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### *Another New Year*

A New Year's greeting, bright and glad,  
To every one we bring:  
May care that's past be laid aside,  
And all hearts made to sing.

Another year before us lies,  
With prospects fair it teems;  
For us remains to seek the good,  
For "all's not gold that gleams."

So let us, through the coming year,  
Seek not a glittering show,  
But set our aim for things worth while,  
And forward bravely go.

To live for self is all in vain—  
This oft has proven true—  
Then let us seek our brother's gain  
In all that we shall do.

Some little act of ours this year  
May help a fallen one  
New courage take to try again  
And past mistakes to shun.

While other's good we would promote,  
Let's not forget to ask  
The help of Him who loves each one,  
To fruitful make our task.

(The above poem was copied from the front page of the January, 1925, issue of Faith and Victory, and selected for that issue by Sister Celena Lacue, an office co-worker at that time—36 years ago.)

### **The Number One Killer Is Loose!**

When a man is on the top of the list of "most wanted criminals," warnings are sent out to the people over the radio, through the newspapers and by every means possible. Parents give warnings to their children. Policemen are on their guard. Many precautions

are taken to evade that number One Killer. Lives are precious and they must be preserved.

Dear ones, there is a killer loose today that is more dangerous than one man. This killer does more than kill the body. This killer kills the soul as well. We send forth warnings to everyone to be on guard. This killer is no respecter of persons. He'll kill the young as well as the middle-aged and old. This killer is SIN.

The Bible says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezek. 18:4). Many "dead" people are walking about. Sin has killed their souls and chances of eternal life. They are "dead in trespasses and sin." (Eph. 2:1). Many people have not been on their guard. When sin came along they yielded to it. Sin has a way of stalking right into your presence and demanding attention. Sin has a way of taking you off guard. Sin will intimidate you and break down every resistance in a moment of time. I say again, sin is the number one killer today. Sin will not leave you alone. You must sin again to cover up the first sin. On and on sin works until you are wrapped around with a chain of sin and bound. You cry out, saying, "Oh wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" (Rom. 8:24, 25).

Dear one, there is hope for you. There is One that can enter into the strong man's house and spoil his goods. He can break that chain that binds the soul in death and bind the strong man. (Matt. 12:29). John the Baptist saw that One as he walked along the shores of the Jordan River. He said, "Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world." The angel told Joseph that Mary "shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people FROM their sins." (Matt. 1:21). Call upon that One and the only One that can save your soul from SIN—the only One that can quicken or make alive those who are "dead in trespasses and sins." (Eph. 2:1). "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." (John 3:16). Believe on Him. Seek Him while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Humble yourselves before Jesus who died on the cross and arose the third day and now has ascended up into heaven.

He is alive and is sitting at the right hand of God interceding unto the Father for all those who will call upon Him. The devil tries to make you think it is impossible for you to be saved. He is a liar and the father of liars. He will keep you out of heaven if you listen to him. Weep before the Lord. Tell Him how sorry you are that you have sinned. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins. Believe that He hears you. Arise and go forth a new creature. The Bible is true and it says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." (1 John 1:9). Have you confessed your sins to the Lord? Then count Him faithful to have forgiven them.

As you go forth with peace in your soul and eternal life be on your guard and watch that number one killer. Read God's Word and measure your life to it. Pray daily to the Lord to give you grace and strength to obey His Word. God will take care of your soul and be a shield and warrior for you against sin, that number one killer that is loose in the world today.

—Mrs. Marie Miles

### The Meekness of Christ

How wonderful it is to think that He who, by a single word, could have brought fire from heaven to destroy the bands that came to take Him in Gethsemane, left that word unspoken. He threw them on the ground for a moment, to show them how absolutely they were in His power; but He forbore to hurt one hair of their heads. It was a marvelous spectacle, which the legions of harnessed angels, who in mid-air waited for a word to bring them to His rescue, must have beheld with speechless amazement. The explanation is, of course, found in the fact that He was under the compulsion of a higher law—the law of His Father's will; the law of self-sacrificing love; the law of a covenant sealed before the foundation of the world.

The only fire He sought was the fire of the Holy Ghost. "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and what will I if it is already kindled." He strove not to avenge Himself, or vindicate the majesty of His nature. "He endured the contradiction of sinners against Himself." "He was led as a lamb to the slaughter; and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth." "When He was reviled He reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously." Oh, matchless meekness! Oh, wondrous self-control! Oh, glorious example of the spirit of His own teaching! May grace be given to each of us, His unworthy followers, to walk in His steps, and to emulate His spirit; not calling for the fire of vengeance, but seeking the salvation of those who would do us hurt; dealing out not the fire of heaven, but those coals of fire, heaped on the head of our adversaries, which shall melt them into sweetness, gentleness and love. —F. B. Meyer.

The first Adam was a product of divine power and the second Adam is divine power. (1 Cor. 15:45).

### Professed Infidel's Advice

Though the following biographic note may be familiar to some, it may yet be useful to many. Ethan Allen was a professed infidel. He wrote a book against the divinity of our blessed Lord. His wife was a Christian, earnest, cheerful and devoted. She died at an early age, leaving an only daughter behind, who became the idol of her father. She was a fragile, sensitive child, and entwined herself about the knotty and gnarled limbs of the oak. Consumption marked this fair girl for its own; and she wasted away day by day, until even the grasshopper became a burden.

One day her father came into her room and sat down by her bedside. He took her wan, ethereal hand in his. Looking her father squarely in the face, she said: "My dear father, I'm going to die."

"Oh, no, my child! Oh, no! The spring is coming and with the birds and breezes and the blooms, your pale cheeks will blush with health."

"No; the doctor was here today. I felt I was nearing the grave, and I asked him to tell me plainly what I had to expect. I told him that it was a great thing to exchange worlds; that I did not wish to be deceived about myself, and if I was going to die I had some preparations I wanted to make. He told me my disease was beyond human skill; that a few suns would rise and set, and then I would be borne to my burial. You will bury me, Father, by the side of my mother, for that was her dying request. But, Father, you and Mother did not agree on religion. Mother often spoke to me of the blessed Savior who died for us all. She used to pray for both you and me, that the Savior might be our friend, and that we might all see Him, our Savior, when He sits enthroned in His glory. I don't feel that I can go alone through the dark valley of the shadow of death. Now, tell me, Father, whom shall I follow, you or Mother? Shall I reject Christ, as you have taught me, or shall I accept Him, as He was my mother's friend in the hour of her great sorrow?"

