paul, through long experience had learned much about the cunningness of Satan. There are those in these days who have learned the same thing in the same manner. On looking back through the history of the Church to its beginning we see how Satan has succeeded in bringing in certain innovations to start a retrograde movement in every reformation. The devil has repeatedly through his subtlety, succeeded in drifting spiritual movements to the world after a time. He always begins with the preachers, and with the most popular, influential, enthusiastic ones. Some men have strong personalities, naturally enthusiastic, and designed for leadership. These are the ones the devil is on the lookout for. It is also true that such men are very seldom spiritual ones. As a rule the most spiritual preachers are more sensitive in their nature, timid, weak in personality, and not naturally strong leaders. They are the ones however, that prevail with God, and do the most effective work for God. As a rule those ministers who are forceful in their preaching, oratorical, enthusiastic, and have strong personalities are not the men of prayer as those who are more taciturn and have a finer reserve and are less ostentatious. These are some of the things we have learned during these two score years.

Satan tempts more severely those who are most popular and strong in natural leadership. He will try to get them to make slight departures from truth, and he has time and again succeeded. He would have such men to bring in innovations into the movement; something new, and call it new light. He has succeeded in having many such men take up the practice of things they once denounced and preach as enthusiastically in their favor as once they preached against such practices. Is it not strange that men for years will denounce certain practices and positively refuse to practice them, yet will in the course of time take up the practice of things they once would not have been induced to do? In every case of which we have read in history and all that has come under our observation it has been such men as mentioned above.

Another thing we have learned by observation and reading is that those men of strong personalities,

of forcifulness, of ability as leaders, and yet more or less inclined to do questionable things, things the saints can't feel are just right, making slight departures from the old-time teaching are not, after all, the men that are respected, loved, and honored in the Church. They are feared and go unreproved, and are followed by the less spiritual and those inclined to worldliness, but they are not loved and esteemed as are those who are less prominent, but are men of prayer and in their more unpretentious and silent ways get things done for God. We have noticed that it is not those who are so popular and influential in life, but inclined to introduce innovations, and show a disposition to seek after things of a worldly nature and carry things by their own force that are the ones who are loved, honored, talked about and have their biographies written by the succeeding generation. It is the "little obscure preacher" and the humble, unpretentious company that follows him that are referred to in after years as being worthy of imitation. Look through the biographies of preachers and you will find that it is the lay preachers, lay members and the less prominent in life that are noted for their spirituality and as folks who prevailed with God, while those who have strong personalities, and were more prominent and intellectual are in after years noted for only what they possessed. Time usually tells what men are. Strong, enthusiastic men, men of force, men of giant intellects, men of natural abilities cast a certain kind of fear and have a commanding influence over the weaker ones while they are present, but when they are sometime absent or are with the dead and these timid, fearful ones have time to reflect they begin to see those men as they were. Time usually brings out the truth, but alas it is often too late for some.

—C. E. Orr in "Path of Life,"

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The Corrupt Tree

Sometime ago in our young peoples' gathering we have here at the "Faith Pub. House" home every week we studied about the Corrupt Tree. We drew a tree and as we wrote on each limb, one of the works of the flesh, we discussed it.

It is important that we understand what is on that corrupt tree because in Matt. 7:19 we read that "every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire" (the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone). How terrible that will be! Surely God is giving us plenty of warning in this life to prepare to live with Him and escape that awful place.

In Gal. 5:19-21 we read the list of the "works of the flesh." On the seventh line of the corrupt tree we will write hatred.

Hatred has a lot of relatives, namely: rancor, ill-will, ill-feeling, and many others. The dictionary says, "Hatred is a continued hostility of feeling; bitter aversion; disliking intensely, detestation and aversion."

The world is full of hatred and it is almost a universal thing. There are hatreds of races, hatreds of sects; social and personal hatreds. To the child of God, who is full of love, hatred is a very obnoxious,

offensive thing when it is seen being put into practice. You can be in a group of people who are not filled with God's love and a person can come into their presence who to them is offensive. When that person leaves, hateful, hurtful words begin to fill the air and the ears of those present. How sad this is that others have to suffer because of hatred.

Hatred proceeds from an opinion that the person hated is evil, at least partly or completely. Hatred may be promoted in some because they feel a great injury has been done them, or committed against someone else. A person that is hated cannot ever do a right thing. His motives are always counted as wrong and corrupt. As we review hatred, it makes us shudder to know so many in the world are so full of it. What will their end be unless they are cleansed by the blood of Jesus and delivered from it? The Bible says in 1 John 3:15, "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." The Bible counts hatred as murder. We feel murder is terrible, but did you not know that hatred is as bad?

In the light of what we have written on hatred, let us, as God's children, be careful that we guard our hearts with all diligence, lest the enemy of our souls begin to work in some dislike for someone upon us. If we do not take a stand against any such thought the devil may bring, it will grow and become stronger and spot your soul. Be quick to forgive and pray for that person. When you are praying the Lord to bless that person, there isn't any chance for dislike to have any room. Good will and dislike just won't mix. Jesus says, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" Matt. 5:44, 45.

If the fire of the Holy Spirit is burning in your soul brightly, it will burn up any such thought of ill-will or ill-feeling toward anyone. Praise the Lord for that love, given by God to His children.

—Mrs. Marie Miles

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The Two Kinds of Powers

According to the Word of God there are two kinds of spiritual powers in the world today as there has always been since the beginning of the world. One kind of power is the power of God (St. Luke 5:17; 1 Cor. 1:24). There is a power that is of the devil (Eph. 2:2). God's power and the devil's will not work together in any form at all. God, through his power keeps His church clean and pure. Holy people are the only kind that can possibly be in the body of Christ and that prevents sin from entering into the church.

God does permit the devil to tempt along this journey of life but if we will look to God for help when we are going through trials and tests we can always come out with victory in our souls. God will

always make a way for us to escape (1 Cor. 10:13), and will not let us be tempted above that we are able to bear. God does not want us to think it strange when we are going through trials which seem to be so fiery or as though some strange thing has happened unto us, because they are to prove us (1 Pet. 4:12).

There was a period of time when people could not live above sin, but had to offer up different sacrifices for the atonement of these sins. His prophets foretold of the coming of Christ into this world and about this glorious plan of salvation. Now, praise God, we don't have to offer up lambs and birds, but through the mighty power of God we can live above sin in this life. We can really have the peace of God in our souls no matter how much the devil bothers us. He hasn't power enough to overthrow us if we will look to Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith. Oh, we can't thank God enough for sending His Son into this world to live. With the great power in His life, Jesus became willing to die on the cross and, praise God, He, through that great power, arose from the tomb and ascended to His Father. He sent the Holy Spirit to reign in our hearts. If we will just keep true and faithful to the Lord we can meet Jesus in the clouds of glory some day when the dead shall arise and come forth to meet the Lord in the air.

God will not let us go alone in this world but he promised to go with us. By putting on the whole armor of God, we will be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (Eph. 6:11). The devil will work hard to keep us from living close to God. Surely we will need the breastplate of righteousness. We will then have more power from God to overcome and face the battles of the devil for Eph. 6:12 tells us that we "wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Truly we need power from God to live for Him.

Yours in the body of Christ, Mayo Mitchell

"What Doth It Profit?"

"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?" James 2:14. My brothers, what is the use of any one declaring that he hath faith, if he has no deeds to show? Can that faith of his save him?

Verses 15-18 of the same chapter of James says: "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works." Suppose some brother or sister is ill-clad, and short of daily food; if any of you tell them, "Depart in peace! Get warm, get food," without supplying their bodily needs, what use is that? So faith, unless it

has deeds, is dead in itself. Someone will object—"And you claim to have faith." And you may answer, "Yes, and I claim to have deeds as well; you show me your faith without any deeds, and I will show you by my deeds what faith is. Will you understand that faith, without deeds, is dead?" Gal. 5:25, as we live by the Spirit, let us be guided by the Spirit. His spirit will witness to us that our deeds are prompted by faith.

