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The Resurrected Bride

A cold dark tomb a prison made,
To One on whom our sins were laid;
The death upon the cruel cross
Had seemed to all a dreadful loss.

The final ray of hope did fade
As Christ within the tomb was laid;
Upon a life of beauty fair,
The sun was sinking everywhere.

But 'mid that vale of bitter tears
The morning light of grace appears,
As from the grave the angels sang.
"He lives, He lives," their chorus rang.

The first begotten of the dead
Has raised a kingdom in His stead,
That has become His chosen bride;
'Twas for her life He freely died.

From depths of sin she heard His voice,
And glad that she was made His choice.
From binding chains of death she came
To live His life and praise His name.

The day of Pentecost we see,
Revealed her faith and purity,
As wondered people heard her tell
Of free salvation's flowing well.

While Jesus stands before the door,
His bride goes forth as ne'er before,
To spread the gospel far and near,
And scatter rays of hope and cheer.

Some day the graves will open wide,
And Christ will take His risen bride
To heaven's home of peace and love,
In Father's bosom up above.

—Leslie Busbee.

God's Church and Men's Churches Contrasted

As we go into this study, let us open our hearts and minds to real truth of the subject. First of all, are there any differences in God's Church and men's? Let us be fair with ourselves and the Word of God. The Bible is the eternal answer. St. John 12:48 says, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." Has God left us to speculate as to the truth concerning His Church? Just believe what you want to, as long as you are sincere? Has he left it to men to hatch up ways and beliefs of their own to live by in this life? Must we simply guess at the truth? No, thank God. "Ye shall know the truth, and the TRUTH shall make you free." This is a question of great importance, one which should not be treated lightly. A discussion once took place over the meaning of a single word. Upon the decision rested the destiny of the WHOLE WORLD. The word in question was "die," and because a wrong interpretation was believed and accepted, Adam and Eve lost paradise, holiness, purity, and eternal life, and reaped sorrow, labor, and death. Eternity alone will reveal the awful consequences.

Dear ones, oh, the importance of right belief! Why? Because what we believe regulates our conscience; conscience regulates our conduct; conduct forms our character; and character fixes our destiny. Truth is an eternal principle; it can never be destroyed. The truth believed will effect our eternal salvation; yes, secure for us an eternal inheritance above. So at the cost of traditions, early teachings we may have imbibed, creeds of men, human dogmas, and ALL the contradictory faiths extant, it will pay to "buy the truth and sell it not."

What, then, is the truth respecting God and His Church? Let us look to the Word of God for the right answer. Matt. 16:18, "And I say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build

my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." We are made aware of the fact that Jesus said he would build a church. In Acts 2:47, we read these words: "Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." We see from these two verses of scripture that Jesus said He would build His church; and then that He adds to it from day to day those that are saved. Christ has a church—one that belongs to him, the one of which he is the head. Eph. 1:22, "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the HEAD over all things to the church, which is HIS BODY, the fullness of him that filleth all in all." We see that Christ is the head of the church and this is his body. So we can find out how many churches Christ has by finding out how many bodies he has. Again we will let the word of God answer. Eph. 4:4 says, "There is ONE body." My friend, this is very plain and easy to be understood. Again we will appeal to the word of God and see if there is anything we can learn about His Church or body. Col. 3:15, "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in ONE BODY; and be ye thankful." Brother, sister, this is what the Apostles believed and taught others and today we are to believe and teach the same thing. Do you think, as some would like for you to, that all the religious beliefs of our time is the Church of God? No, never. We find in the word of God that his people are separate and different from all others. We can't serve God as we please. We must obey HIS word and keep his commandments. He tells us that we must worship him in Spirit and in TRUTH, so when we find in the Bible about the One Body or Church of God, we must believe it as we do any other of His teachings.

I trust that you realize that this world is teeming with false religion and evil spirits which cannot be trifled with without serious risk. Let every reader resolve by the grace of God to keep free from every work and way of the enemy, and stand upon the pure Word of God regardless of everything that might suggest an easier way. The Bible says to "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15.

The Apostle Peter did not tell Simon the sorcerer to pray to the virgin Mary, but pray to God, Acts 8:22. He knew and understood that he had to turn to God to get any help. Neither will you by praying to any man. You will never get into the True Church by joining some man-made church or any other outward rite of men. Jesus says, "I am the door; by me if any man enter in he shall be saved." John 10:9. In Acts 4:12 we read that there is no other name given among men whereby we must be saved. Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3rd chapter, "Ye must be born again." This is the door or way into the sheep fold, or the family of God, which is the Church of the living God. Psalms 87:6 says that "this and that man was born there." We can see from the scripture already referred to that man-made churches have other

modes of entrance; therefore, they are not the true church, but are contrary to it. Dear ones, will you stand before Christ in that day and find you have worked contrary to His will? Now is the time to know the truth. Awake and Christ shall give you light and life.

The one true Church is here in the world in Christ's stead—witnesses and ambassadors to the world for Christ. If the world doesn't see Christ and Christianity in His Church, they have no other to turn to. That is why we are to be "perfect in one" as recorded in Jesus' prayer in John 17. Why? "That the world might believe." The true Church is to be one in name and one in doctrine.

Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." In 2 Tim. 3:16 we read that ALL scripture is given by God and is profitable. When you find people with religion and not taking ALL the word of God, you can say that their religion is vain. If they leave out the new birth, sanctification, healing, unity, and any of the ordinances, that religion is contrary to the true doctrine of Christ.

The burden of this message is to try to bring to your mind the thought that Christ has a Church and only one; it worships Him in spirit and in truth. I cannot reveal it to you, but you must come in contact with God as Peter did in Matt. 16:17. John the Revelator tells us how he saw the Church, the Lamb's wife. Rev. 21:9-10 says he was "carried away in the spirit." If you ever see the Church, you, too, must see it in the spirit and then it will be clear and bright to you even as it was to D. S. Warner when he wrote: "Church of God in heaven written, thine the risen life of Christ, and the treasures to thee given never can be priced. Far above this world's confusion, walking close by Jesus' side, leaning on His loving bosom, is the Church, His chosen bride."

The gospel brings people together and makes them one, but we find that sectism and man's way divides people and makes them of this faith and that faith, yet we find in the Word that there is only "one faith."

Very early in the Christian era the true teachings of Christ and the apostles became corrupted. Some of Christ's teachings were discarded altogether, and human inventions came in and were embraced as though they were true, continuing even to this present time. We must forsake our way and take Jesus' way to be able to make heaven our home when this life is over. Are you willing to forsake vain religion and false ways to be true unto God? Heaven is cheap at any cost. The question is, are you willing to pay the price? Col. 3:15 says that we are called in one body and we are to be thankful. Are you thankful that there is only one Church? Brother, I am very glad and made to rejoice when I think about the body of Christ and how we are all one. It makes no difference if we are in Cuba, America, Africa or any place else, we are placed in the one true body or Church. 1 Cor. 12:13 says, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body."

Some may wonder if this subject is important. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up, . . . will draw all men unto me." When we teach about Christ's Church, which is His body, we are lifting Him up. Consider these few thoughts and the Lord give thee understanding. Yours in the one fold and Christ's service,
—H. K. Griffin

A king of earth had Peter put in jail and to sleep between two soldiers bound with two chains and keepers watch the prison door. The God of heaven and earth sent His angel before the break of day and when he spoke to Peter, Peter's chains fell off. The soldiers slept, but the prison doors opened and Peter went to where the church was gathered: what church? The church of God.

Points On Salvation

The plan of God's salvation surrounds the text found in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." Further we read that it is not the will of God that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9. The gospel call is to all the world, but only those who believe will be saved. Jesus said, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me, and he that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Again, in John 6:44 we read, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him, and I will raise him up at the last day." Then there must be some faith in the heart for God's Spirit to draw us to the Savior. And when we make contact with Him through repentance and faith, peace comes into our hearts, and we rejoice in His love and think we would never want to give it up. Some even go on and are sanctified. Then temptation or provocation comes and some are overcome and commit sin. Of course, the peace and joy is then gone. Some recover themselves quickly as did Peter at the trial of Jesus. Matt. 26:69-75 Others are puzzled for quite a while, not knowing just what to do. There is where the minister needs to step in and help those troubled souls, for all souls are precious.