There was an honest heart beneath that rough exterior. Though tears nearly choked his utterance, the old soldier said: "My child, cling to your mother's Savior; she was right. I'll try to follow you to that blessed abode."

A serene smile overspread the face of the dying girl, and who can doubt there is an unbroken family in heaven? —"Dying Testimonies" by S. B. Shaw

### Cleanliness

The name Church of God denotes cleanliness, which means purity. In Psalms 24 the question is asked: "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord, or who shall stand in his holy place?" The answer is, "He that hath clean hands and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully."

In Isaiah 52:11 it says, "Touch no unclean thing . . . be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord."

Malachi, the last of the prophets, spoke of the coming of Jesus, and said, "Who shall abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appear-eth for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi and purge them as gold and silver that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness." Jesus said in St. John 15:3, "Now ye are clean thru the word which I have spoken unto you." How wonderful, indeed, to be made clean from a life of sin. Zechariah prophesied, "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." (Zech. 13:1)

Coming to the Lord confessing and forsaking sin, will make us clean. God has not called us into uncleanness, but unto holiness—that is, to be clean, pure; the heart made clean, our mind filled with clean thoughts, our lips speak clean words, our bodies clean; clean morally. There is so much immoral living today, so much lasciviousness. It seems so many have forgotten that God said, "The body is not for fornication, but for the Lord, and our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. If any defile the temple him will God destroy."

Titus 2:4, 5 exhorts the aged women to teach the younger to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste (morally clean or pure) keepers at home. Cleanliness is essential in the home, in the sick room. Uncleanliness has an offensive odor. God requires cleanliness of soul, cleanliness in the congregation, in the pulpit, clean living. Have a clean credit rating that you pay your debts. That is becoming to individuals professing holiness. Some folks think being clean is a result of pride. Not so—cleanliness is well pleasing to God. Be ye clean.

—Ruth Murphy

## **"Do All To The Glory of God"**

In the beginning of time, God created the heavens and the earth. Gen. 1:1. And God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." Gen. 1:26

God saw man's destiny from the beginning to his end. Therefore it was designed in the creation that man should glorify his Creator. "Even every one that is called by my name; for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him." Isa. 43:7. Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16. "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which are of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit which are God's." 1 Cor. 6:19-20 Since the Lord has paid this great debt of love for every one who has accepted and are enjoying this wonderful salvation, yea, the infilling of the Holy Spirit; this should inspire a fervent desire to glorify our Lord and Savior.

He said, "I am the Lord, I change not." Mal. 3:6. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Heb. 13:8. This gives one to know His Word is to be obeyed in all ages throughout this time world.

All mankind are eternity bound souls. Every one's record is on high in one of the books. It is high time that every one should be wise in knowing and understanding how to glorify God.

God gave the commandments; God gave His Son; His Son gave His life. Every one owes his or her life to Him that he might receive his or her crown. "Whether therefore ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31. This verse should be memorized and practiced daily. "Whatsoever"—not only eating and drinking, but the entire life is involved.

The world is in such a modern whirl, with all the inventions and discoveries imaginable, and Satan, the devil, is working full time to deceive, yea, the very elect. God saw this condition in the creation. Therefore He is speaking to those whose hearts are desirous to glorify Him.

Some might be puzzled to know what things are not to the glory of God. Here are a few: **Seeing:** Ball games, prize fights, dancing, movies, boxing, murder fights, etc.; **Hearing:** Jazz music, dirty stories, false doctrine, love stories, gossiping; reading any literature, religious or secular, that God's approval is not upon. "Whatsoever ye do": self esteem, immodest dress, worldly fads, make-ups, keeping in style with every changing fad from the head to the feet, evil surmising and all that is included in evil thinking. All evil things cannot be mentioned but this is sufficient to help one understand better how to glorify the Lord.

Now if the Holy Spirit is enthroned in the heart, He will give understanding and power to do His office work. "And if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." Rom. 8:17.

—Ella V. Phillips.

## **IT'S UP TO YOU**

Have you made someone happy, or made someone sad, What have you done with the day that you had?

God gave it to you to do just as you would, Did you do what was wicked, or do what was good?

Did you hand out a smile, or just give 'em a frown, Did you lift someone up, or push someone down?

Did you lighten some load, or some progress impede, Did you look for a rose, or just gather a weed?

What did you do with your beautiful day, God gave it to you—did you throw it away?

## **ALL-DAY MEETING CANCELLED**

There will not be an all-day meeting at Webb City, Mo. until further notice. Our Wednesday and Sunday night services will start at seven o'clock.

—Saints at Webb City, Mo.

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**Editorials**

By the time this January, 1961, issue of the Faith and Victory paper reaches most of our readers, the day commemorating the birth of our Savior will have passed and the annual Oklahoma state assembly meeting here at Guthrie will be in progress. As usual, we are expecting great and precious blessings to be upon those assembled in this meeting which is scheduled to close on Sunday, the first day in the New Year of 1961.

The year of 1960, which will soon be a cycle of time in history, has been an exceedingly busy year here at the "Lord's Print Shop." The tracts, papers, booklets and books have been going out in all directions in a steady flow all the weeks of the year. The good that has been done and the souls who have been saved through this effort will never fully come to light until the crowning day which is awaiting all the saints. I surely do want to see all of our readers among "that number when the saints go marching in." We are doing our best to print the gospel in a plain and simple manner so that none need be in darkness as to how to live and keep unspotted from this old sinful world so they will have on a clean garment of righteousness from above when the great Judgment day rolls around. I surely do want to be among that number "when the roll is called up yonder." In order to do so, I must be faithful to speak or write, "Thus saith the Lord," and to give warnings both to the saint and the sinner—to the saint to keep ready, and to the sinner to get ready and then stay ready.

The Apostle John wrote in his day thus: "We know that we are of God and the whole world lieth in wickedness." 1 John 5:19. The world is certainly in that condition today. The sad part of it is that most people make a profession of following the Lord but according to the Scripture they do not love God. In 1 John 5:3 we read, "For this is the love of God that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not grievous." In Titus 2:11 we read, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world."