—By R. R. H.

Luke 10:25-37

We go our way in life too much alone;
We hold ourselves too far from all our kind;
Too often we are dead to sigh and moan;
Too needs and cares about, our eyes are blind.
Too often, where distress and want abide,
We turn and pass upon the other side.

It should be ours—the oil and wine to pour
Into the bleeding wounds of stricken ones;
To take the smitten, and the sick and sore,
And bear them where a stream of blessing runs.
Instead, we look about—the way is wide,
And so we pass upon the other side.

Oh, friends and brothers, gliding down the years,
Humanity is calling each and all
In tender accents, born of grief and tears!
I pray you, listen to the thrilling call;
You cannot, in your cold and selfish pride,
Pass guiltless by upon the other side.

—Author unknown

AKRON, OHIO FALL REVIVAL

The saints in Akron, Ohio will hold their annual fall revival, the Lord willing, beginning October 18th and lasting through October 27, 1957. This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan as usual.

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Editorials

The campmeeting season is now over and we have several reports of the good campmeetings inserted in this issue of "Faith and Victory" paper. We were privileged of the Lord to attend several of them and we enjoyed the preaching of the Word and the association and fellowship of the saints. We are sure that much good was done in all the meetings.

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Often we hear saints in their testimonies making statements like this, "Pray for me that God will help me to get closer to Him." To get closer to God means to be more like Christ in thoughts, words, and deeds, and live in the self-denying, crucified way or manner. In James 4:8, we read, "Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you." In the above verse it says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." There is a resisting on your part to keep from falling in with any of the thoughts or deeds of Satan's, and a submitting of yourself to God at the expense of denying yourself and refraining from indulgence in idle words, jesting, joking, or thinking evil of any one; exaggeration, which could easily run into a lie or a habit of making others believe things that are not so.

One sister feigned to be asleep on her couch. Her husband came in and began to talk to her and she did not answer him. The Lord spoke to her and said, "Speak the truth in thine heart." When you intentionally make others believe things that are not so, you lie in your heart before God. I think of the story of the man that bought a horse and when he loaded the wagon and started up a hill the horse balked and would not pull the load. He went back to the man and told him that the horse would not pull up a hill. The man said, "I told you that it would do you good to see him pull up a hill, when you asked me about him pulling a load." The man who sold the horse lied in his heart before God by making the buyer believe a lie.

When you make people believe things that are not really true about others you lie before God and injure an innocent person. We, as saints of God, are just as true and upright with those who disagree with us as others who do agree and love us. We should never flare the faults of others around or fault-find them to try to justify ourselves. When Stephen was being stoned to death he did not find fault with his enemies, but said, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." Jesus did likewise when hanging on the cross and giving up the ghost. He said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." He did not try to condemn them before God to justify himself. Brothers and Sisters, we should be like Him if we want to walk with Him for Amos says, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

"Idle words" is another thing that is condemned in the Word of God. Any slang word would be an idle word and also much unnecessary talking could be classed as idle words. In Matthew 12:36, Jesus says,

"Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." In one place it says, "Let thy words be few." We are not to speak or think evil of any man but have good thoughts even toward our enemies. Those who are always justifying themselves and throwing blame on others could easily get into a self-righteous state as the Pharisees were before the Lord Jesus Christ.

The last thought on my mind but not least, is jesting and joking which is condemned in the Word of God. In Ephesians the 5th chapter and the 3rd and 4th verses we read, "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks." Saints should follow the teaching found in Titus the 2nd chapter beginning at the 9th verse down to the end of the chapter. In the 12th verse we read, "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." Jestng and joking are classed as meaning practically the same thing. A person who has a tender conscience toward God will be checked by the spirit if they begin to enter into jesting or joking. One that says things that they do not mean will be chastised by the Lord that he may be taught the righteousness of the Lord; His meek and lowly ways.

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Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of the West Virginia Methodist Conference makes the blasphemous statement that God has no right to judge us.

Bishop Wicke in his annual conference sermon, said to an audience of more than 3,500 people, "This is the first age that despair has been organized into a system of philosophy."

"We believe that God has no right to judge us, and if He has judged, He has erred," the minister declared. "Prophets of other times have looked upon the woe of their time as the judgment of God. We are the first generation to believe we have been wronged."

"Our failure is simply that we are different," he continued, "and that the ancient judgment is not for us. Each prophet has been faced with a like situation and his prophecy arose out of the tenousness of disaster."

He said that this generation had greeted that judgment with bitterness and out of that bitterness, hatred. Bishop Wicke drew a parallel with the feeling of bitterness in Germany before World War 2 and the mounting tension in this country.

In reading the saying of Bishop Wicke who had over three thousand people as an audience we can see why atheism and infidelity is growing and increasing at such a rapid rate. People as a general rule do not have much respect or reverence for God and such teaching as above increases disrespect and rebellion in the hearts of men and women. With the T. V. in nearly every home, kindred teaching to this blasphemous vomit will inoculate into the minds of the growing generation, poison doctrines

and cause them to have murderous thoughts toward any one who will dare to reverence God and keep His commandments. The way the world is going at present we can expect, in the near future, saints to be hated more and more and many will no doubt be tormented and slain before God's wrath is poured out to the extent that He will set fire to this old world as written in the third chapter of Second Peter. All the wicked will be burned and their souls will have to appear before the great white throne and be judged according to the deeds done in the body. That old red Dragon, which is called the Devil and Satan is loose in these closing up days and his vomit is in evidence everywhere. Rev. 12:9 and also Rev. 20:7, 8th, and 9th verses.

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A report from those in position to know, say that in China, the Chinese communists have, since taking over in 1948 physically exterminated twenty million human beings and that some twenty-five million are in prison, brain-washing schools, or slave-labor camps. The young generation there are taught to hate America.

In the United States the evil of communism is working slyly in high places. The U. S. News and World Report says, "The Supreme Court has given treason its biggest victory. They have made decisions that virtually make it impossible for the American people to protect themselves against the communistic conspiracy. Throughout the nation citizens and organizations are circulating petitions calling for the impeachment of six members of the Supreme Court." It is also stated that, "The Supreme Court has, by its decisions handcuffed the police and the F. B. I. in criminal cases. Their decisions have practically tied the power of Congress in holding back the spread of communism in America."

In 1944 we have written in our book entitled, "The New Testament Church and Its Symbols," the following statement: "Russia, with its armies, at the present time is overrunning Europe and, no doubt, will come out victorious. Then the pagan power and its atheistic doctrines will be spread faster than ever, because nearly all professors of religion, or a large majority are sick of their dead formal religions and are ready and ripe to receive this pagan doctrine. They are discouraged with their hireling ministry of D. D.'s and LL. D.'s, creeds, and forms, and are not willing to take the crucified way with Christ; so they are ripe for paganism and will join hand in hand with this devil power to exterminate the Christians, whether they be real or false."

This prophecy has come true for we behold today and see that nation after nation has fallen under its power and influence and many others are tottering and ready to fall. More than half the population of the world has fallen under its power since the close of World War 2.

The following is a clipping from the Oklahoma City Times written by the Editor of the paper. "Historians of a century hence will view with amazed incredulity the attitude of the present administration.

(Truman's.) This administration demands that American taxpayers spend billions upon billions in the effort to 'check communism abroad,' but views the spread of communism within our own nation with smug and uncomprehending complacency, and even brands the efforts made to check this spread as 'witch hunts' or 'dragging red herrings across the trail.'