Some say that they can never get back according to the following scripture: "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance, seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame." Heb. 6:4-6. "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment, and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. Of how much sorer punishment suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God and hath counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace." Heb. 10:26-29. Of course, we do not want any one to backslide, and it is not necessary for people to do so,

as God has provided plenty of grace. Heb. 4:16. But since some do, they need to know just what the Word of God teaches. In these two scriptures, which must be taken together, we find that to fall away means to utterly depart from the faith once delivered to the saints, count the blood of Christ an unholy thing, and to do despite to the spirit of grace. That is the sin against the Holy Ghost, and there is no forgiveness for that. Matt. 12:31. But there are other sins which do not go that far, and which do not destroy all the faith in God, in Christ and the Holy Ghost. "And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat, but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not, and when thou art converted strengthen the brethren." Luke 22:31, 32. This scripture shows definitely that people can backslide without losing their faith entirely, also that they can repent and be converted. So teaches the text in 2 Cor. 12:21, which mentions some terrible things which some had done but could have repented of them. Our duty toward troubled souls is explained in Gal. 6:1 and 1 John 5:16. The sin which is unto death is the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. Matt. 12:31. This sin destroys all faith so there is nothing for God to touch in them to draw them to Christ. You and I are not the judge about when people go that far, but when God's Spirit draws any one, he has not gone to the extent of falling away and they can get saved, for God will not work against Himself, neither can we. 2 Cor. 13:8. Please read 2 Tim. 2:15 and 2 Tim. 3:16, 17.

—Ray Key

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How I Met The Master

I was on my regular pay day drunk. I had been drinking all day. I was very drunk. I stopped at a barber shop and there I came in contact with a man who had a burden for sinners just like me. He worked at the railroad where I was working, and was not a stranger to me because he had spoken to me on the job about the things of God.

I am sure that God had planned that I meet this brother at this time. He asked me to come and go with him to a cottage prayer meeting that night. Although I had never been in a prayer meeting of any kind in all my life before, I was just drunk enough that I said, "Sure 'Curt' I'll go with you!"

I thank God that I went to that prayer meeting that night, because it was there that I met the Master face to face, "Hallelujah!"

I was so drunk in that prayer meeting that I lit up a cigarette and tried to sing 'The Merry-go-round Broke Down' but, thank God, before that meeting was over, I was singing the songs of Zion.

Yes, I made my own altar call that night when I said, "Folks, I am drunk. I am sorry, and I want you to pray for me." Praise the Lord, I went home that night a new man. (2 Cor. 5:17.)

—Sel.

The habits of drunkenness are the devil's chain. He keeps sinners in perpetual bondage. When they have added the last link, he chains them in hell forever.

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EDITORIALS

The Faith Publishing House editors have always been firm believers in the true Bible church of God which Jesus built and the Holy Ghost occupied on the day of Pentecost, at which time it began to function in the world and those that were being saved were added to IT. In 1 Tim. 3:15 Paul tells Timothy how he ought to behave himself in the House of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. The true Biblical church of God holds up all the truth of the Bible. Take a good look at the church of God pictured on Page 8 of this paper. See, the door into the church is Christ, for Jesus said, "I am the door." We are also taught in the Bible that Jesus is the Rock and the Bible is His Word, for it is written, "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." You will notice that the church of God is founded upon a big solid Rock and it rests upon the Bible. Read all the Scripture written upon this magnificent building and the Scriptures around it, and if you are obeying all of them it is a sure sign that you are in the true Biblical church of God. If you are not obeying these Scriptures and the teaching found therein it is a pretty good proof that you are lodged up in some sect which has been humanly organized and therefore you are trying to fellowship a lot of unsaved souls who love the world and cater to it in many ways.

It may be wisdom of the world to hunt around and find bargains in buying your groceries or clothing, but it is not heavenly wisdom to hunt for bargains in religion for the true and undefiled religion of the Lord Jesus Christ is not bought with silver and gold or corruptible things, but was purchased for us by the shedding of the blood of the innocent Lamb of God, even Jesus Christ our Lord, who is our righteousness. To get in at the door-way to heaven one will have to humble his heart down in godly sorrow and repentance until he is born again from above. The rich, the high, the low and the middle class will have to all come the same way, for God is no respecter of persons. When Peter met Cornelius, the Gentile, and his household and realized that they were children of God he exclaimed, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Because of this scripture and many others, we are bold to reach our hands out in fellowship to every blood-washed child of God and thereby encourage them to flee from all the sects of men and abide alone in Him and in the true Biblical church of God which stands out in this world clear and separate from all the world and all other religious institutions.

We stand firmly against all devil white-washed preachers, and all false teachers and at the same time have great mercy and compassion for those honest souls in dim light because of false prophets and teachers which are so plentiful in this world of confusion. Not long ago we received a letter from a man who said that a friend of his wanted him to join the Roman

Catholic Church and he wanted to know if it would be all right for him to do that. The letter was mailed in St. Louis, but he failed to give us his Post Office and street address, and for this reason we could not get a letter back to him. We surely did want to let him know better than that. The Roman Catholic Church is indeed a dark place to be called a church at all. Spiritually speaking, we can see written over her door the words found in the 17th chapter of Revelation which are in capital letters and read thus: "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." Who would be simple enough to deliberately get into a cage like that? Most all the sect churches have some of the truth mixed along with their false teaching and in that way decoy many unwary souls into their coils.

Jesus came out pretty hard on the sects and sect preachers in his day. He called them whited sepulchres and said that they made the outside beautiful but within were full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Many sect preachers are full of dead men's bones today, for they teach and live in such a way that many join their church and have no salvation, and do not know what it means to really be born again—born from above. In symbolic language these preachers are full of dead men's bones, for they have so many climbing up some other way which Jesus says are thieves and robbers—dead souls. In Matt. 23:15 we read about what Jesus said to the sect preachers. "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves." Could you find words that would be more appropriate in condemning the sects than these words which were spoken by the Lord Himself? It makes our souls weep when we think of the multitudes who have been proselyted into the thousands of sects which exist in the world we now live in.

The Lord has brought to my mind a vision which a dear old brother saw and told to me. He said that he was standing by the highway and saw a multitude of people going down the highway, some walking, and others riding on horses and bicycles, but all hurrying along. He wondered at the sight, and where they were all going so fast. Upon looking down the highway he saw blue and forked flames of fire shooting upward and at the mouth of the flame there stood a monstrous and hideous looking man with a big hook in his hand and when these people came near he would ram the hook into them and jerk them into the flames of Hell. With all the efforts this man who was having the vision could put forth, he could not get them to stop but they rushed on, seemingly giving no heed to the danger ahead.

They make me think of the cars with their occupants tumbling into a swollen river, for I was told that a span in the middle of a bridge over a big river was washed out and the cars went on the bridge and plunged into the river. One man managed to get out and went upon the highway and cried to all others

that the bridge was washed out, but they just went right on and plunged down into the swift, swollen stream of water. Satan has the people today so possessed with his lying religion that they pay little attention to the warnings of the righteous, but go plunging on with the great crowd of professors soon to be hooked into hell fire where the worm dieth not and the fire is never quenched. How sad the sight.

I have just read the book entitled, "Thirty Years A Watch Tower Slave" by William J. Schnell. It has 207 pages wherein this religious cult is exposed by one who had part in it amongst the leaders. According to his story they are a bunch of deceivers and have thousands upon thousands deceived into a profession and according to their works, are everything else but Christian. Let us be wise and choose the Lord for our personal individual Saviour and keeper. The author of this book says, "This octopus has not only spread itself across our land, but is already stretching the grasping tentacles of its religion of 'Buying and Selling' into all the lands of the earth. It has brain-washed the personal religion of Jesus from all those who have become its slaves."