We find so many professors who revel in the things of this sinful world which is the enemy of God. In James 4:1-4 we find it plainly stated "that the friendship of the world is enmity with God: whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

Read the latter part of the 6th chapter of 2 Cor. and see the good promises that God gives to those who will separate themselves from all worldly religions. He tells us not to be "unequally yoked together with unbelievers." After enumerating some other things which defile the soul, he says: "Where-

fore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, [why do you not obey this scripture?] and touch not the unclean thing; [you should do this and receive the good promise that follows] and I will receive you, and will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

Listen to what he says in the 7th chapter following this good promise: "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." A multitude of preachers in this world will tell their converts that one cannot live holy in this life but that one will sin more or less all the time. They will misconstrue the scriptures, wrest them from their proper meaning and make many believe it that way, so they go on acting like the devil has more power than God. Many will dress in the vulgar styles of the world. Women will bob their hair, paint their faces and finger nails, and wear pants like a man with a filthy cigarette in the mouth. Many have the television habit, and in many other ways they show themselves to be friends of the world.

In 1 Peter 2:11 we read, "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul." The use of tobacco is a strong fleshly lust, and should not be indulged in by any one who loves the Lord and desires to keep His commandments. Can you picture the precious Lord Jesus Christ when upon the earth in a physical body going around with a cud of tobacco in His mouth and spitting the filthy stuff around, or the women that followed Him with the nasty cigarette in their mouths? Perish such a thought! I want to warn you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, unless you abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul you will never have a welcome into God's clean, undefiled heaven. Please take the warning from one that loves your soul. Do not let the enemy deceive you any longer and make you think that Satan has more power than God has. The very purpose that God had in giving His Son as a sacrifice on Calvary's cross was to set you free from all the works of Satan, and keep you clean and ready for His pure and undefiled heaven.

"Heaven is a holy place,  
Filled with glory and with grace—  
Sin can never enter there;  
So if at the judgment bar,  
Sinful spots your soul shall mar—  
You can never enter there."

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When Christ our Savior died upon the cross, was buried and rose again, He finished God's plan of salvation and deliverance from sin for every human being upon the earth at that time and for all who would be born into the world since that time. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." 2 Cor. 5:21. Jesus, in dying on the cross as though He were a sinner, satisfied the divine justice of God

and effected reconciliation between God and man. When man through godly sorrow, confession and repentance accepts the blood of Christ as an atonement for his sins, it will mean peace for him with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. In Isaiah 53:5 we read, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." All that come to God must come to Him through the acknowledgment of His Son and the blood sacrifice that He made for the saving of their souls. In Eph. 1:7 we read, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."

In Ephesians 1:13, 14 we read, "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory." We not only have the redemption of our soul through His blood but also the promise of the redemption of our bodies which have now become His purchased possession. According to the Apostle Paul's words found in Phil. 3:21 we are to be changed in that last great day from a decaying body to an immortal body, and are to be "fashioned like unto His glorious body." Again, in 1 Cor. 15:52 he tells us of this glorious change: "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." When this is done, then will be brought to pass to the saint that death is swallowed up in victory.

In Col. 1:13 the Apostle again writes of our redemption and deliverance through Christ: "Who has delivered us from the power of darkness [Satan's ruling force], and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son; in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

By these scriptures we can plainly see that we not only have redemption of our souls here and are translated from the powers of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son, but also we have the promise of this mortal body being changed at the resurrection day from a body that sees corruption to a body that is immortal and eternal with God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Just think, what a glorious ending is in store for all the faithful saints! Surely these earthly treasures should fade away and be counted as of very little value, yea, as of no value in comparison to the eternal reward with God. No wonder the Psalmist David said, "Great peace have they that love thy law, and nothing shall offend them."

In Psalms 119:103 we read, "How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" There is nothing more comforting to the saint of God when in severe trials and tests than to have that blessed assurance that all is well between

God and his soul. For them to die would only mean the beginning of a greater and more blessed life with God in the endless ages. No wonder the Psalmist David said, "Let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord." As long as we have breath, let us praise and adore His holy name!

He has promised to keep that soul in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on the Lord. If we keep loving the Lord, all things that come to us in life to try and test us will work for our good and His glory. Oh, that we may always dwell in the secret place of the Most High and be hid away under His protective wings of love and compassion. Paul writes in 2 Cor. 4:17, 18: "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, *worketh* for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal." In Psalms 42:1 we read, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?" In Matt. 5:6 we read, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled." In the 5th chapter of Matthew Jesus tells how to be the blessed people of God. Let us not neglect to give heed to all of His words.

### Obituaries

Floyd E. Atha, 51, of Los Angeles, Calif., died suddenly of a heart attack. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Mrs. Lena Atha; a daughter, Mrs. Jerry Kennedy; his mother, Mrs. Flossie Atha, and his two sisters, Mrs. Helen Gatke and Mrs. Pauline Doolittle.

Interment was made in Inglewood Memorial Park.

Sherman E. Burris, 75, passed away June 24, 1960, at his home in Lincoln, Ark. He was a good servant of God, also friend and neighbor. He loved to hand out the paper, "Faith and Victory" to every one he could. He was interested in the things of God.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Richard Madden.

Sister Ora Lee (Baskin) Collins was born near Greenwood, Mississippi, January 2, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baskin.

Ora Lee moved with her parents to a farm near Okemah, Oklahoma at the age of 2. Here she attended school and later professed a hope in Christ.

On October 28, 1929, she was married to H. B. Collins, also of Okemah. To this union were born 16 children: ten girls and six boys. Ten of these: five girls and five boys, are left in the home. The following six children are away from home: Willie S. Collins, Florence, Arizona; Mrs. Louise Bolden, and Mrs. Josephine Smith, Clinton, Oklahoma; Mrs. Julia Ann Ballard, Colbert, Oklahoma; Mrs. Olivene Thomas, Wewoka, Oklahoma, and Grace Collins, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Sister Collins became ill a few months ago and passed away this year, 1960.

Besides her husband and children, Sister Collins leaves to mourn her departure, her mother, Mrs. Della Harris,

Spencer, Oklahoma; one sister and one brother, also a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Lewis Williams, assisted by Bro. E. W. Sanders and Bro. Alva Lucas.

Little Marsha Lynn, four-months-old daughter of Curtis and Bernice Williams, passed away on Nov. 29, 1960. The funeral service was conducted by Bro. S. E. Abbott and Bro. Wm. A. McCoy. Bro. and Sister Williams are affiliated with the Dayton, Ohio congregation. They appreciate the prayers of the saints.