"Some of the highest placed officials in this administration, strange and incomprehensible as this seems, have admitted that official Washington is honey-combed with communists and fellow travelers. Proof is now a matter of government record. For the most part these Reds and pinks are products of our American Universities where 'academic freedom' has been so prostituted, that treasonable doctrines have gone unchallenged, and have finally penetrated the government itself."

This is a sad condition for our government to be in and preludes a downfall unless the nation turns to God.

Obituaries

William Frances Middleton was born January 25, 1876 in Taneyville, Mo. and passed away July 23, 1957 at his home in Bristow, Oklahoma at the age of 81 years, 5 months and 28 days. He lived for 35 years in that vicinity. Bro. Middleton is survived by his wife, Emma of the home; two sons: Wesley of Oklahoma City and Oral of Bristow; three daughters: Goldon Irvine of Bristow, Elsie Nicholson of Oklahoma City, and Edna Clinton of Edmond; one sister, Grace Worley of Washington; two brothers: Bob and Jim Middleton both of Mo.

Services were conducted by Bros. D. H. Wheeler and Orie Young. Burial was in the Bristow Cemetery. Scripture Text: John 14th chapter and John 3:16.

Merril S. Myers, son of Amaziah and Emily Myers, was born April 15, 1887 and was called to rest August 18, 1957 at the age of 69 years, 4 months and 3 days. His parents, two sisters and one brother preceded him in death. He is survived by two sisters: E. Coral Johnson of La Junta, Colo. and Mrs. E. A. Young of Lamar, Colo., and one brother Pren E. Myers of Dallas, Texas.

He had repented of his sins and accepted Christ as His Saviour. He loved his Bible and prayed aloud until he was not able to speak except for a few words. He will be judged according to the light he had. We are confident that God has accepted him.

Funeral services were conducted by Geo. Van Norman. Text: 23rd Psalm. Internment in Fairview Cemetery.

Elizabeth Wilcox, the daughter of Lewis and Annie Wilcox was born in Birmingham, Ala., October 22, 1886 and departed this life July 28, 1957 at the age of 70 years, 10 months and 6 days in the home of her sister, Mrs. Birdie Wilcox of Akron, Ohio. She was married to Thomas Hudson in the fall of 1902. No children were born to this union. He preceded her in death.

After the Lord saved her she lived for God. Years afterward she was called to preach and continued in the service of God until death. Her last words were used in preaching to a neighbor woman telling her she was ready to die and exhorting the woman to do the same.

She leaves to mourn her passing 2 sisters: Mrs.

Adella Kingsberry and Mrs. Birdie Henderson of Akron, Ohio, many saints and friends.

The funeral was preached by Bro. Henry Chaney assisted by D. A. Gibson and Sis. Ada Davis. Text: Mark 14:8. The internment was at the Glendale Cemetery.

PRAYER REQUESTS

I am a widow lady. I am writing that God's children will agree with me for my needs. Also please pray that the Lord will heal my body. I would like to get letters from the saints. Mary E. Zipps, 1105 S. Central, Hamlin, Texas.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

We wish to take this means of thanking everyone who had a part in helping to get us a new car for the gospel work. By the Lord's help and your prayers we expect to use it to the glory of God.

Words seem to fail us to know how to express our thankfulness to God, and everyone who had a part in making it possible that we could have this wonderful gift, a new car. May the Lord richly bless and reward each and every one.

Your brother and sister contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, Darius, Evelyn and Samuel Gibson.

Dear Saints,—We want to thank each one of you for your prayers in behalf of Dwayne when he fell. Words cannot express our thankfulness in knowing so many were praying for him. We feel it is surely a miracle that he is with us today as he could have so easily been killed. We need your prayers as we desire to rear our children for the Lord. Delbert, and Beulah Mae Flynn.

Dear Bro. Pruitt and Saints,—Truly I'm glad for Jesus and how He is helping me. The little widow I wrote about in last month's paper is receiving a good check and she is being helped now. I feel I should be honest and send this in. She got her check in Aug. she told us.

I do appreciate what you have done for these three children and widow. I'm sure God will bless you! The sister is feeling much better now. Pray for me and my home.

Edith Melvin.

NOTICE

The Lord has burdened me to get our pastor, Bro. M. Spears, a car, who needs it very much, through the help and cooperation of the saints.

Those who will help me in this undertaking, as I am a widow woman, will be appreciated very much, and God will bless you.

We would like to get it within the next thirty days. Please send your offerings to our treasurer, Sis. Florence Perkins, 838 E. 8th St., Okla. City, Okla., or to the undersign. Irma Allen, 1018 S. W. 5th St., Okla. City, Okla.

"THE BEAUTIFUL WAY" PAPER OFFER

Sometimes I am surprised to hear some say they have never read a "Beautiful Way" paper. They said they thought it was just for children. It is a paper written to boys and girls mostly at the age of 9 to 12 years of age, yet children who are younger love to have it read to them and enjoy it very much. Young people tell me they love to read it. We want to encourage young people to read it and those who

are young in the faith or have just given their hearts to the Lord. We give forth Bible truths in a simple manner and it will be a blessing to you. Precious truths are presented in story form or in parables just as Jesus brought forth some of the deep things in parables.

Some grown people have been convicted and saved through reading "The Beautiful Way" paper. One Catholic woman got saved through reading its simple truths. We do thank the Lord for the truths that have been stamped on the minds of our boys and girls through the reading of its contents.

We have made an offer to the boys and girls that we will give them a book mark for each subscription they will send to "The Beautiful Way" paper. We extend this offer to any one else that will send us a subscription and mention this offer. The subscription price is sixty cents a year. That means you will have a paper for each Sunday in the year although we mail them to you thirteen papers at a time, or each quarter of the year.

We feel that each Sunday school should have these papers to give to their classes even though you do not use them to study from. We make a special rate to the Sunday school classes when they are all sent to one address. It is forty cents each year in quantities of five or more subscriptions to one address.

Many of our older saints write us about how much they enjoy "The Beautiful Way" paper and its truths. If you want a sample copy, just write us and we will be glad to send you one.

Let us be workers for Jesus and spread the simple truths that Jesus taught. Subscribe today for your grandchildren, neices or nephews also for grandparents who like to read. Do it now before you forget it. Mention the book mark and we will be happy to mail it to you. —Mrs. Marie Miles.

Campmeeting Reports

The Annual Campmeeting of the Church of God at Bakersfield, California began on Friday, Aug. 2, 1957 and continued 10 days. Some things here in this campmeeting were very outstanding. There were a number of seekers at the altar of prayer. On one night it was estimated that 75 sought the Lord. On that night God's spirit came down in real Pentecostal power wherever they could find a place to kneel down. There was more conviction here than I ever saw before; such weeping before God. Hearts were actually melted down. The final outcome was estimated to be over 150 souls saved during this campmeeting.

The preaching of the gospel was definite and radical with much love and anointing. I have known this truth for nearly 60 years and never heard it any better than was preached here. I know it's a custom to say this but the opinion was generally conceded to be the best in years.

There were a goodly number of ministers present to expound God's eternal Word. I would say that perfect love was manifested throughout the camp. Not a jar or discord was felt during the entire 10 day's meeting. God's saints were so blessed in this meeting we were reluctant to leave. Much rejoicing was mani-

festated all the way through. Saints let us continue on to the end. God's truth will do all it is claimed to do. False spirits can not operate among a God spirit filled church. They can not find a place to sow sporeous doctrines.

May God bless us in living for Him during the coming year so we can have another real Pentecost. E. M. Zinn, 604 N. Juanita Ave., Redondo Beach, Calif.