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Bro. and Sister Troy Meek of Guthrie left today, Feb. 13th, for Raton, New Mexico to visit Bro. William Weir who is there with his father. William has not fully recovered from his severe sickness of last summer and has been unable to work for the last eight months. His father phoned us recently requesting prayer for William, and stating that he was in bed much of the time. William had worked here in the print shop for several years and was relieved of his work here last summer because of his ill health. At that time my son, Lawrence, was arranging his business so he could give considerable time to the Lord's print shop work. He does the work that Bro. William was doing, so the Lord has filled the vacancy. All other circulated reports contrary to the above statements as to why Bro. William is absent from the Lord's Print Shop are untrue and should not be accepted or believed by any one. We desire all the saints to earnestly pray for this dear young man.

Obituaries

Sister Cora Mixon Brant was born Jan. 1, 1884 in Lamar Co., Ala., and passed from this life Jan. 12, 1959 at Bangor, Mich. She was married to Robert Wesley McMillian Aug., 1906 to which were born eleven children, two of whom with her husband passed away years ago. In Sept., 1947 she was married to Frank Brant of Bangor, Mich., who is left to mourn his loss which we feel sure is her eternal gain.

Besides her husband, she leaves three sons: James Forest McMillian of Birmingham, Ala., Harley Austin McMillian of Bangor, Mich., and T. V. McMillian of Neosho, Mo.; and six daughters: Edna Leora Haynes and Linnie Mae Meadows of Birmingham, Ala., Mary Ester Rogers of Chattanooga, Tenn., Melie Arzelia Earnest of Winfield, Ala., Hallie Matilda Taylor of Fayette, Ala., Hanna and Pearlene Whitson of Jasper, Ala.; one step-son by the first marriage, Jess McMillian of Tracy City, Tenn.; two step-children by the second marriage: Clarence Brant

of Grand Junction, Mich., and Iva Kuhn of South Haven, Mich.; 54 grandchildren and step-grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Nettie Perkins of Aberdeen, Miss.

In the last Faith and Victory paper she tells about finding the truth when she was past 20 years of age. She said that was when she got a vision of the church of God. She wrote that just a short while before her death. To our knowledge she was a good, dear saint of God, for we had contact with her at different times and visited her in her home in Nov. 1958 and she loved the Lord as much as ever. She had a burden for souls and was visiting a dear old lady when she took sick to die. Her husband, Bro. Brant, brought her home from there the afternoon she died. She just lay down and the spirit left her and she went home to be with Jesus whom she loved so dearly. When we were in her home in Nov. she talked of God's goodness so much and we feel she is one who endured unto the end, Matt. 24:13, "He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

Bro. Darius Gibson conducted her funeral service at Bangor, Mich., and we conducted her funeral service out of Fayette, Ala., which was her request so that her dear children might hear more truth. Burial was in Shady Grove Cemetery between Fayette and Winnfield, Ala. Bro. Key read different texts from the scriptures about what she had found in the Lord: complete deliverance from sin and rest in the Lord, also the beautiful church of God.
—Bro. and Sister Ray Key.

Mrs. Laura Elizabeth Sims McCarty was born May 2, 1890, and died Jan. 20, 1959. She was married to Frank McCarty Dec. 13, 1907 to which union were born nine children, seven boys and two girls. Four sons preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn their loss her husband; three sons: Grafton, Garland, and F. R. of Marietta, Ohio; two daughters: Mrs. Jim Arnold of Marietta, Ohio, and Mrs. Jim Hawker of Raleigh, N. C.; eleven grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Lena Evans, three brothers, three half-brothers, and two half-sisters.

Years ago she got saved and accepted the truth and preached the gospel for a number of years. Her health failed several years ago and for two years was confined to her room. She seemed to always enjoy prayer and the reading of the Word of God, so we say, "Rest on, dear sister, for your labors here are ended, and may your family meet you in heaven." Funeral by the writer, assisted by Sister Lottie Joiner and another minister of a near community. Text: 1 Sam. 20:3. Her body was laid to rest in Zion Hill Cemetery, near the saints' chapel.
—Sister Katherine Key.

Lou Ellen Sharp Hightower was born March 3, 1872 at Cane, Ark. She left this vale of sorrow and tears at the age of 86 years on Jan. 8, 1959, at her home in Marion, Oregon. In the spring of 1889 she was united in marriage to James A. Hightower, who preceded her in death. To this union were born seven children of which four boys survive her passing.

Grandma Hightower lived in Ark. and Okla. with her husband for over 50 years when he passed away. She then lived a while with her two sons in Calif., but her remaining years were lived in Oregon.

She was saved early in her life and accepted the truth of the Church when 33 years old. Near the close of her life God called her into the gospel work and she has faithfully labored in his vineyard for 12 to 15 years. She never lost her vision and at more than 86 years old still preached the pure gospel with a burden for souls, fervency of spirit, and anointing of the Holy Ghost.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mary Pierson of Phoenix, Ariz.; four sons: Alvin R. and James E. of Marion, Oregon, Cornelius H. of North Hollywood, and Aubrey E. of Hollywood, Calif.; 16 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Funeral service was conducted by Albert Nielsen and Charles Morgen. Text: Rom. 14:7-12; Psal. 90:10-12. Interment in Jefferson Cemetery.

Viola H. Briles was born Oct. 28, 1892 in Lawrence, Nebr. She passed away on Jan. 8, 1959 at her home after a heart attack at 66 years old. Sister Briles accepted and rejoiced in the truth in 1957 during a revival meeting in Brownsville. She has ever been faithful and rejoicing in the light shone upon her pathway as noted in the good testimony of the Oct. Faith and Victory paper.

She is survived by one son, Wm. Prideaux, with the Air Force in Germany; four sisters: Mrs. Daisy Dine and Mrs. Eunice Calder of Colorado, Mrs. Ann Meyrick, Oregon City, and Mrs. Minnie Minchell of Kansas; and three brothers: C. E. Cargill of Kansas, Arch Cargill of Milton-Freewater, Oregon, and Philip Cargill, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Funeral service was conducted by Albert Nielsen and Sister King. Interment in Alford Cemetery, Harrisburg.

Lucy Kate Young, daughter of Amaziah and Emily Myers was born June 1, 1889 near Grant City, Mo. and passed away Jan. 16, 1959. She was married March 28, 1909 to Elmer A. Young. To this union were born seven children. Her husband preceded her in death. Her survivors are sons Orvil E., Elbert J., and Elmer E. Young, and daughters Violet Sanders, Vivian Newman, Sylvia Ebright, and Charlotte Wybrant; 22 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Coral Johnson of La Juanta Colo.; a brother, Pren Myers; and eight nieces and nephews.

She had loved the truth since 1901 but hadn't been permitted to attend many services. She had many trials and hardships bringing up her children with little medical aid, sometimes praying all night with a sick child, yet she did not accept Christ until sixteen days before her death. She was a good mother. Her two sons and her sister tried to persuade her to yield to God but she did not until cancer confined her to a hospital. A short time before her death she was asked how it was with her soul and she said all was well.

Services were conducted by Bro. Leslie Jones. Place of interment, Lamar, Colo.

We wish to thank all the saints for their prayers in behalf of our sister and mother.
—E. Coral Johnson,
Pren Myers, and the Young family.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Okla.—Greetings in Jesus' name to all the saints scattered abroad,—Today finds me still pressing on. Thank God I'm a year nearer my God. Today I'm very much burdened for my baby grandchild. She was born with her leg twisted and the attending doctor thought he might have to put it in a cast. But thanks to God, three months later he marveled at how the leg had become straightened. But now that the child has begun to walk, she has a limp, so my son, not being saved, intends to have a doctor check to see why she limps. So dear saints, I want all of you to agree with me in prayer in March, the first and second Sundays, that God will make this defect so healed that she won't have to be put in the crippled children's ward. I know God can heal this child's leg completely, for He has already done so much for this leg.