In behalf of little Marsha's passing, the Lord gave the following thoughts:

God's ways are higher than our own;  
He knows the end from the beginning.  
He knows WHY He called our darling home—  
Perhaps to sing around His throne.

Yes, dear Lord, some things we do NOT understand,  
But this we know—OUR lives are in your hand.  
And when you call us from our labor to reward,  
We'll have a glad reunion with our darling and our Lord.

—Sister S. E. Abbott  
R. 3, Box 41, Somerset, Ky.

### A Card of Appreciation

Dec. 13—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Saints everywhere: It is impossible to express in words our appreciation and thanks to everyone for their prayers, gifts, cards and letters received during the illness and passing-of our precious little baby.

God's people are so precious. Truly, when one member of the body suffers they all suffer with it, no matter how far apart they may be. Sister Mary Farlow of Richmond, Ind., Bro. Paul Lambert of Springfield, Ohio and Bro. Ray Key of La., all left their loved ones at home and came to be with us through these trying hours. Also Bro. and Sister S. E. Abbott made several trips from Kentucky. The saints at Dayton were a real blessing and a help in every time of need. We still desire your prayers that God's will be done in our lives.

—Bro. and Sister Curtis Williams

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray earnestly for my daughter who is going steady with a Catholic boy. Pray that they will break up and she will come back to God.

—A Mother

Please pray earnestly for the Lord to give me entire victory and success over the devil and all his works; that his deceptive work of long-time standing will be openly exposed; that the true evening light Church of God work will have full sway in these parts.

—One anxious to see His work going.

Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints everywhere: Please pray with all your heart for me and my family. I am very poorly in body and confined to my room. I would like to see you one more time in this life, then in heaven. Good-bye and God bless all of you.

Your brother in Christ, —J. B. Trinkle

Urgent prayer is requested for a good brother and his wife who are undergoing a severe trial of faith. God knows all about it, but He told us to "ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." (John 16:24).

## Meeting Reports

### Los Angeles, Calif., Assembly Meeting

The mid-winter assembly meeting at Walnut and Naomi Sts., Los Angeles, Calif., closed on Dec. 4, 1960. The meeting started with much victory over all the powers of the enemy. Bro. Ulysses Phillips of Oklahoma, was with us and much used of God in the ministration of the Word of God. It was simple, strong, powerful, which increased our knowledge, responsibility and spirituality. Several were at the altar; some for salvation, some for a deeper consecration and refilling of the Holy Ghost. Four were baptized and 46 took part in the ordinance of the Lord's house, proving the Word true, where it said, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." It is blessed to do the things that our Lord has commanded us to do. It delights our hearts to please Him and have His favor upon us.

We were blessed with a much-needed rain during the meeting.

The burden of many was for a closer walk with God. Some wept before God as they promised to be more diligent in their callings and service to God.

We solicit your prayers for our labors for the Lord in our cottage prayer meetings that we may glean out a few, at least, for the Lord.

Yours for service in the Master's vineyard,

—E. M. Zinn

### Jefferson, Ore., Assembly Meeting

The 1960 assembly meeting of the Church of God in Jefferson, Ore., is recorded in the Book of God that will be opened on that great judgment day.

God blessed in this meeting. Outside ministers came and God used them to declare the whole counsel of God under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The saints here were faithful to do all they could; some driving for miles to bring in friends. Some had never been in a saints' meeting before and their hearts were touched. They admitted that they had never heard preaching like this. One precious soul raised to his feet and said "This is it!"

Some saints came from other states. One went to the altar to be sanctified. Two other precious ones had become discouraged and felt their need to confess and ask for help. God so wonderfully blessed them. When the time came for them to go home they went rejoicing and encouraged to live closer to God and be a light to others.

All that were invited did not come to the feast, but the table of the Lord was full of good food, so they are the losers. Sweet fellowship flowed from heart to heart. All visiting ministers remarked about the sweet spirit manifested through all the meeting. From the kitchen to the pulpit, all was unity.

So this precious meeting is past, and, as we said, is recorded in the Book of God. We, the saints here and at Portland, are encouraged to press on, knowing that in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

Continue to pray for us as we do you.

—The Saints of Jefferson

### Wichita, Kansas, Assembly Meeting

Greetings in the name of the Lord: Our meeting has come and gone. It was the best one I have ever attended. The power of God was in the meeting. Ten got saved, and several sought the Lord for sanctification and deeper grace. The ministers were Bro. Hobbs from Calif., Bro. Ulysses Phillips, and a number of others who were there on the

last week end. It seemed these two brethren carried the burden of the meeting and God anointed them to preach and expound the Word of the Lord. The saints here were faithful in the early morning prayer meetings and held on to God all through the meeting. We had all night prayer meeting on Thursday night, November 3. We think it paid off in great dividends. Pray for us, that the fire will keep burning.

—Bro. Lewis Williams

### Meeting Report From Anthony, Kansas

The Lord blessed the Church of God in Anthony, Kansas with a series of meetings November 18 through the 27th. Bro. Ostis Wilson was here and the Lord greatly anointed in the delivery of the Word. Each message was vital and filled with inspiration. The interest was good and several came from other places. The saints from Wichita were very faithful in attending. All were edified and impressed greatly by the sound truth which went forth. One night three souls sought special help at the altar of prayer and the Lord richly blessed them. It was a meeting full of spiritual light and power, and helped us all to be more able to live for Him. There was a precious service on Thanksgiving morning.

Pray for us here that we be a light in Anthony.

—Bro. and Sister Leslie Busbee



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## Report From The Field

By A. E. Harmon

Wife and I just returned home from Jefferson, Ore. assembly meeting. We left home on the 2nd of Nov., and before we had gone an hour, Wife became deathly sick. I thought for a while that we would have to return home, but the Lord heard prayer and we continued on. Soon, I noticed the loss of oil and found a gasket curled up in the filter, which had just been put in, throwing 2 quarts of oil out, but no damage. At Sacramento a car stopped in front of us. We also stopped, and a car behind hit us hard, knocking us into the car in front. Both of our necks were hurt and sore for several days, but again the Lord heard. Then a plug in the engine started leaking and 8 quarts of water ran out, making a hot engine, but no damage.

I thought by this time the Lord didn't want us to go, but soon found out there was another element working against us. We arrived there on Friday night, got a cabin with a wood-burning stove and we were comfortable. Bro. Huskey and I were there; Sunday, Bro. Gus Poulos came, making three ministers besides those locally. Later in the week Bro. Hatley came with a car load of others. After the first 3 days it rained from then on until we returned to California—three weeks from starting. Rain in Oregon doesn't hinder folks from getting around.