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The Annual Campmeeting of the Church of God held at Guthrie, Okla. each year has been recorded in God's great book. Although the campmeeting costs much effort and sacrifice yet it is only an expression of God's continued love and mercy toward his creation. As usual the meeting was well attended and many expressed themselves as having enjoyed it very much. From beginning to end the approval of the Lord was upon the service. Certainly the presence of the Lord was felt as the saints assembled from time to time. The Lord also smiled upon us by sending a nice rain and cooler weather.

Two large coolers were installed in the women's dormitory. The ordinances of feet-washing and the Lord's supper were observed and a goodly number followed the Lord in baptism.

We are looking forward to another gathering of the saints in the Assembly Meeting should the Lord delay His coming. O. C. Porter.

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The Seventh Annual Campmeeting at Myrtle, Missouri is now on record in heaven. A number of saints attended the meeting for their first time. The Lord surely did anoint the ministers in preaching of the Word. A number of souls made their way to the altar and got saved, sanctified, and received healing to their bodies. There was much rejoicing on the campground. It was good to see the people leave the campground with victory and courage in their hearts to walk with God. We truly thank and praise our God for His mercy and love to us all and the dear saints that labored in this meeting.

May God bless everyone, Saints at Myrtle.

SAPULPA ROAD MEETING NOTICE

Since the campmeetings are over the congregation on the Sapulpa Road will resume their custom of having All-Day Services each fifth Sunday, beginning Sept. 29th.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

TO NATIONAL CAMPGROUND LOT LEASEHOLDERS

Most of the lots on the National campground at Monark Springs, Mo, were leased to various persons during the years of 1940-41 at the price of \$10 per lot for 99-year lease. During the intervening time a few of the lessees have never been on the grounds or made any improvements on their lots. A few other leaseholders have not been to the campmeeting for many years and the trustees have lost contact with them. At the present time there are saints who would like to purchase the leases on these lots for the purpose of building cabins thereon. Therefore, at the business meeting of the last campmeeting a resolution was passed requesting all the leaseholders who are not interested in the campmeeting or do not intend to make use of their lots to contact the trustees with the intention of sell-

ing the lots to the saints who want to build cabins, and if there is no response by next campmeeting, that the trustees would have the right to dispose of the lots as they see fit, with the provision that all claimants thereafter would be paid the actual cost of their holdings. The lease contract provides that a lot and improvements cannot at any time be sold for more than the actual cost.

If you want to sell your lot, fill out the lease contract in favor of the Church of God National Campground Trustees, sign your name, forward it to the undersigned trustee, and a check will be sent to you in the amount of the cost price of \$10.00. If you do not respond by next campmeeting, the forfeiture of title will be considered. L. D. Pruitt, Sec.-Tres., 1116 W. Wash., Guthrie, Okla.

Testimonies

Mo.—Dear Young People,—I'm truly thankful today that I'm saved, sanctified and encouraged to live for the Lord! He has done so much for me that I can never thank Him enough. On Tuesday, Aug, 27, my sister was driving to work. She pulled out on the highway and ran into the side of a car. The Lord protected us and we didn't even feel a jolt or anything. None of us were hurt and we do thank the Lord for it.

I also thank the Lord for healing my headaches during the Myrtle Campmeeting. During Tuesday and Wednesday nights of the meeting I would take a headache about night service time which would last until I went to sleep. I asked the Lord to heal me and Thursday night and on through the meeting I didn't have another headache. Thank the Lord.

I desire your prayers that I'll ever stay where the Lord would have me.

Christian love,

Cynthia Miller.

Oregon—Greetings in Jesus' precious name,—The dear Lord has lead me to write another testimony of my glorious salvation. I truly thank the Lord for His saving and keeping power. Since my first testimony, I have been baptized and sanctified, and called into the ministry to preach the true Word of God. I am endeavoring to follow the Lord in everything He tells me to do, no matter how little a job it might be. Never in my life did I ever have the desire to be a minister. This was the one thing I absolutely did not want to do and even tried to talk my way out of it. The Lord made me to remember my promise to Him and made me prove that promise to Him also. When I got saved, I promised God I would follow him anywhere and do anything He might tell me to do. I have had to prove that promise in several ways.

Now, praise God, I have the desire and willingness to be the minister God wants me to be. I praise the Lord for the writing of Mattie Daniels in the July, 1957, "Faith and Victory." It is truly a blessing to me, and I believe all ministers and gospel workers should earnestly read that writing.

The Lord has revealed to me several different kinds of discouragements that are going to come my way. When I meet up with some form of discouragement, I am just that much more encouraged to do what the Lord wants me to do. If people do not want to accept the messages God gives through me, they are not accepting God's Word. I am going to say what the Lord gives me to say, regardless. Not just part but all my trust is in God.

I had three teeth pulled and God was with me and has healed my gums. My faith was definitely tested through it all. Now I am trusting in God for my eye sight. I have worn glasses for twenty years but I took my glasses off and I truly believe God is going to give me perfect eyesight. My faith is being tested in different ways through this but I am certainly not going to give in to the enemy because I have faith and confidence in God. The Lord told me to write this testimony, so it is not written of my own accord.

May the Lord bless you all is my prayer.

A sister in Christ,

Beverly Wattenbarger.

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La.—Dear Saints of God,—I have been reading the "Faith and Victory" since early in 1955. I really love to read it. It fills my soul with joy when I read about God's love. I see where prayer has done so much for others. I believe it will do the same for me. I can't be with you all in meeting but I am with you in spirit.

I have a special request for prayer. I have a goiter on the right side of my neck. I don't want an operation. The doctor told me to go to the hospital. But since reading the "Faith and Victory" paper about the healings that are being done through prayer, I decided to write and ask the prayers of all the saints at Guthrie and elsewhere to please pray for me that this goiter will pass away. I believe that the Lord can do it. May the Lord help you to continue the great work that you are doing for Him. I send love to all the saints.

Yours for Christ,

Mrs. H. Brown.

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Calif.—Dear Saints of God, Greetings in Jesus' precious name.—Today finds me yet saved and encouraged to press on for God. I would like to tell an experience to the glory of God. About seven months ago my nerves collapsed. This had a severe affect on my eyes. One eye became paralyzed and the other so large and abnormal until people had a tendency to stare at me. I tried to wear dark glasses but didn't like them, so eventually I took them off. The condition of my eyes grew so serious until I had to start cooking the evening meal at 12:00 p. m. in order to have it ready on time. I could only see a very short distance. A doctor told me I would lose the use of my eyes and become completely paralyzed. I refused to accept what he said because I know that my Heavenly Father is Almighty. All things are possible with God. I did not feel that He would permit me to be blind the rest of my life. So my trust was in God knowing that He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

The enemy tried so many times to discourage me. If I should at any time make preparation to attend church services, old Satan would try to hinder. I remember one particular time I got ready for services. When I got in the car to drive I couldn't see the double line on the highway. I prayed, letting God know that my trust was in Him. A police car drove up and started down the highway. I then had an idea as to where the double line was on the highway. I arrived to church safely. In church it seemed there were heads on top of heads.

Reading was very difficult for me. I remained in this serious condition for six or seven months. My faith was definitely in God and was getting some better. I had very severe headaches. I felt like the Lord wanted me to tell others besides the saints of how He was blessing me. I remember walking into the grocery store

one day and broke some bottles not seeing them. Everytime I went back to the store I felt impressed to tell the lady, also witness to others, how my eyes had improved. I told her of how I had prayed. People were really surprised. I told it every opportunity I had. I didn't accept what the devil had to offer but stood on the Word of God. God has healed me and I'm am thankful.