Also, I am burdened for Sister Reed who has sugar diabetes very bad. Do agree in prayer for our needs here in Tulsa. My health is so much better. I give God all the praise. Bro. Barton had a bad fall on the ice and hurt his back, but God has helped him a lot so far. I'm so glad I have such a mighty God to serve. I cannot thank Him enough for His goodness to me.

—Sister Barton.

Pray earnestly for Bro. and Sister Spaur in W. Va. They both have had a nervous break down and are in much need of healing. They do not have any one to care for them and are not able to care for themselves. They are some of God's "dear children" and have been loving and serving Him many years. They appreciated the prayers and also the Christmas cards and words of love sent to them from all the saints, but have been too sick to answer. They do pray the Lord to bless all who have been so kind.

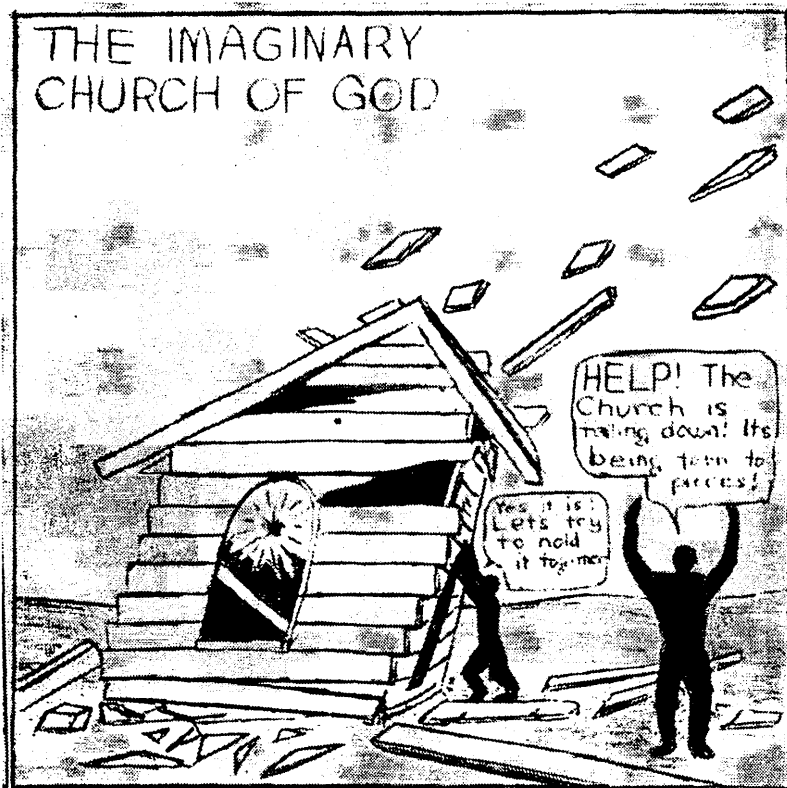
Please pray for Bro. John Williams at Wichita, Kans. who is pretty sick.

A special request for prayer is for Bro. Cade, caretaker at the National Camp Grounds, who has a cancer on his middle finger.

humanly-arranged and humanly-organized counterfeit for the true Church of the living God. In the last thirty or forty years a number of different groups have formed, of whom it might be said, "have newly come up," and taken the name of Church of God. In this way they are fulfilling the scripture found in Isaiah 4:1 which reads thus, "And in that day [gospel day] seven women will take hold of one man, saying, we will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by thy name to take away our reproach." In other words, these folk have learned from the Bible that the proper name for the church is "the Church of God," which truth is verified by the words of Jesus himself recorded in John 17:12 while praying for His disciples who were foundation stones in the Church. He said, "While I was with them in the world I kept them in thy name [His Father's name]: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost." The Apostle Paul verifies this statement in Eph. 3:14, 15 which reads: "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." These scriptures make it plain and exceedingly definite that the God-given name of the Church is "the Church of God," so they call themselves the Church of God, but they do things contrary to His will, in so much that they "eat their own bread." In other words, they choose what they want of the Word and receive and obey it, but leave the other. They "wear their own clothes," for they take the doctrines from the Word that suit their natural ambitions and leave the other. There is just a lot of that going on in the world today. Then when the storms of truth begin to sweep down upon their cob house, you might say, and the hailstones of truth begin to fall, they begin to fear and tremble when they see their imaginary Church of God leaning over with window lights broken out, doors twisted and some parts gone. They begin to cry for help, for they say the church is being torn to pieces, and they go to work trying to prop up the skeleton and make excuses for the conditions existing, and decide the devil has got in his work, and brethren have forsaken the truth and I and a few others are about the only ones that are faithful and true to the doctrines of the church.

They make me think of a man I saw on the train one time when I was on my way to Florida. It was warm weather. He sat a few seats from me. When we came into Mobile, Ala., there were a lot of people on the platform at the depot, and he poked his head out of the window and holloed, "You are all fools, you are all fools." He was a drunk man and he thought all the others were like him. It is a fact that some see the Church of God in dim light, and they think all others have no more light than they.



These preachers are looking at the wrong building

THE BIBLICAL CHURCH OF GOD

The Biblical Church of God built by Jesus Christ himself and occupied by the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost seems to be hid from the clear view of many professed children of God today because Satan has succeeded in dragging up so many substitutes to confuse and decoy them into some dark cage of a

of God which was built by the Lord, we here in the picture of the true Church of God show you in a figurative manner the spiritual house of God and its different functions or manifestations of the Spirit of God in His Temple in the New Jerusalem over which He is the supreme ruler today. Paul says, in writing to the Ephesian brethren, "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the CHIEF corner stone; in whom all [not a part] the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Eph. 2:19-22. Paul says again in Col. 1:24, "Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church." By this scripture we discern that His church in the world today is the spiritual body of Christ, for He inhabits or lives in every saved soul—those who have been born from above with a spiritual birth, and thereby they, being framed together with His divine love, become a habitation of God through the Spirit. In John 14:24 Jesus says, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." We see by this that God the Father sent the Holy Ghost into our hearts to be our teacher and guide, as is also written in the 16th chapter of John's gospel and the 13th verse, which reads thus: "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth. . ."

The literal temple that Solomon built at Jerusalem was only a foreshadow of the real Temple or sanctuary which Jesus built. It is referred to in Hebrews 8:2 as follows: "A minister of the sanctuary and of the TRUE tabernacle which the Lord pitched, and not man." This is verified again in the third chapter of Hebrews and the 6th verse, "But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end."

Now, let us go back to the 43rd chapter of the prophet Ezekiel and read the 11th verse, "And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, shew them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof and do them." The next verse makes it plain concerning the law of the house, "This is the law of the house; upon the top of the mountain [Mt. Zion is a metaphor of the true Church of God] the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house." The most holy are the sanctified ones that have been cleansed by the second work of grace from all the defilement of Satan and are called to preach His word and shew the people the true Church of God, together with all

of its holy ways and deeds. Paul, in speaking of the Church in 1 Timothy 3:15 and giving instructions how to behave ourselves in the house of God, says, "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." There are three things that he makes plain in this verse of scripture. The first is to know how to behave ourselves in God's house. The second is that it is the Church of God, and the third is that it is the pillar and ground of the truth. It holds up all the truth. God says in the 87th Psalm, "All my springs are in her."

In this picture as a figure of the true Biblical Church of God we have many scriptures quoted that give you a true knowledge of the laws of the House of God which the Lord pitched and not man. Please read these over and check every one by your Bible. You can easily see whether you are in the true Biblical Church or lodged up in some "imaginary church" or structure which does not hold up all the truth.

This matter of being in the true Church of God is too important to let it pass by lightly. Do not take man's word, but know for yourself and then you will not be disappointed in that great day of judgment when all will be summoned before our righteous Judge to give an account of our conduct in this world.

If you want to know more about this Biblical Church of God, write for our book entitled "The New Testament Church and Its Symbols, Metaphors, and Analogies." It contains 159 pages with two charts, secured in the book. The price is fifty cents each, or five books for two dollars postpaid to you.