As for the meeting, I don't remember of a better one in late years. There was not a discord, and we feel more good has been done than in any we have attended there. Attendance was not large as we term it, but a goodly number came. Messages were sweet and to the point. The enemy had tried hard, against Jefferson, but I am sure God has overruled much of his endeavors and the saints there say they have a better hold on themselves by God's grace, than before.

Sister Spaur, who is pastoring there, is a precious saint and a great help to them. They appreciate her very much. Her nephew from Washington, and two others, got saved recently, and were at the meeting. The Davis' from Montana, also attended and all were blessed. The ordinances were observed on Saturday and about 100 per cent of attendance took part—the largest percentage of any meeting I remember of ever attending.

After the meeting was over the saints prevailed on Wife and me to stay another week. We accepted, as there were some folks I wanted to visit. On the following Tuesday night we had prayer meeting and on Friday night we went to Salem to Gerald Davis' home and had Bible study. Some of his neighbors also attended. On Saturday night there was preaching and three preaching services on Sunday. So, you see, they are not tired of meeting. Bro. and Sister Noah White are keeping Sister Luehring and Clair Carter, both aged, but diligent to come to meeting. Sister Evelee Stice goes to Lebanon, which is a good many miles, and brings Sister Galloway and her son and Sister Luehring's grandchildren to meeting. Sister Sharon Watkins leads many of the songs; also, Sister Loretta Miles is a great help. After the last service, most all testified of the good received and their determination to hold what they have. I think this meeting will long be remembered.

Monday morning we started home in the rain. We stayed that night at Grants Pass with Verle Kliwer and wife. Tuesday, we took Bro. Verle with us and stopped at Klamath Falls to see Grace Jones (formerly Grace Myers). She had had a fall, hurting her hip badly. We had prayer and left her much encouraged; she is isolated. We went on to Orland, Calif., and stayed at Bro. Huskey's Tuesday night, leaving Verle there. Wednesday morning we stopped

at Bro. Owen's in Fresno, to leave some things, and found him crippled from losing part of a knee cap. He asked us to pray for him. Wednesday night we stopped at Royal Taylor's and had Bible study at Ruth Taylor's sister's. We came on home Thursday, stopping by our daughter's and family, also our son, Richard and his wife. We had Thanksgiving dinner with them.

We are glad to be home, but see much to be done in other places and expect to move as the Lord moves on us.

Yours in Him,

—A. E. Harmon.

## Testimonies

**La.**—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:—I am writing you to thank you for my letter being printed in your October paper, in regards to finding the lady I met on the train. I had a letter from her a few days past. She is Mrs. Dot Henry. It was indeed a treat to find her, as I value her as my sister in Christ. I am sending you 10 names in hopes some will be added to God's church. I really do enjoy your tracts and don't want to miss a single copy of your paper.

I am yours in Christ,

—Mrs. Alice Bassier.

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**Tenn.**—I feel it would be pleasing to God to testify to His goodness to me a few weeks ago. I took a severe cold in my lungs and throat. I suffered and coughed one night till twelve o'clock. I prayed for ease and sleep. I went to sleep and the next morning when I awoke the Lord had touched my body. Praise His blessed name!

Saints, pray for me that I will be true to the Lord. We were glad to have the Carvers visit with us. We are always glad to visit with the saints. May God bless each and every one.

Christian love,

Mrs. E. A. Smelcer.

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**Northern Ireland**—Dear Readers of Faith and Victory: I greet you all in the name of the Lord Jesus, that name that is above every name, that name to which every knee will bow. That will be a change from the way it was when He was down here in this dark world of sin when sinners spit on Him, mocked, and taunted Him. Never again will that happen. He bore all this for you and me, so we can sing and say, "He bore on this tree the sentence for me, and now both the surety and sinner are free."

Now dear ones, here in Northern Ireland, I can truly say, "Jesus saves and Jesus keeps." When I was a very young girl and heard the Gospel I thought I'd like to be a Christian, but I was afraid I could not keep it. Those were often my thoughts: "I could not keep it." But about the age of 16, when I did come in faith to the Lord, I found it was He that kept me. "Kept by the power of God through faith unto Salvation." I learned it is not the sheep that keep the shepherd, but the shepherd who keeps the sheep. Thank God for His wonderful salvation. Yes, thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift, Jesus. Now I can tell you the truth, He has kept me for about 60 years. I know something of His keeping power. We do the trusting and He does the keeping, but after we come to Him we are to watch and pray, always keeping ourselves in the Love of God. He will keep us from sin and all uncleanness and bring us safely home at last.

Martin Luther wrote: "You never get lost on a straight road." Let us keep in the straight and narrow way and we shall reach home at last. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Now, I say in truth: "There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, no not one, no not one. None else could heal our soul's diseases, no not one, no not one."



Jesus knows all about our troubles, He will keep till the day is done. There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, no not one."

God bless all. I will, D.V., be 79 in February. Your sister in the soon coming Lord. Please remember me in your prayers. Thank you and God bless you all. May we all meet at last at Jesus' feet. —Margaret Louise Dundas

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Ohio—Dear Saints:—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Truly I'm thankful to be saved and much encouraged to live for the Lord. I mean to go right on until the crown is won.

The Lord is blessing us, soul and body. Truly, I can never praise Him enough for what He has done for me. He has healed my body many times. I have been afflicted for some time. I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for your prayers. The Lord has wonderfully blessed me in my body. I still desire your prayers that the Lord will completely heal my body.

Your sister in Christ, —Alberta Bruner

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Wis.—Dear Saints everywhere:—I am glad and so thankful that I know I am saved, for I have done all according to God's Word and I know He is faithful and merciful. I was slow to believe this for myself—possibly I listened too much to what people said. I've heard much discouraging talk in my life but praise God, He has a way for even me, right now, today—yes, and it is for everyone who will take God at His word in faith believing. In the Psalms David so often said, "I hope in thy mercy O God." That certainly is the only hope for me.