Truly it means much to have salvation. I'm glad for the privilege I have of serving God who is so wonderful. He has been so good to me. Time or space does not permit me to tell all the many blessings of the Lord. "Is it true that every sickness may be laid at Jesus feet? All my trouble care and sorrow, and I rest in joy complete? Yes, my brother, every sadness, If by faith to Him you pray, He'll remove with tender mercy, for he's just the same today."

I desire your prayers that I'll ever be faithful in doing what the Lord requires of me.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Viola Carter.

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Tenn.—Greetings to all of the readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper. I felt lead to write my testimony for the glory of God. I want to give Him all the glory and praise for all good and perfect gifts come from our heavenly Father. We can be sure he careth for the ones who will live for him, and too, he loves the ones that don't love or live for Him.

I thank God for giving me another opportunity to attend the campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. this year. I truly thank and praise the dear Lord for it. I enjoyed every good thing that was said and done in the name of Jesus. I surely was benefited by going. I felt like God was with us and provided a way for us to go. He gave us all a safe trip; my sister, my son, Doug, and myself.

On our way back home we had car trouble. I want to tell this for the glory of God. The transmission tore up in our car. It was on Sunday when we came into a town in Arkansas about five-hundred miles away from home. We couldn't go any farther. A young boy drove up and stopped. He asked us if he could help us and my boy told him, "No, to push won't do any good." I just know God had a hand in all of it. The boy wanted to help us. He pushed us a little ways to a garage off the highway. They finally found a machinist to fix it. Bro. Erle Forbes was going to Tullahoma with us so I thank God for him. He was so cheerful all through the day and was a real blessing to us. We were only delayed three or four hours.

I knew it was going to cost us a lot and I was short of money. I only had about \$51.00 and a little change. I was really calling upon God. I was comforted. I knew the Lord would supply our need as I walked in the garage where the car was being fixed. I opened my pocketbook and took out a little book of Matthew. Well, it open to the 6th chapter of Matt. where it tells us not to take thought for our life and how God careth for the fowls of the air; how he feeds them. He asks us if we are not much better than they. The dear Lord encouraged my heart more by these precious words. I knew my heavenly Father was talking to me too.

When the car was finished it was \$45.80 so I had \$5.00 to buy gas and oil for the car to go five hundred miles or more on home. I didn't know just how God would supply but I knew He would. The dear brother that rode with us to Tullahoma gave me enough to buy gas to go on home. The Lord gave us a safe trip on

the rest of the way. I thank God for the trial of faith. My desire is to please the Lord. I feel so little and unworthy of his goodness to me. May the Lord encourage each child of God and help us to have more faith in a living God.

A blood-washed sister,

Mrs. Elnora Clayton.

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Oklahoma.—Dear Saints,—I am writing to add my testimony of God's wonderful healing power. About four years ago I had a stomach ailment. The doctor said if I did not have an operation I would die within six weeks. I thank the Lord for being alive and in better health than for fifteen years.

I was so bad for two years I had to use a stomach pump 2 to 6 times ever 24 hours. I kept on trusting God but seemed to get no relief. One evening a brother came to see me at my place and I said to him, "Excuse me a few minutes so I can pump my stomach." He said I would not need to do that. I said, "What then?" He said to trust God. I said, "Do you believe God will heal?" He said, "I sure do." I said, "I do too." He said, "I am going to prayer meeting tonight and I will come by and you can go with me." I said, "All right." I went with him and two brethren anointed my head with oil and prayed. The healing power of God went through my body like electricity. It has been more than two years and thank the good Lord I have never used the stomach pump any more. I can eat any and everything. My stomach does not even sour. I thank the good Lord for His goodness and healing power. I hope someone may get a blessing out of this.

Your brother in the Lord,

J. E. Sharum.

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Mo.—Dear Saints of God,—I feel like the dear Lord would have me to write a testimony how he has blessed me in His labor and love for Him. I enjoyed the Monark Springs Campmeeting. It was a taste of heaven.

My work for the dear Lord was on the way down there and back. We stopped on the road side parks and read to people and told them about our dear Jesus. I read in "In Memory of Little Jo Beth" to the children and gave out tracts. At one service station three young boys and one older one were working. I had given all the tracts I had away so I told them about Jesus, how Jesus loves the soul, about the horror of Hell (Luke 16th chapter) and the beauty of heaven. The older boy asked me to pray for him. I am still praying for them. As we came back they were not open yet but I put tracts and a book in front of the door.

Again on the way back the car seemed to have something wrong with it. Bro. Burk stopped the car and trailer by the side of the highway. There was a family with children living by the highway. It was a very pitiful home. I asked the mother if I could read and pray. She told me I could. We read and prayed and warned her of the wrath of God on the disobedient to God and his Word. We told her that Jesus had gone and prepared a home in heaven for those that love Him. We were there about all day by the highway. Bro. Burk walked to town to get help. Sis. Burk and I stayed at the car.

That evening the dear Lord sent some strangers to us. They took us home with them. He pulled the car and trailer with his car to their home. They gave us a nice supper and was so nice to us. Bro. Burk got up early and fixed the car.

When I go in homes not knowing about them, I know the dear Lord will take care of us. He took care of

Daniel in the lion's den and the three Hebrew children in the fiery furnace. He is just the same yesterday, today, and forever.

When we were nearing home there were many people working on the highway. I did not have any tracts so I got a woman to take me back there the next morning. I had the tracts ready and the dear Lord did help me to put them out. We told one man that held the stop sign about Jesus and gave him the "Faith and Victory" paper to read. He had already picked up some of the tracts. So many people don't know what the church is (read Eph. 1:22, 23).

When I got home the dear Lord had work for me to do. My neighbor had a blood clot. The dear Lord helped me to pray the prayer of faith. A little boy had a bad throat also a very bad color. The dear Lord healed him.

While I was praying one morning I had a severe hurting inside. I could hardly stay on my knees. I got up by faith and got the hoe and sharpened it and cut big weeds and grass. Thank God for His healing power. I thought it wonderful when sometime ago he set my bones.

Prayer is a wonderful gift of God which comes from the heart and goes to the throne of God. I visit in homes, read and pray, and go to visit sick people. I tell them if they don't want me to tell me. It would not offend me. I would pray more for them. There are some here when they need help and get in trouble they come for me for they know that the dear Lord hears and answers my prayers.

I am thankful for a promise of a home in heaven. I love Jesus. He has revealed to me souls he has helped me to win for him. "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Cor. 2:9). The dear Lord has taken good care of my soul and body for over thirty five years. I have always prayed much. Next month if the Lord spares my life I will be seventy-four years old. There is not a friend like Jesus. His promises are sweet to his trusting children.

Pray for me, Sister Mary Whitmore.

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Calif.—Dear Saints, Greetings to all the saints everywhere.—It was most wonderful how the Lord gave us strength to make the trip to Monark and back without getting tired. We sang songs all along the way and really had a wonderful trip. I watched Sister Vera Forbes get her papers and tracts all ready for a chance to throw them out by the road side. I enjoyed watching her trying to get the truth to someone that might need help. Truly that is her calling. I know she will be rewarded for her every effort.

When I think of arriving in Guthrie and meeting the saints there at the "Lord's Print Shop," I am made to rejoice. I have always wanted to visit the printing office there, so this time I was able to go through and look at the machinery. Also we had free access to a variety of tracts for which we were thankful to get. I appreciate their hospitality and I want to go again and stop over for a visit, the Lord willing.

Your sister, Annie McKinney.

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La.—To the Saints scattered abroad,—We greet you again in Jesus' dear name. It has been some time since we have reported through this paper, but we have thought of and prayed for all the dear saints many times and especially for the sick and afflicted ones. I'm sure

all of us can say the Lord has been good to us. He keeps us saved and very much encouraged to go all the way with Him. We love his service and as time rolls on it seems we get more joy and real satisfaction out of it. Heaven is our goal and with His help we expect to see the end of a Christian life and the inside of heaven.