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Testimonies

Ind.—Dear workers in the print shop,—I am still praying for you dear saints and the work. I appreciate my paper, the "Faith and Victory." I hope I never have to be without it. It is "the best there is, I believe."

I have been going through some hard tests and trials, and even though the Lord seemed afar off the Word came again and again, "Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ," and "he that endureth to the end shall be saved." The Lord is bringing me out from under the cloud. I can report victory. He is precious to me this day. How I praise His sweet and precious name! How could I have even known Him to be so faithful and precious if I had not endured what He sent? How I appreciate the prayers of the saints! How wonderful it is to be able to pray for one another in times like this! The Lord gave me two songs in a dream. One I was playing the piano and singing over and over: "There's a cross for every one to bear; but there's a heaven for each soul to share... He loosed the chains that fettered you and me, He brought my soul from death to Calvary." The other was: "Come cast on me thy many cares; Thy heavy load my arm upbears. Lean on my breast, dismiss thy fears, And trust me with thy future years, My hand shall wipe away all tears; Follow me, follow me, follow me." —Ime Strebig.

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N. Y.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints,—Greetings to you all in Jesus' name. I am very glad I can write these few lines and thank the Lord I am delivered. Praise His dear name! I do thank you and all the saints that prayed

for me. All glory be to God. He set me free. Praise His name! Truly I can say the devil had me bound, but Jesus set me free. I feel like a new person. I ask you all to pray for me that the Lord will help me to live a clean life all the rest of my days and that I will walk up, rightly before God.

Yours truly,

—Alice Barnes.

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La.—Dear saints,—This afternoon finds me thanking God for all He has done for me in life. We can never realize how much He has done for us.

I thank Him especially for how He has helped me through the last month in the most severe trial of my life. It is still on and I can't explain what or how awful it is. It involves other precious souls close to me. I am so burdened that I can hardly eat. I've prayed so hard and am trying to get closer to God, but I'm so pressed down that I can't exercise my mind so I can feel God's nearness, which I desire. So pray earnestly that God will undertake. I thank all near here that have been praying so earnestly.

Yours for Christ,

—Gladys Harper.

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Mexico—Dear saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory,"—This finds me encouraged and happy in the Lord: saved and sanctified. I realize for all these blessings I receive daily from God, I, myself, have done nothing to obtain or to be worthy of them. Only by His great love and mercy do I have this salvation.

The Lord has led me slowly on since I gave my heart to Him, and though it has seemed strange and somewhat hard, I still own and realize that God's way is best. A few months ago the Lord directed me to California where I lived in the O. B. Wilson home. Here I have received many spiritual blessings. I thank God for their sweet lives and help I have received from God through watching their lives.

About the middle of September I went with the Brother Barney Wittenborn family to Baja California, Mexico to a tribe of Pai Pai Indians living in a small village called Santa Catarina. Also, a little Mexican sister, Dina Gongales has been with us. Sister Dina is 19, and is a real little saint, giving her talent in the work of the Lord. A school has been started in which the Indians are really showing good interest. Nearly all of them neither read or write, but are eager to learn, and especially want their children to learn.

There have been regular church services all along until recently. We had word from the government saying that there is to be no more services in the school house. So different ones have given much time, labor, and money, for a house which will also be used for church services. This is now in the process of being built. The school will continue on as usual, Lord willing, in the school house.

The outlook of their spiritual lives seems very encouraging and we are earnestly looking to God in their behalf. By being so very primitive, knowing nothing of Christ, it seems that they are learning very quickly. They are eager to be in meeting. Sometimes when a meeting is over they want another one or to sing again. The young folks especially love to sing and they do a good job of it, too. The people are nearly always happy. Oftentimes we can hear them coming to school singing, or at their work the same.

The people, though they are very poor, have begun to show their love to us by word and deed. They own very little, some have goats, others have maybe a cow and a few chickens and turkeys. One of the poorest folks in the tribe came bringing us two or three eggs one day. This was very touching and made us feel so humble. We

took the eggs knowing if we didn't it would hurt them and rob them of a blessing. But as we did, it made us to love and appreciate them more and more.

The people have shown their hunger for the better way. The Word tells us in Matthew 5:6 that those who hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled. These people need God and with the help of the Lord we desire with all our hearts to see that hunger filled. Oh, how we want to be just as patient and longsuffering in teaching them, and pointing them to God as God was with us.

Not only has this tribe shown interest in the gospel, but also another tribe, some twenty-five miles from where we are have asked us several times to come, and bring the gospel to them and have school for their children. There is also a saw mill village about thirty-five or forty miles and a mining town fifteen miles away who have asked for meetings. Up to this time we have been hindered in different ways but especially for lack of suitable transportation. Now the Lord has blessed Brother Wittenborn with a jeep which will be able to take and go over the roads better.

I have enjoyed this work so very much. I love the people, country and the satisfaction of a real challenge. I am, with the rest, asking God to help us in every needed way, to keep it a clean, pure work, looking earnestly to God for help every day for the teaching of the gospel to this people and the salvation of their souls. We covet the prayers of all who know the worth of prayer in behalf of this work. Surely, we must all have a burden for the lost everywhere. I need your prayers that I will grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your sister in Christ,

—Edith Cole.

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Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. Some time ago I told the Lord if He would help me through a test I was having I would write and tell it in the "Faith and Victory." Surely the Lord was with me and I made it all right. I surely thank Him for it. It means much to trust in the Lord, whether it be large or small. The Lord has answered my prayers many times.

My mother has been awfully sick for some time and we would think she was going, but we would pray and the Lord has never failed us. She is still not well, but it is different trouble. Her arm is bothering her so that she isn't able to raise it but very little. My sister or I have to comb her hair. So do remember her in your prayers. I need your prayers also.

Christian love,

—Eleanor Louise Parrill.

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Kansas,—Dear Sir,—I would like to thank the one for sending me the "Faith and Victory" paper. I don't know who it was. Please thank them for me by printing this in the paper. The children enjoy it too because I use the Sunday school lesson for them. I want to thank you again. —Mrs. Freddie M. Magness and children.

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La.—Dear Brother Pruitt and all the saints,—Greetings in Jesus' sweet name. I wish to testify to the goodness of God to me. He has blessed me and given me a desire to live for Him. I am glad God has put me on the highway of my King. I know I am saved and, praise the Lord, I am ready to go to that beautiful city of heaven.

I was very sick for two months, but, praise the Lord, God healed me. I love God and am happy in my soul. He has blessed me and my desire is to live for Him. I ask you dear ones to pray for me that I will have a closer walk with the Lord. I read my Bible and, thank the Lord, it blesses me every day.

I want to thank all the saints of God for holding me up to the throne of grace in prayer. May God bless you is my prayer.

Your sister in Christ, —Viola Pasquet.

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Okla.—Dear saints of God everywhere,—I am saved this morning and very encouraged and happy in my soul though my body is afflicted. I have been shut in since January 4th, but my trust is in the Lord who saves and keeps. I have learned many precious lessons and read some encouraging scriptures. The Lord gives us a talent. He surely wants us to use it. I thank the Lord for this affliction. I have learned to wait on the Lord and to commit myself and afflictions to Him. He is my all in all.

My mother was saved for years and so was my father. They died in this wonderful way. I mean to go all the way for the dear Lord and to live as He commands. I'm so glad for His holy Word, also for His precious songs. I have a request for the saints to remember in prayer.

Your sister in Christ, —Ora Lee Johnson.

Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all the saints,—I am sending in my testimony of how the Lord has helped me out. Two weeks ago I took a bad cold. The first night I had an awful sore throat, but the Lord took that away. Yet I really had a test with the devil, for I was kept awake at night with hard coughing. The night before last I took a spell where it seemed like my insides would turn wrong side out, but, praise the good Lord, He came to my rescue. Last night I had another spell, but I kept saying, "Please, Lord, let me go to sleep." Well, I went off to sleep and woke up this morning feeling much better. I had been making a noise just every minute with my throat, but, praise the Lord, when I awakened that had stopped too. I surely do thank the Lord for it all. The woman I work for wanted me to take some cough syrup but I told her I didn't take medicine.