I am thankful for the opportunity I had of meeting some of the saints at Guthrie this summer. It was a wonderful encouragement to me. I want to thank all those who were interested and prayed for me, here at home and everywhere. I also want to praise the Lord for healing my leg that had such numbness and was so painful to get around on the past weeks. It surely is wonderful to know that the Lord will make a way for us when we are in such need. Recently, I've asked the Lord about different things and certainly the Spirit comforted my heart by letting me know that when the time comes I will have what I need. Praise God! I believe God will do just as much for us today as He did at any other time—today is just as good as the years ago. Praise God!

Your brother in Christ, —Leslie Adams.

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Calif.—Dear Saints everywhere:—The Lord has been so good to me, I feel like I want to tell it. My prayers are better, too, and I intend to keep them that way. I'm expecting a healing; the Lord means everything to me. Of course, the world always looks bright, but that is Satan trying to fool us. We must always be ready to answer those that are without. We should be better examples than ever. We have to live above the world to get the victory and defeat the enemy of our souls. I like the song, "Must I be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease, while others fight to win the prize and sail through bloody seas?"

I have been in the wilderness quite a while. The good Lord sees all and rewards accordingly. He is so much wiser than we.

Your sister, —Thelma Adams

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Ohio—Dear Saints everywhere: —Greetings in our blessed Lord. I truly am thankful to be a child of God today. I feel I can never repay my dear Lord for what He has done for me.

Saints, we had a wonderful day in the Lord this past Sunday here in Dayton, Ohio. Bro. McCoy's daughter and son-in-law got saved and there was really some leaping and shouting going on. My husband and I got saved three years ago this month and we have prayed earnestly for these dear souls. So, you see, it pays to pray and hold on to God until He answers prayer. I believe that all of us saints should do all we can in behalf of lost souls. We do not have much time to work; what we do, we must do quickly. I want to thank each of the saints there at the publishing house for praying for these dear souls. I called about three weeks ago and asked them to be agreed in prayer with us for these dear souls. I truly do thank the Lord for the saints. We all need to draw closer together and all stand for the same thing. I pray the Lord to help us all.

I have a brother and family I would like for the saints to remember in prayer. He's been having quite a time keeping work to support his family. I'm very interested in his soul. I've been burdened quite a lot for him.

I thank the Lord for permitting Brother and Sister C. C. Carver to come and visit with us a while. They truly were an encouragement to us. We desire each of the saint's prayers in behalf of bringing up our children. We need a lot of prayer and wisdom from God. Do pray for the work here in Dayton and all the saints. We want to be ready when Jesus comes.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus, —Mrs. Martin Samons, Jr.

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Calif.—Dear Sister Marie:—Greetings of love in Jesus' sweet and precious name. I'm so thankful I am saved today. I am determined to press on this strait and narrow way with God's help.

Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat [not 40 years ago] the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you." John 6:53. In the 56th verse He says, "He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him." This is present tense. We will starve spiritually unless we keep eating of him.

As I was coming home last week, from Louisiana and Texas, I said to a lady, "Some people say that they don't trust God because they can't see Him." I told her that we didn't see the engineer or fireman on the train but we stepped on and had no fear that we would not get to Los Angeles. In our homes when we need light, we push a button and the light comes on. We know nothing of how or why, but we were told and we believed and obeyed so we had light. Salvation is just as simple. Believe the Word, trust and obey for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey, watch and pray. May the Lord bless us in everything He sees that we need.

Your sister in the Lord, —Dottie Henry.

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Ohio—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all:—This is to let you know God has answered prayer again. I wrote last spring for prayer for my husband, both physically and mentally. He was sick for about a month or more. All the time I was praying and trusting the good Lord. Truly, the Lord healed him. Today he is as well as ever. I can never praise God enough for what He has done for us. Thank you so much for your prayers. May God continue to bless you there as you labor for Him.

Christian love, —Mrs. R. Stamm

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie:—I want to tell you what the Lord has done for me. I requested you saints to pray for me, and I received your letter and the little tract "How

to Get Healed." In a few days I was healed. The misery I had in my side all left and has never come back. Oh, I do praise and thank the Lord for answering prayer. I want to live to make heaven my home. My hearing is not very good so pray that it will get better.

May the Lord bless you all in your work.

Christian love,

—Nellie Huston.

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III.—Greetings of love in our Savior's precious name: I feel I should testify to what God has done for me just a few days ago. I drank about a half glass of fruit juice that had been setting in the refrigerator in an open can; it must have had some tin poisoning in it. In about an hour I was sick with hot sweat rolling off me, my stomach was swelling and beginning to pain. My neck was getting stiff and sore. I had the feeling that I was getting in a bad condition so I went down before the good Lord with it. In a few minutes I got up feeling better and in about an hour I was completely healed. Praise His dear name! I went to work and worked eight hours without feeling sick again. I do thank God for answering prayer. I thank Him for His love and mercy to His children. He is more than I deserve.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

—Albert Green.

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Okla.—Dear Saints everywhere:—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I truly thank and praise the dear Lord for what He is to me. I told the dear Lord if He would heal me I would tell it. Oh, the dear Lord is good and wonderful to trust! I have been very sick. I asked the dear Lord to take the swelling out of my feet, which were badly swollen. Praise the Lord, it is all gone and my heart doesn't give me trouble now. I go to bed and sleep well. I am so glad I learned to trust God for my healing. He has done, and is still doing, wonderful things for me. He has blessed me all the way through life thus far. If I live to see the 12th of January I will be 74 years old. The dear Lord is good to me and I am much encouraged to go on until He calls me home. I love this way and I love God's people.

Pray for me that I will be all the Lord would have me to be.

Your sister in the one true way,

—Lillie B. Hood.

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Mo.—Dear Saints scattered abroad:—It has been some time since we have testified through the little paper. However, that doesn't mean that the Lord has not been blessing us. Praise His dear name!

The Lord has been talking to our heart about sending in our testimony so that others may know of His healing power and be encouraged in Him. First, we read in the precious Word where it says, "They overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony." We surely do want to be overcomers so we must tell of God's blessings to us. A few years ago I had rheumatic fever. The Lord was merciful and healed me of it, but I suffered with many after-effects and a bad heart. I had lots of trouble with my limbs aching and swelling. A year ago last July, while attending the National Camp Meeting, I began to earnestly seek the Lord for complete healing. I had a great desire to help with the work on the grounds, both in the kitchen and the laundry for the kitchen, etc., but my body was so afflicted that I could not do what I wanted to do and saw the need of doing. As I looked to the Lord for help He showed me that I had become so accustomed to pain and weakness that I was more or less taking it for granted and was not really pressing my way to obtain complete victory over the affliction.