It is almost a year since we testified through this paper and is over a year since I took my last trip in the gospel work, when several of us attended the 1956 Monark Campmeeting and one day of the Guthrie meeting. Because the saints down here were being persecuted quite severely we felt we should come home. A few days after our return, Aug. 16, I took down with a very severe case of typhoid fever and with a bad relapse. I was confined to my bed and room for several months. On Dec. 26 we moved to ourselves and with God's help we managed to care for ourselves with some outside help. The saints were so precious to us through it all with their presence, prayers and means. And while I still suffer with some after effects of that long continued high fever I am gradually gaining strength and preach some. We do what we can for the Lord around here. The Lord has been my great healer for over 40 years. During the worst of this sickness I thought how wonderful and sweet it was to have the privilege of trusting Him. Praise His dear name!

Bro. Key hasn't been out in the work much during this time. I feel he can leave me and go when he feels so led, now. We moved back to our little home, out of Loranger a few miles, about the middle of July, soon after our campmeeting closed, as I'm able to drive several miles at a time now. Our campmeeting was good. We feel there was some permanent spiritual work done.

We would be glad to hear from any one who feels led to write to us. Pray for us to have grace in every trial.

Yours in His service, Ray and Katherine Key
Route 1, Loranger, La.

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Mo.—Greetings to the Saints of God,—I wish to send in my testimony telling the saints how the Lord protected me a short time ago. I was working at a lady's house last Friday. I was up stairs cleaning and changing her beds. I started to take her sheets and pillow cases down stairs. I got down three steps from the top stairs, when I fell head first down fifteen steps. I said, "Lord help me," and he did wonderfully. When I got down to the bottom of the steps the Lord just whirled me right around those banisters. I truly do thank the dear Lord that all I received was bad bruises.

My dear friend was very good to me. She got a pillow and said for me to lay still and straighten out. I did and in about five or six minutes I was up and went back to work. I worked until 1:20 and I had to stop. She told me to lay down and rest awhile. I did until my husband came after me. She said, "Let me get somebody." I said, "No, I will be all right in a few minutes." I didn't want them to take me to the hospital. I want to thank all of the dear saints for their prayers that went up to God for me. He has answered prayer. I give God all the praise for it. Some people says miracles are past. No they are not. That was one of God's miracles performed for me. I know because, he kept me from getting any broken bones. I am just doing fine but I have to be very careful how I walk or step.

Your sister in Christ,

Sister Will Allen.

Oklahoma.—Dear saints,—I am saved and sanctified and satisfied in the work of the Lord. Praise His wonderful name! I was living in Alberta, Canada when I was saved in 1931, and ever since that time I have lived like the Bible reads as much as I know how. I have had a hard time but the Lord has brought me through.

Praise His name, He has done so much for me! In 1948 I came to Oklahoma to visit my sister, Mrs. Isabell Sanders, and there I met the saints, who are my people. I was very glad to meet them, for I had been told that there were no people in the earth who live like my husband and I. God has given us grace to live right even when alone in a spiritual sense. My heart and mind are all in the work of the Lord. His Word is sweet to me and I feel like going on for Him. Pray for me.

Your servant in the Lord, Sister Nancy Jones.

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Kansas.—Dear saints, greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus,—This morning finds me much encouraged to let him direct my path. My faith is truly in Jesus from day to day. It is truly a wonderful peace just to know that we are safe under the shadow of Jesus.

The dear Lord wonderfully healed me of an injured back and knee which was hurt on the job at the Ozark Smelter in Coffeyville, Kansas. I also received other hurts from the enemy since that time but God has stood by me. I wrote a letter to a dear saint concerning my suffering and she sent me an anointed cloth. Each night before going to bed I would read some Scripture and then would lie down and apply the anointed cloth on the injured places, which were quickly healed. Then I applied the cloth to my injured back and knee (I thought I would never have any more use of them). God did a complete work and healed them all. I give Him all the praise and honor and do appreciate the prayers of the dear saints.

Pray that I keep the faith. I do not mean to make any peace with the enemy. I felt much uplifted this morning after reading Hab. 2:4. —Johnny Williams

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JEFFERSON, OREGON ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Oregon Assembly Meeting will begin (the Lord willing) November 8th to the 17th inclusive. It will be held on the saint's campground on Hazel St., one block south and one block east of the Greyhound bus terminal. Anyone coming by train may call from Albany either Sister Hilda Nielson (Phone FAirfax 7-2564) or Bro. Naoh White (Phone FAirfax 7-2317).

The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. Sleeping quarters and meals will be served to all who come. We are praying and trusting the Lord to send Spirit filled ministers of His choosing to preach the whole Word of God to the saving of sinners, sanctifying of believers, healing of the sick, and the blessing of all spiritually. All are invited. Pray for the meeting whether you come or not.

For further information write Bro. Naoh White, Jefferson, Oregon, or Sister Emma Busch, Rt. 2, Box 206, Scio, Oregon.

In Christian love, Albert W. Nielson.

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A lot of so-called Christians are like wheelbarrows—not good unless pushed.

Some are like canoes—they need to be paddled.

Some are like kites—if you don't keep a string on them they fly away.

SOME BENEFITS OF NOT WEARING A NECKTIE

By A Methodist Preacher

I have saved much valuable time and annoyance the past 33 years by not having to put on or remove these neck ornaments.

Again, I have saved perhaps \$100.00 in money by not adhering to this worldly custom. So that this might be given to a good cause, I have used it to keep a native worker in the mission field for two years.

Another blessing has been mine: It has served as a cross by which the "world is crucified unto me and I unto the world." This crucifixion process is an excellent thing to spoil pride and vain glory.

Some excellent brethren, however prefer to be excused from bearing this plain cross, not realizing that they will also be excused from sharing the blessings that belong to those who willingly lay aside this fussy display of cloth neck bands, various colored four-in hands, attractive collar frontlets and many other cumbersome paraphernalia of this fast age. These careful brethren who do not want to offend worldlings by being so plain in dress, manage to keep their consciences easy by persuading themselves into believing it is wrong to be so odd and different from other people.

"The Lord has chosen thee to be a peculiar people." Deut. 14:2.

"Not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts" 1 Peter 1:14.

"Be not conformed to this world."

"Purify unto himself a peculiar people." Titus.

"God's heritage (people) is unto him as a speckled bird!" Jer. 12:9.

According to these and other Scriptures, we learn that there should be a peculiarity about God's children that will easily distinguish them from the world.

Lastly, I have the consolation of having lived up to my church vow. "Will you forever lay aside ALL superfluous ornaments?" This sacred vow, taken in the presence of saints and sinners, is as binding to me as when I first made it, 33 years ago. Also God's blessings are as copious now as when I first separated myself unto Him, and His smiles more than counteract all the sneers of the giddy world, and I go singing with the poet, "Oh my cross, my helpful cross, I gladly bear, and lo! with wings I rise up to the skies; my cross, it lifts me so."

Other good reasons can be cited for discarding this popular cosmopolitan idol, but it is hoped this will be sufficient to relieve anyone from being considered a fanatic, who may choose to keep his church vow, and to use his time and his money for a better purpose.

GOSSIP

TALEBEARING

The copperhead snake can by a single contact inject enough poison to seep through the whole being and produce death physically in a short time, unless that poison is gotten rid of quickly!

The talebearer can by a single contact inject enough poison to seep through the whole being and

produce death—death of the love of the brethren, and death of the peace with yourself—unless that poison is gotten rid of quickly!

A man delivered eggs to a certain one of his congregation on a Saturday afternoon. So many things were told him about the inconsistencies of the church people that he lost confidence in them and had no peace with himself. He went home and told his wife. She told him not to talk about it anymore.