I think the little "Faith and Victory" paper is the only paper. There is none like it. It is food to my soul. I love the good testimonies. May God bless you all is my prayer.

Your sister in the Lord, —Grace Allen.

Okla.—Dear children of God,—I am very thankful for the privilege of putting in my testimony again. Many things have happened since I last wrote. The Lord is still showing us how great He is.

Last night I awoke very sick and in great pain. My husband, Troy, got up and began to pray for me. Then as I was still suffering, asked if I wanted him to call the saints for prayer. It seemed like I felt impressed that even though we appreciate being able to call the saints at any hour for prayer, yet the Lord could hear us alone. So Troy continued to pray several times again until the Lord immediately relieved me and I slept peacefully the remainder of the night.

These past few years have been full of great lessons to me. I could never tell of the many dealings of God with my soul. One of the hardest lessons I had to learn was to stand alone, depending on God for every need, spiritually, physically, and financially. I turned to God for comfort, courage, and strength and He did not fail me. I've proven His promises and found them true. It is so easy to desire to turn to someone to help us pray through our burdens and trials. That is good, when we can, but there comes a time when God wants to teach us to depend more fully upon Him. The saints are much encouragement one to another, but man makes mistakes and God never does. These things that I've been learning have not come easy, but through many tears, sorrows and heartaches,

yet there has been a comfort and satisfaction through it all that even though we are slow to learn, these things are not regretted. There has been a purpose in every one of them. Those of the world have their troubles, but no Comforter such as we have. Sometimes our trials cover a period of years. That is where our faith comes in. Those prayers are not going unheard. I may be young in years, but the Lord has allowed many hard trials to come my way. Many times I had to ask for patience to wait for the will of God to be done. You know we may exercise all of our faith, but if we get ahead of the Lord, it will discourage instead of encourage us.

It is so easy to want to be independent. I have heard some say if they could not make their own way, they wouldn't accept help from others. There is another lesson to teach us humility. God doesn't give us instructions to trust Him for healing only, but to depend on Him for every need. When we help one another it is done as unto God and should be accepted as from God. Sometimes we can be surprised just what pride is. It doesn't always have to be seen in our outward appearance.

My heart's desire is to live faithfully to please the One who has done so much for me. I appreciate my saved companion so much. It means much to be able to teach our two little boys to pray and trust God. We have many problems facing us at this time and desire to know the Lord's will concerning these matters. Remember us in prayer.

Christian love, —Wilma Meek.

Ill.—Dear precious ones,—We are rejoicing in what God has done for our son. It is beyond our power to tell in words how God miraculously stayed the hand of death on Thursday morning from about 2 to 5 a. m. God has manifested His power in healing Kenneth from what appears to us as appendicitis (God knows). Kenneth is now gaining strength rapidly, thank God. How we praise Him. We also are thanking Him for sending the Ecks from Kansas and Bro. Merrill Williamson of Mo. to help us fight the good fight of faith. Continue to remember us. We appreciate all the saints.

In His great love, —Bro. and Sister H. Probst.

Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and saints everywhere,—Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus. I am glad that I can report victory in my soul over the powers of sin and Satan. I arrived home from Michigan last Friday, Feb. 6th. I had been in meeting with Bro. Ray Key at Kalamazoo and Bangor. We began services in Bro. and Sister Corteway's home Jan. 21st and had meeting ten nights. Also we had all-day services on Sunday. Then we went to Bangor to my brother's (Austin McMillian) home and had services four nights. The Lord blessed in all the services. Several went to the altar for help and we believe they received the desire of their hearts. Several children were saved. We were glad to meet the saints there. Some of them we had never met before. We feel that the Lord is raising up a clean work there, and we are so glad for this. There are several families of precious saints there. We pray God to so bless and melt them together in divine love that they will be a mighty fortress against sin and the powers of the devil that we have to fight today. I also feel that all the saints should remember all the dear saved ones both at Kalamazoo and Bangor, that God will abundantly bless them and establish them in true divine love and unity, and that they will be a bright shining light in that part of the country. We feel that the Lord showed us that He has many other precious souls around there that may be won to the one true fold, which is the church of the

living God. The Lord just has one true body of saved people that are bound together in holy love and unity. Hence they are a city set on a hill that cannot be hid which is far above this world of strife and confusion.

We received several sympathy cards after the death of our dear mother which we appreciated very much. We would like to take this opportunity to thank every one for their prayers and thoughtfulness of us at this sad occasion, although we know that our loss is heaven's gain.

We also want to thank Bro. D. A. Gibson and Bro. and Sister Ray Key for officiating at the funerals in Michigan and Alabama. One of Mother's great burdens was for the salvation of all her children, and I hope they will help answer her prayers by meeting her in heaven. I intend to by God's help.

Your saved brother, —Thos. Vada McMillian.

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Ohio—Greetings of love in the name of Jesus,—“Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?” A friend of our family has a brother in a VA Hospital in Georgia who was very sick with a condition concerning his artery around his heart. They had planned to operate on him, and some of the family had gone to see him.

I wrote him and told him what great things God had done for me and others, and also gave him some promises from the Word of God. I told the saints about praying for him too. It greatly encouraged his heart. I wanted the dear Lord to heal him without an operation. I felt impressed to send him an anointed handkerchief. I prayed about it and sent him one. I called some of the saints to agree with me. God truly did work. I praise Him for it.

I learned this week that he went home for about four days during Christmas and there was not, and neither shall there be an operation. “O Lord, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.” The condition existing is from the lung now, they say, and not the artery. “But thou, Lord, art most high for evermore.”

Yours in Christ, —A. Stills.

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Okla.—Dear ones in Christ,—I praise and thank God this evening for healing me and blessing me in soul and body. He certainly is a good God, One who hears and answers prayer. He helps me in so many ways for which I am surely thankful. Pray for me that God will keep me well and close to Him. God bless all of you in His work.

Yours for Christ, —Martha Winch.

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Florida—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—I would like to give my testimony again. I have been working almost steady since the Lord wonderfully healed my body at Myrtle, Mo. Campmeeting in 1956 when you and your wife prayed for me in our tent. I want to ask the prayers of the saints that I will always stand true to my Lord and always do His will. I have a son that I also request prayer for, that God might some way show and guide him in the correct channels of life. I thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed on us. He is a wonderful Saviour. Praise His name! (I was healed of Leukemia, cancer of the blood.)

Your sister in Christ, —Mrs. Richard Williams.

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Okla.—Dear “Faith and Victory” readers,—Greetings of love in Jesus’ dear name. We enjoy each one of the many encouraging testimonies, also those inspiring letters Bro. Charles Smith sends out each month or so to the isolated saints. We thank the Lord for these dear

ones. It is wonderful what the Lord does for his trusting children.

We want to thank the dear ones who have prayed for us (and still are). The Lord has healed our children many times and blessed us with health after we had been sick many times.

The enemy tries to bring something in our pathway, but we mean to press right on and do all we can for the Lord. There is so much to do—many shut-ins and discouraged ones. Please pray that we keep ourselves so the Lord will be pleased with our lives. I want to put forth a greater effort to work more for the Lord this year than I have in the past. The Lord is so good to us. He spared our lives when we were in a wreck about two years ago. I can’t cease to thank Him enough for His goodness to me and my family.

Yours in Christ, —Martha Classen and family.

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Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints everywhere,—We send greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus. Surely we have much to thank and praise Him for. We feel impressed of the Lord to tell of some of His goodness to us.

Fifteen years ago the twenty-third of January, Ruby Doolittle and I were married. I was informed before we were married that she had heart trouble and had been frail all her life. I took the matter earnestly to the Lord in prayer and He assured me that He was our God that He would take care of her heart trouble as we looked to Him in faith believing. Praise His name, he has done that and all have marvelled at what the Lord has done for her and the strength she has had to do even more than her necessary household duties most of the time since our marriage.