One morning, about the 4th day of the meeting, I felt impressed to be anointed in the early morning prayer service. I told the saints that I wanted complete deliverance and was expecting it. Praise our God, I got it! Oh, it is a mighty God we serve.

The Lord has healed me many times of various afflictions when I was anointed and prayed for, but I had never felt His power so strong as I did this time. I don't know how many ministers laid on hands, but I do remember that Bro. Zinn, Sis. Betty Churchman and Sis. Hazel Clark did, and Sis. Clark prayed. I felt a power like an electric current going through and through my body. I just tingled from head to feet and I knew the work was done. It was marvelous what strength and help the Lord gave me for the next three months. I was able to do work that I had not done for over five years, but the enemy of our souls was not pleased and he soon came on the scene again. He brought back every symptom of the affliction and many others that I had been healed of for years; but, dear ones, I didn't accept them. I kept claiming my healing and resisting the devil. I had a real trial of faith and one of the worst battles I've ever had to fight, but I never once doubted my healing. I got down sick in bed and my heart got real bad. I couldn't even hold my arms up to comb my hair, but the Lord was with me all the way and kept me encouraged. I sent word to some of the saints for prayer, requesting that I'd be able to hold on to my healing because I felt all along that my sickness was just an imposition of the devil. Finally, after about four months of suffering and fighting, the Lord said it was enough and Satan had to withdraw his fiery darts. It was wonderful how the Lord gave me strength and health.

I went to the doctor for a check up last June before our baby arrived in July. He said my heart was in good condition. The Lord blessed in such a miraculous way in the delivering of our baby at home. The doctor even noticed and was surprised. I learned later that many thought I would not live through the birth of our baby, but all things are possible with God.

When we attended the camp meeting I was surprised that so many of the saints asked about my health and told me they had been praying for me; some that I was not acquainted with, and I did not know they knew of my condition. I learned that prayers were continually going up for me from Michigan to California. Oh, how precious it was for me to see more than I ever had before, how the saints bear each other's burdens.

Our baby is now five months old and I have good health and strength to care for our large family. Please, everyone that has a burden for souls, help me pray for the salvation of two young men that are heavy upon my heart. Also pray for some healings that I want to see done to God's glory. I desire to be a soul winner for God and to be faithful until death.

In Christian love,

—Sis. Sybil Goldsberry.

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Ga.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Sis. Marie and all the dear Saints everywhere:—Greetings in Jesus' wonderful name. Truly, I am thanking and praising the dear Lord that I'm still saved, having nothing but a well made up mind and a fixed heart to go all the way with Jesus. My heart is filled with praise for the little Faith and Victory and the Beautiful Way. They are so much strength to me on this upward way that I'm traveling day by day. I am sending in a prayer request. Please pray with me for a girl who has been in the asylum for two years and four months. This girl lives with her grandparents. Her parents and brothers and sisters are up north. We went to see this

girl three weeks ago and the doctor said that she would never be well. He said that we could take her home and see how she would be. We brought her home and she did very well for a while but we had to take her back. The doctor said she'd never be well, but I know that the God whom I serve is able to heal mind, body and soul. Please pray with me that God will bless and that she will be able to come back to her grandparents so she can be a blessing to them instead of a burden. Please pray for some unspoken requests in our home.

Your humble sister in Christ, —G. W. Williams.

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Ark.—Dear Saints:—I am trusting in the Lord and want to live for Him and be faithful until the end. I have much to thank Him for.

I have a prayer request: Pray for my two sons and my husband who are unsaved. My husband is seventy years old and has never come to God. I have lived for God since I was ten. I have had many trials and troubles which I could not have endured without God's help.

Thank God for the tracts from the print shop.

A sister in Christ, —Daisy Vanzant.

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Oklahoma.—Greetings to the church through the Faith and Victory paper. We want to report Carol Ann Barton's case and how God has undertaken for her. She soon will have a year in casts and a half-circle bar on her feet. Thanks be to God, she is a surprise to the medical man. Her hip has stayed in place and when the cast was taken off, her knees weren't stiff as others are. They remarked that her skin didn't look like skin that had been in a cast. The hip socket wasn't developed, but God kept it in place. She hasn't been sick but very little since she was put in the cast. She is so patient and soon learns to get around in anything they put on her. Oh, praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

We attended the Louisiana assembly meeting. It was a good meeting with a good, sweet spirit prevailing. I'm so glad I can still report victory in my soul. We wish all prayers that Carol Ann can soon be free from this and can walk as she used to. God is able to do this. Remember Bro. Barton, as he is not well. —Sister Sam Barton

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Wash.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all at the Lord's Workshop:—I greet you in the wonderful name of Jesus. I wish to thank you for the generous supply of books you sent. I surely enjoy reading them. They are wonderful and I have been blessed while reading them. I had to stop often and meditate after reading a couple of pages. God's presence filled the room.

When I read the book "My Life Story and Healing" by Nellie Poulos, I was greatly blessed. When I read page 93 in the book about the last Sunday of the camp meeting at Sister Busch's place, in Oregon, it was quite interesting to me. Twenty-five were baptized at that time and I was one of them. I shall never forget how the Lord had talked to me about going there to be baptized. This was a real answer to prayer as I had asked the Lord to lead me to a flowing stream to be baptized.

Early in the spring of 1941 I had a dream, or rather, a vision. The Lord showed me a farm house and buildings. Down below the house there was a river and a trail leading to the river. In my vision I saw about 25 people going down this trail, dressed in white garments, and I was the last one to follow to be baptized. Later, I read in the Faith and Victory paper the announcement of a camp meeting to be held in Oregon in July, 1941. My husband and son took me to Sister Busch's place in the car. I stood

in the yard and immediately recognized the place and river as what I had seen in my vision. I made arrangements to be baptized the following Sunday. It was wonderful! Praise God from whom all blessings flow! He is a wonderful Savior and I can say, He is a shelter in the time of storm, and great is His faithfulness.

Please continue to pray for me. I know the Lord can heal my broken hip, also pray for my family. Enclosed find offering for the Lord's work. Wishing all of you at the Lord's Workshop, God's blessings. God be with you and give you health and strength to carry on in this great work for the Lord, is my prayer.

With Christian love, —Otto and Gertrude Koehler.