He couldn't go to church services feeling as he did Sunday morning. He about decided to stay at home. But he prayed until he prayed through. He got the victory and went to meeting. He learned a lesson from it:—COPPERHEAD.

From what mould were you cast that you received knowledge to understand everyone's motive and the why and wherefore of their actions?

How many pairs of shoes can you wear at one time?

How many door steps have you swept today?

If you are such a perfect specimen of humanity that you never make any mistakes and you have never done any wrong that you had to make right, then go ahead and talk; you wouldn't have any poison to inject.

This isn't saying to compromise; for there is a place where condemnation ends and compromising begins; but stay in that place in the middle. That is what we will do if we aren't copperheads.

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What Is Man and His Duty to God?

Man is God's most valued creation. God valued him so highly that he created him in his own image and likeness and created the beautiful Garden of Eden where He put him with his wife. This shows that man belongs to God by creation.

Then came along that old serpent the devil and beguiled Eve. Eve gave to Adam and he did eat, and they fell from the glorious heavenly state by their disobedience to God. So God put them out of the garden. To the man was given the word that he would in the sweat of his face eat bread till he should return unto the ground. To the woman, God said, "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception, in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children, and thy desire shall be to thy husband and he shall rule over thee."

We can see plainly that by their disobedience they displeased God, and he told them that they would surely die. This was a spiritual death, not a natural death.

God made plans to redeem man from his fallen state. First he gave the Mosaic law, that man might be redeemed in type by the blood of bulls and goats and heifers. This method proved to be displeasing to God, and He made a new and living way by giving his only begotten Son on the cross of Calvary that all mankind might be saved from carnality and sinful nature inherited from Adam. In order to be redeemed man "must be born again," said Jesus.

Now we have been born once, a natural birth, then Jesus says, "Ye must be born again," which is

a spiritual birth. In order to be born again, we must be regenerated. After this regeneration, we again belong to God.

After man's fall, God pronounced also natural death on him. After his fall, man is conceived in iniquity. He is a sinner by nature, and we are sinners by practice until this new birth takes place. After we have repented and been born again, God gives us his commandments, writing them in our hearts, telling us how to walk and live a Christian life all the days of our life this side of eternity.

Some people claim that the inward man is clean but the outward man is sinful. In Luke 11:40 we read, "Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also?"

Luke 11:35, "Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness." Verse 36, "If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light."

Luke 12:49-52, "I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled? But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished! Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay: but rather division: For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three."

James 1:12, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

James 1:16-18, 21, 22, 27, "Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 2:10, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." James 3:8-11, "But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless ye God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?"

James 4:7-10, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the

sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." Verse 17, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 5:19, "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know that, he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

1 Peter 1:15, "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. And if ye call upon the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers, but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil," 1 Peter 3:12.

We realize that there are two natures in man: the carnal nature that we inherit from the fall of Adam and Eve in the garden (and by their fall God pronounced death naturally and spiritually and then made a way through the blood of his Son for our redemption from the spiritual death). Under the Mosaic law it was required of man to make sacrifices in burnt offerings to God for their sin. They were carnal, and the Word says the carnal mind is an enemy to God. Now God gave his own Son as a sacrifice on the cross of Calvary for the sins of the whole world once and for all and made these provisions, saying, "Ye must be born again, not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible." When Christ was crucified on the cross and was buried, he arose again from the grave and became a living Savior. He walked and talked with his disciples. Then he told them that he would not leave them comfortless, but he would pray the Father to send them another Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost. He would live and dwell in their hearts.

If we obey God's commandments, he, the Holy Ghost, will come in and take up his abode in our hearts if we have put away carnality from our lives. Some people cannot understand sanctification because of the false doctrines they listen to. It is an awful wrong to listen to false teachers that preach lies that lead men to hell. Sanctification is the cleansing of our hearts of that carnal nature, making us clean inside and out that the Holy Ghost can enter in and take up his abode and make our hearts his kingdom. He told his disciples that his kingdom is not of this world, but His kingdom is "within you."

Now if we refuse to give the Holy Ghost a dwelling place in our lives, then we can truthfully say that old Satan has that place occupied and we refuse to cast him out and let the Holy Ghost in. We cannot serve two masters. The Word says, "Choose ye this day whom you will serve." Some will say, "Oh, I know we ought to live a good life, but this old outward man is mean. He has that Adamic nature yet. We can't keep him from sinning." I tell you of a truth that

just such lies are what is leading men and women to hell. For the Word of God says, from within a man proceed the issues of life. I ask, how much evil would a man do after his heart stops beating? I say NONE! He will be a good boy.

Oh, brother, search the Scriptures with an open and prayerful heart, asking God for wisdom instead of listening to some false teacher; for the Word says if the blind be leaders of the blind, they will both fall into the ditch. The modern churches of today are seeking to please their congregations instead of the Lord. The word Holy Ghost is seldom ever mentioned. The preachers seem to be afraid he will scare the members so badly that they will stop supporting him with their tithes and he would not get his big salary for preaching. Paul said that he did not charge for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, because it would take the power out of the Gospel if he did. He worked with his own hands in order not to be a burden to any. I am sure that Paul was a preacher far ahead of the D. D.'s of today. Most of them would not preach if they had to work.

—J. T. Roberts.

TYPES

The crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection of Christ to a glorified body is typical of our dying out to sin and going on to perfection. It is a type of dying out to all sin, committed and inherited, to walk in newness of life and into the "more abundant life." This more abundant life, experienced in sanctification, can only come through a more abundant death.

Christ not only tasted death for our actual sins, but also to purify us from Adam's sin. By this, Christ becomes a type and figure of the "old man" going through a process of complete death to illustrate to us how we must die out to the "old man" (sinful life) and also to the "body of sin" (Adam's body of flesh, or carnal nature).

When it is stated that the "old man" is crucified with Him, it is to help us see that the old creature is crucified with Christ, that the new creature might arise into newness of life.

"Rom. 6:6, "Our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed." Please note carefully the "old man" and the "body of sin"— the "old man" crucified; the "body of sin" destroyed.

Now notice how Jesus' death brought about two sheddings of blood—one while he was crucified, bleeding, and yet not dead; the other after his death when the blood ran out from his side. The blood from his head, hands, and feet symbolizes what manner of cleansing his first loss of blood typified: the feet as our former life when we walked according to the course of this world; his nail pierced hands as our wicked works; and his head wet with blood to show we were alienated and enemies in our minds. Col. 1:21, 22.

And all this suffering did Christ endure that our "old man" be crucified to make an end to the "body of sin." This body is logically explained as the indwell-

ing sin, which lies dormant and is finally destroyed in sanctification. To make complete this cleansing and make the work effectual, the second outpouring of blood is needed to sanctify the heart.

In the layout and plan of the sanctuary of the Old Testament, both compartments had an application of blood—the entrance into the holy place and the entering into the holiest. Once a year the entrance into the most holy was made, not without blood, showing that blood had to be applied again to make the corners thereunto perfect. Heb. 10:19.

The first shedding of blood while Christ was yet alive was for those sins we are responsible for; the blood which emptied out of His side after complete death of the body, to purify from Adam's nature and sanctify His people.

Turn to the law and the prophets and see a type of the two-fold cleansing blood—one to be sprinkled for the "old man," the other for the "body of sin."

Lev. 5:9, "And he shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin offering upon the side of the altar, and the rest of the blood shall be wrung out at the bottom of the altar."