We went to Louisiana soon after we were married to make our home, as that was where I was reared and I had a piece of land there to build on. Ruby liked the country fine and got along well with all my folks, so we hoped to make our home there. But about five years later we went from the Guthrie Assembly meeting to Webb City, Mo., for the first time with Bro. and Sister Stover and Bro. and Sister Key to be in a meeting. While there the Lord laid the burden of the Webb City work on my heart. For a little over a year we prayed for the Lord to send someone to Webb City as we felt we were too young in the work of the Lord to go there, but He never did and neither did He lift the burden from our hearts. So after about a year, He permitted our house to catch on fire which was a means of us deepening our consecration to go or do anything the Lord would have us do. The saints came to our rescue, as they have so many times, and helped us get our house fixed back. About two months later in January, 1950 we loaded a few cooking utensils in the old car, went to Webb City, and rented an apartment to see what the Lord had in store for us there. He soon made us know He wanted us to completely sell out in Louisiana and move there, so we did so the following March.

The saints here were glad we came and recognized us as their pastor. We truly thank the Lord for His working power and how He will make us happy in doing His will if we will consecrate to do so. The burden of our heart when we came here was the division, trouble and confusion the devil had succeeded bringing in among God’s few saints here. We fasted and prayed earnestly for God to work and to help us to be led by His Spirit in everything we did or said that we wouldn’t be a hindrance in any way. Today, we are truly praising Him for hearing and answering prayer. The Lord has truly

removed all difficulty and His saints here are just one little happy family enjoying the love and fellowship of the Spirit of God. Some have gone on to their reward and some have been added to our number.

We are glad that we can still stand on the scripture in Rom. 8:28 that says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them . . . who are the called according to his purpose." Surely He is watching over everyone and knows just what to send to shake us loose from the material things of life and draw us closer to Him. The Lord wonderfully healed my back which was broken last April in a twenty-foot fall and spared my life, which was a marvel to all in our town. Then on the 26th of Dec. we had a car wreck which could have been the means of several deaths. We had been visiting our relatives in Louisiana and were on our way to the Guthrie Assembly meeting. We were thirty-three miles from Shreveport. Bro. and Sister Carver were so kind and good to open up their home to us in our suffering. We thanked the Lord so many times that He permitted us to be that near the saints. We were there ten days as I was hurt in my chest and wife's right arm was pulled out of its socket and was cracked in two places, and my niece had her nose cut pretty bad and her face was swollen where she hit the windshield. We wish to use this opportunity to thank everyone that had a part in the offering that was sent to us from the Guthrie Assembly meeting making it possible for us to get our car fixed enough to come home, also everyone that helped otherwise. We pray the Lord will richly reward and repay everyone. My wife does about all the correspondence, and with her right arm hurt this has caused added burdens on me so that it was impossible to answer each one individually. We also thank each one for their prayers in our behalf and that we are restored to normal once more except my wife's shoulder, which is improving daily. We are trusting the Lord to restore it to normal where she can comb her hair and attend to the necessary duties of the home again.

We had hoped that we were settled here at Webb City to stay, but we feel that the Lord has permitted the things that have come our way to teach us precious lessons that we feel we shall never forget as long as we live; also we feel that He has made us know that he has lifted our burden here and has somewhere else he will have us go. We have resigned pastorship here to Sister Carrick, as she has the confidence and complete co-operation of the congregation.

We desire the earnest prayers of all God's people that he will lead and direct us to the place he would have us go.

With Christian love, —Merrill Williamson.

NOTICE

The H. P. Huskey home on Rt. 1 Box 150A, Orland, Calif., is licensed for the care of three aged women. Saints are preferred, but they must be pensioners of the state of Calif. Those interested, please contact them before the first of March. Phone 5-4664; or write to address above.

MEETING NOTICES

DAYTON, OHIO MEETING

The saints at DAYTON, OHIO are, the Lord willing, to have a meeting starting March 22, and to continue over Easter with ordinance service in the afternoon of Easter Sunday. A welcome extends to all of God's people who can come and also those seeking for soul satisfaction.

Please contact Bro. Wm. A. McCoy, 24 Belpre Place, Dayton 3, Ohio.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. YEARLY MEETING

The assembly of the church of God are planning to begin their yearly meeting Feb. 27th through March 1st, if it is the Lord's will. We would love for every saint to pray that the meeting will be a great help to the saved and unsaved. If it be the Lord's will Bro. Isaac Chandler will be with us. Everyone is invited. For other information write or call Bro. Manley Spears at 2704 N. E. 19th St., Phone GA 7-1033.

WICHITA, KANSAS ANNUAL MEETING

The WICHITA, KANSAS summer meeting is planned to be July 10th through the 19th at 1701 Ash Street, if the Lord wills. —Bro. L. Williams.

COFFEYVILLE EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Lord willing we will have an all-day service at COFFEYVILLE, KAN. on Easter, March 29th. We will observe the ordinances of feet washing and Lord's supper in the afternoon. We heartily invite all to come and be with us that can. The chapel is located at the corner of Eldridge and Willow Streets and is on the corner east of Bro. Ralph Beisly's home. This is our fifth year to observe the ordinances on Easter Sunday and the Lord has blessed so much and sent in near-by saints to be with us. We are looking forward to another blessing from heaven. The Lord has been blessing this work here for which we praise His name.

Yours in Christian service, —Margaret Eck.

CAMPMEETING DATES FOR 1959

(Particulars for each meeting will appear in later issues)

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| Hennessey, Oklahoma | May 29 — June 7 |
| Jefferson, Oregon | June 19 — June 28 |
| Hoffman, Oklahoma | June 26 — July 5 |
| Hammond, Louisiana | June 26 — July 5 |
| Monark Springs (Neosho), Missouri (National Campmeeting) | July 24 — Aug. 2 |
| Guthrie, Oklahoma | Aug. 7 — Aug. 16 |
| Myrtle, Missouri | Aug. 21 — Aug. 30 |
| Dover, Oklahoma | Sept. 4 — Sept. 13 |

(Other campmeeting dates were not rec'd by press time.)

Let The Peace of God Rule

Peace, sweet peace! Oh, the tranquility, the quietness, the calmness and restfulness peace gives. Do you have peace in your soul? Or are you longing for it? Do I hear you say that you have it at times but when trouble arises then it seems to flee away? Then you start longing for it, and praying for it, searching for it, and finally you find it again? Do you know how you found it? Let me tell you.

Through prayer you got to the place that you were able to put the problem or the trouble that arose, squarely into God's hands. You recognized God in it. You may not have realized it but you became willing for God to have his way. In so doing you again felt that peace flood your soul. Now the Bible says, "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts." Col. 3:15. When trouble arose, which was ruling? peace or trouble? If trouble rules it will take your mind off

of God and it will be on the trouble. You will become perplexed. For a while your faith will become weakened. At this point the devil will enlarge the trouble and make it look bigger than God. But as you look to God, in that time of need, you find help. Your mind begins to clear and you begin to realize God is able to take care of all things that touch your life.

Now my dear sister and brother in the Lord, there is a secret that God wants you to learn. God taught this to me a number of years ago and it has been a stay to me through some very trying time in life. God made me know in my very soul that nothing touched my life except God permitted it and if God permitted it then it was for my good, for someone's good, or just to God's glory. When God brought this to me I thought about the angel food that God fed Elijah. The Bible says that he was able to go on the strength of it for forty days. Oh, I have been living on the strength of this for many years. Praise the Lord! In the light of this revelation it makes trouble lose its force. How precious is the scripture which says, "Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful creator." 1 Peter 4:19.

Let us read the testimony of Job concerning what God did and the results of it all. "God [Job says God did this] hath delivered me to the ungodly and turned me over into the hands of the wicked. I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder; he hath also taken me by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and set me up for his mark. His archers compass me round about, he cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare; he poureth out my gall upon the ground." Job 16:11-14. How is Job acting under what God has permitted? Let us hear the rest of his testimony. "But he knoweth the way that I take; when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined. Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food... For God maketh my heart soft." Job 23:10-16.