The old man and body of sin is also typified in the case of the Philistine in 1 Sam. 17:54. The giant as the old man is first laid dormant by a stone, then destroyed by a sword. Examine carefully the case of the Philistine, that it speaks of two slayings: one where the stone slew him, the other where the sword slew him. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

Again notice the cutting away of the body of flesh, or the fleshly carnal nature, as in the case of every circumcised child. The evidence of an operation of God is typically explained in the circumcision of the child on the eighth day. The child born in the Jewish family by virtue of birth, becomes a member, but must undergo a complete tarrying of seven days before he can become eligible for the cutting away of the flesh. A proper growth of the child must first take place before it can experience a suffering of this kind with a loss of blood. This cutting away of the foreskin brings suffering, but it is necessary for a bodily cleansing, which symbolizes the circumcision of the heart from the carnal body of sin. "He that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin." It is a process hard to die out to in which the flesh shrinks. "In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the BODY of the sins of the FLESH by the circumcision of Christ."

"And you being dead in your sins (the unjustified state) and the uncircumcision of your flesh (the fleshly nature) hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven all your trespasses." Col. 2:11, 13.

The sign of our spiritual circumcision or cleansing of the fleshly nature is the seal that the work is completed by the Holy Ghost. This last cleansing is sealed by the Holy Ghost and preserves unto the day of redemption.

Before Abraham was circumcised he became the Father of all believers, though they were not yet circumcised. And this Abraham, as pertaining to the flesh had not found perfection of heart when his sins were covered, only he believed God and was justified by the righteousness of faith. Then he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised, which circumcision for us today depicts our perfection by the removal of the body of sin. —S. D.

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Master, where shall I work today—

And my love flowed warm and free.

Then he pointed me out a tiny spot

And said, "Tend that for me."

I answered quickly, "Oh, not there!

Why no one would ever see

No matter how well my work was done—

Not that little place for me!"

And the word He spoke, it was not stern,

He answered me tenderly:

"Ah, little one, search that heart of thine.

Art thou working for them or me?

Nazareth was but a little place,

And so was Galilee."

—Scl.

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PAUL WRITES TO THE CORINTHIANS

October 6, 1957

Printed Portion: 1 Cor. 1:1-3; 10-15; 21-25.

1 Cor. 1:1. Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

2. Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

3. Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 1:10. Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

11. For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

12. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

13. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

14. I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;

15. Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.

1 Cor. 1:21. For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

22. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

23. But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

24. But unto them which are called, both Jews and

Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.
25. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Memory Verse: I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 1 Cor. 2:2.

Practical Truth: Fellowship between Christians is promoted as they exalt Christ and strive to follow his example and lead others to Him.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

We notice that Paul wrote this letter to "the church of God which is at Corinth." It shows us very plainly that is the name of God's people in the world today. We read in Eph. 3:14, 15, "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." The church is named after the Father, God.

We also notice that he called those who were sanctified, "saints." Some people do not want to be called a saint but that is what the Bible calls God's children. A saint is a holy person.

The contentions among the Corinthians showed a lack of humility. It is a part of the fleshly mind to give undue importance to self with its desires, and even its opinions. It is one thing to hold up the truth and it's another thing to hold it up in the wrong spirit. If a person has the idea of just proving they are right regardless of the other person's feelings, truth itself is in danger of being lost, however, valiantly it may be defended. "The letter killeth but the spirit giveth life."

Christ's coming into the world was an act of divine revelation and had to be accepted. It was not man's idea and therefore it seems foolish to them but to those who believe, it is the power of God unto salvation.

MORAL STANDARDS IN A CHURCH

October 13, 1957

Printed Portion: 1 Cor. 5:6-13; 6:18-20.

1 Cor. 5:6. Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

7. Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

8. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9. I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:

10. Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.

11. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, of any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

12. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within?

13. But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

1 Cor. 6:18. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

19. 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?

20. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Memory Verse: Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, . . . in your body. 1 Cor. 6:19, 20.

Practical Truth: To be in God's church we will proclaim and maintain high moral standards.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

In reading the preceding verses to our lesson it seems the church at Corinth were taking an attitude of bearing with someone among them that had committed fornication. It seemed they even were glorying in the fact that they were being long-suffering. But Paul was rebuking them for this attitude. He told them to get busy and "purge out therefore the old leaven." He wanted them to take appropriate action against the offender. Matt. 18:15-18 also Gal. 6:1 tells us how to take a person before the church and when judgment is passed it is bound in heaven.

Eph. 5:11 Paul says, "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Paul believed the Church of God should not put its approval on those who are guilty of gross sins in a way that others around about would think we considered them one of its members. God wants His people to stand for the highest and best in human life. God's Church is against the evils of drink, gambling, narcotic drugs and all vice. We are not against the person but against the power within the person that causes them to commit these vices.

Those who sin are to be dealt with with love, yet firmness, but if they will not repent it is our duty to let it be known that we do not consider them as one of us so the church will be without reproach.

THE CHRISTIAN MINISTER

October 20, 1957

Printed Portion: 1 Cor. 9:1, 2; 13:23; 26-27.

1 Cor. 9:1. Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord?

2. If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.

1 Cor. 9:13. Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?

14. Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

15. But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.

16. For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

17. For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.

18. What is my reward then? Verily that, when I

preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.

19. For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.

20. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

21. To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law;

22. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

23. And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.

1 Cor. 9:26. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

27. But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Memory Verse: How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? . . . and how shall they hear without a preacher? Romans 10:14.

Practical Truth: The Christian minister is an ambassador of Christ, and should set an example of Christ-like living.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

There is a duty that the minister has toward God and also toward those to whom the Lord has called him to preach. Then there is duty they have toward the minister that preaches and comforts them in the faith through the visits in the home.

Under the old law the Levites and priests lived of the holy things of the temple. The people were commanded to give a tenth to the support of the work of the temple, and of God. In our lesson the apostle Paul plainly teaches us that those who "preach the gospel" are to "live of the gospel." He plainly tells us that "the Lord hath ordained" this. We find in Luke 10:7 that Jesus said, "for the laborer is worthy of his hire." In the verses left out in our lesson Paul says, "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things," Another place Paul says, "I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service." 2 Cor. 11:8. He meant he took the money they gave him to do something for you which should have been used to help those who gave it to him. Many times our ministers do that. Sometimes they are called long distances to pray for the sick or minister in different ways and nothing is given them to help on the expenses and maybe they took the last they had to do it. God will see them through but you are going to be held accountable if you can give and do not. You are not doing your duty and will lose a blessing. You can never outgive the Lord.

THE PROBLEM OF CHRISTIAN FREEDOM

October 27, 1957

Printed Portion: 1 Corinthians, chapter 8.

1 Cor. 8:1. Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

2. And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.

3. But if any man love God, the same is known of him.

4. As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.

5. For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

6. But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

7. Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

8. But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.

9. But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.

10. For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;

11. And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

12. But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.

13. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

Memory Verse: There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Cor. 10:13.

Practical Truth: We should do nothing which will tend to lead others astray.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

In the days when our lesson was written it was believed that most of the meat that was sold on the market was first offered to some idol. It offered a real problem to the saints of God at that time. Our lesson deals with this problem which can be an example to us today to be careful how we act so as not to wound or cause our weak brother to stumble. A weak brother would be one who is newly come into the faith. Eating of the meat would not hurt us but the effect it had on the weak brother would hurt us and we would be held responsible. It would not be right for us to go ahead and do things regardless of our brother's feelings. Apostle Paul says for us to "take heed lest . . . this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak." He warns us that if we sin so against our brother we sin against Christ. We just can't go blundering along and say, "It doesn't hurt my conscience." We must not just live to ourselves but consider our brother. Paul says, "All things may be lawful but all things aren't expedient." In this way we are our brother's keeper. Paul sums up the matter in very forceful language, "If meat makes my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." Surely we should stop and think before we do some things. —Mrs. Marie Miles.