Part of God's purpose in it all was to soften Job's heart and also to make him a blessing to all down through the years and even to us today. Therefore it was for his good, our good, and to God's glory. Are you willing for God to use you in this manner?

Trouble need not touch the soul and disturb the peace if when it comes we will tell the Lord all about it and say, "Here it is, you take it Lord and work out all things for my good and your glory." Just commit it into God's hands completely. Say like Paul, "For the which cause I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." 2 Tim. 1:12.

My dear sister and brother in the Lord, let the peace of God rule in your hearts and not trouble.

Sister Marie Miles.

BIBLE STUDY

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March 1, 1959

GOD'S LOVE AND MAN'S REFUSAL

Printed Portion Matt. 21:33-43

33. Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:

34. And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.

35. And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.

36. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise.

37. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.

38. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.

39. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.

40. When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?

41. They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

42. Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?

43. Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

Memory Verse: He is despised and rejected of men. Isaiah 53:3.

Practical Truth: People who reject Christ cut themselves off from blessings which they otherwise might have.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The householder is God. The vineyard is the Canaan land and spiritual blessings given. The husbandmen are the Jews and their leaders. The thought of God withdrawing would be: since all has been provided it is up to the Jews to obey. God sent his servants (prophets) to warn them that they were not producing fruits acceptable to God. They imprisoned Micah and Jeremiah. Zechariah was stoned. (2 Chron. 24:20-24) Many prophets were sent.

Jesus spoke of Himself when he said God had sent his Son. I'm sure they recognized the fact that Jesus was claiming an exalted position. Some of those of whom Jesus was speaking were plotting this very thing. (Matt. 26:3-5, 14-16) Here Jesus predicts his own death which took place three days later. No doubt the Jews thought if they could get rid of Jesus they could have moral and spiritual authority over the people that Jesus had.

The other husbandmen are the Gentiles. After the destruction of Jerusalem and the scattering of the Jews the Gentiles exceeded the Jews.

Today many are refusing the stone (Jesus) whom the builders (Jews) rejected. God's love is being refused but we cannot get around God's Word. We cannot live barren lives. God is looking for fruit and if He cannot find it we will be brought to a sad end.

March 8, 1959

THE CROSS AND THE WILL OF GOD

Printed Portion Mark 14:32-42

32. And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

33. And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy;

34. And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.

35. And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

36. And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

37. And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour?

38. Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

39. And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words.

40. And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him.

41. And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

42. Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.

Memory Verse: Not what I will, but what thou wilt. Mark 14:36.

Practical Truth: The will of God for us may include some things that are hard to endure.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus faced the unjust trials and death on the cross. His soul was heavy. He went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. He asked that the cup might pass but then added, "Not my will, but thine be done." He submitted to the will of God.

Each one of us has to go to the Garden of Gethsemane. As we make our complete surrender to God we find the forces of Satan arrayed against us. But after we, through prayer, fight the battle we can also rise up and go. Our surrender is also for a purpose. We are not to linger in Gethsemane but go forth into the world and let God accomplish through our lives His perfect will. We might be asked to do something we never thought of before, but we say, "Not my will, but thine be done." We may be asked by God to go where we never thought we would be asked to go but again we remember our surrender in the garden and say, "Not my will, but thine be done."

To rise up and go and carry the cross will mean persecution. It might even mean the giving of our life. It might mean leaving homes, lands, loved ones and going forth alone. But, oh, the blessing to be in the center of God's will is beyond explanation!

March 15, 1959

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?

Printed Portion: Mark 15:1-15

1. And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the

whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate.

2. And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering said unto him, Thou sayest it.

3. And the chief priests accused him of many things: but he answered nothing.

4. And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee.

5. But Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marvelled.

6. Now at that feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired.

7. And there was one named Barabbas, which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection.

8. And the multitude crying aloud began to desire him to do as he had ever done unto them.

9. But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews?

10. For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy.

11. But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them.

12. And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews?

13. And they cried out again, Crucify him.

14. Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him.

15. And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

Memory Selection: He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth. Isaiah 53:7.

Practical Truth: Trials of accused men should be held in an environment where partisan clamor will not influence the decision.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Pilate had Jesus on His hands. He tried to find a way to get Him off of his hands but he could not. He tried to get around facing the fact that he had to do something with Jesus by sending Him to Herod, but in a few short hours Jesus was before him again. On more than one occasion Pilate tried to shift the question of what to do with Jesus back to the crowd, but each time a decision as to what should be done was his responsibility and his alone. To add to his predicament his wife sent him word saying, "Have thou nothing to do with that righteous man for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him." Pilate's own conscience smote him and he asked of the angry crowd, "Why, what evil hath he done?" But the decision as to what should be done with Jesus was his to make. In vain he tried to shift the responsibility by washing his hands in water and declaring his innocence but his hands dripped blood. By releasing Barabbas and crucifying Jesus he quieted the crowd but gained neither peace to his soul or security in his position as a Roman governor.

Today you are facing the same question, What will you do with Jesus? Will you accept him as your Saviour or will you crucify him afresh by rejecting him? You cannot get around it. You must face the question and answer. If you accept Him your home will be heaven, but if you refuse Him your doom will be everlasting punishment.

March 22, 1959

FORGIVENESS THROUGH THE CROSS

Printed Portion Luke 23:33-46

33. And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

34. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

35. And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

36. And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar,

37. And saying, if thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.

38. And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, **THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

39. And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

40. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

41. And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

42. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

43. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

44. And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

45. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

46. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

Memory Verse: Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. Luke 23:34.

Practical Truth: It is because Jesus suffered in our stead that forgiveness is made possible to men.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our hearts are touched as we meditate on the love manifested in the death of our precious Saviour. Here He hung on the cross. He had the power to lay down his life or take it up. He chose to lay it down. He chose to suffer. He did not come to save himself but to save others. He told Pilate, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world." (John 18:27) He was faithful to carry out his purpose in coming, to the end. He suffered intense pain in his body for he was in the flesh as we are. He did no sin but was condemned as if he had sinned. He died that we might live. Oh, how we ought to love Him and be careful to obey His commands!

"Father, forgive them," are the words uttered by our precious Lord and Saviour, hanging on the cross between two thieves, while soldiers gambled for His clothing, and those of his own race mocked and derided him. These men were sinning against the very Son of God, yet out of the depths of His soul He prayed for their forgiveness. But they are not the only ones who have sinned. The Bible says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23) Only in the great love of God can we find such forgiveness. "Jesus paid it all, all to Him we owe."

March 29, 1959

JESUS CHRIST LIVES

Printed Portion Luke 24:33-48

33. And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

34. Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

35. And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

36. And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

37. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

38. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

39. Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

40. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet.

41. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?

42. And thy gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.

43. And he took it, and did eat before them.

44. And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

45. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

46. And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

47. And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48. And ye are witnesses of these things.

Memory Verse: This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Acts 2:32.

Practical Truth: Because Jesus Christ lives, we may have him as our friend and helper.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The grave could not hold our Lord and Saviour. He arose triumphant and ascended on high. We rejoice today with all who have believed in a risen Saviour. Because he arose we, too, will arise. Some day mortality will put on immortality. The seed of immortality is planted in this mortal body by Christ as we accept Him as our Saviour. When the time comes we will blossom forth into immortality to forever be with our Saviour and Lord. Oh, how precious the thought!

A witness recounts what he has seen, felt, heard, or done. The disciples were witnesses of the death and resurrection of Jesus; also His miracles and teachings. They told of their own personal experiences and as we believe them they work a work in our own souls. Jesus wants us to be witnesses for Him also. Did Jesus save you? Then tell it. Did he sanctify you and fill you with the Holy Spirit? Then tell it. Give God the glory by witnessing to that fact. Does He deliver you from temptations? Tell other tempted ones that God will deliver them also. Do you have a hope in your soul of a life beyond the grave? Tell other sin-sick souls that they, too, can have that hope. In so doing you will receive a blessing and be a blessing.

—Sister Marie Miles.