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Ark.—Dear Saints:—God bless and help in every need. We greet you in the sweet name of Jesus. We are both doing very well in body. Dad says his hand is better, even if it doesn't look much different. It doesn't hurt like it did some time ago. We surely thank God, and all the saints who have been praying. Our oldest daughter is getting so worried about it. She thinks he could have had it taken off two or three years ago, but that would not be trusting God. We are sure God knows best. By His grace we both want to trust Him until the end.

You sent so many nice tracts to Myrtle, Mo. I took some and put them in a tract holder here in Paragould at the bus station which Roy put up about eight years ago. You can find about any kind of stuff in it at times. Maybe we can get some truth to people. We sometimes put Faith and Victory papers in it. I gave both my last papers away. Pray for us. With love, —Roy and Syndia Cade

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## The Church That Jesus Built

That Jesus gathered material while in earth, while in a fleshly body, and built His Church, cannot be disputed, for we read in Matt. 16:16-18, "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God. And Jesus answered and said, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also 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." Many look at this Scripture without taking much thought, or without the Spirit to guide and give understanding, and conclude that Jesus meant to build His Church on Peter, but this is decidedly a wrong interpretation of the Scripture. Jesus was referring to the solid rock-like truth that he had spoken, which was: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," and was given him by the Father in heaven, and all those that believe in the heart (Romans 10:9, 10) that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, become stones in the building, His Church, Christ being the Rock, the Chief cornerstone.

We find by the above Scriptures that His Church was to be so firm, so strong, and filled with such power that the gates of hell can not prevail against her onward march. We find that His Church was not many, but ONE, spoken of in the singular term: IT. The prophet Isaiah foreseeing things that would come to pass, spoke of the beginning of the Church in this manner, "Therefore, thus saith the Lord God, behold

I lay in Zion (a metaphor for the Church) for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste" (Isa. 28:16). The prophet here was speaking of Jesus as the precious tried stone and said He was a sure foundation. And Paul, speaking of this foundation, said, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 3:11).

Peter, in speaking to babes in Christ, said, "To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed of men, but chosen of God and precious. Ye also as lively stones (saved men) are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore, also I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded" (1 Pet. 2:4-6). This living stone spoken of by Peter is Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, for truly He was rejected of men, despised, abused, slain, placed in the tomb, and counted by men as fully defeated; but not so—the gates of hell did not prevail. There was mighty power with Him. The great stone at the mouth of the tomb could not keep its place, the governor's seal was not respected, the brave soldiers that were set to watch did shake and become as dead men, and Christ the Son of God came forth a living conqueror, and has become Head over all things to the church which is His body.

Paul, in writing of and to saved souls, said, "Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and 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 the building, fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom Ye are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit" (Eph. 2:19-22). Paul is speaking here of the spiritual structure of the Church that Jesus built, and shows that He has reconciled us unto God in one body by the cross (verse 16). For all truly saved souls (those who believe from the heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God) compose the spiritual body of Jesus Christ; and He, Christ, is our great High Priest (Heb. 4:14) with all power both in heaven and in earth (Matt. 8:18), and has become Head over all things to the Church (Eph. 1:22).

Moses was a type of Christ inasmuch he was the head of the literal children of Israel. They are referred to in the 3rd chapter of Hebrews and the 2nd verse as Moses being faithful in all of his house, but the scripture goes on to say that Jesus was worthy of more glory than Moses, and that Moses was faithful in all of his house as a servant which testified of things which were to be spoken afterwards. The Word says, "But Christ as a son over his own house: whose house are we, (saved souls) if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end."

The material that Jesus gathered to build his house or Church was God-fearing men and women that received Christ and fully accepted his gospel. The apostles whom He chose were foundation stones, with

Christ himself as the chief corner stone. For three years and a half he was gathering souls together and building his spiritual house which Peter speaks of in 1 Peter 2:5 as being and are built up a spiritual house, by whom spiritual sacrifices are offered up which are acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. On the day of Pentecost they were all together in one place and constituted his spiritual house or Church he had built. In sending upon them the gift of the Holy Ghost with the cleansing fire of the Spirit, the Church of God was set in order with the various gifts of the Spirit functioning in and through each member or "lively stone" in the building. When this was done, the Church was a complete unit, built and occupied. The Spirit of God began to add to it such as were being saved (Acts 2:47), and the number increased.

He was not building his Church new but was just merely adding to it such as should be saved or were born from above. The Church was built and was together in one accord on the day of Pentecost when it was occupied by the Holy Ghost, gifts were given and it was set in order and began to function as a complete unit. Thereafter, it was added to as souls repented and were born from above and thus it will be until Jesus comes and takes us all home to glory.

I see the Church of God today as a city set on a hill that cannot be hid, covered or destroyed. We could think of the Church today as likened to a man having 50 sheep, which was his complete flock of sheep. In the spring there are 25 lambs born, and then his complete flock of sheep would be 75 head. It could be likened to a city whose population is ten thousand souls. This city has all the officers it needs and is a complete city within itself. In ten years it grows to be a city of 100,000, and is still a complete city as it has all the officers it needs. Jesus built his Church, and on the day of Pentecost he occupied it by the Holy Ghost and set it in order, and there is no power on earth which can destroy it.

"Hell never can destroy the Church, built by the Savior's hands;

Upon the Rock, the solid Rock, Christ Jesus, still she stands.

Despite of persecution's flood and gates of hell, forsooth;

She's still the Kingdom of the Lord, the Pillar of the truth."

We have been considering who built the Church and on whom it was built and of what and whom it is composed, and now we shall proceed to find out the proper name of this church that Jesus built. We shall first turn to John 17:11 and read what Jesus says to do: "And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world (speaking of His disciples) and I come to THEE HOLY FATHER, KEEP THROUGH THINE OWN NAME those whom Thou hast given Me that they may be one as we are." We find by these scriptures that it was the desire of Jesus that His followers should be kept in His Father's name and His name is God. Therefore the name would be "The Church of God." The word 'church' in the scriptures does not refer to a building as men apply it today, but

it has reference to an assembly of saved men and women which constitute "the Church of God" in that locality. In a broader sense, the Church of God would mean all saved people throughout the world.

God, our heavenly Father had the CHURCH PICTURED OUT in types and shadows long before Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary. Therefore, it was not strange that Jesus wanted the Church kept in His Father's name.

We find that men have built structures that they call "churches," and are holding them together the best they can under other names; but on examination, we find that they are built on sandy foundations and have become cisterns without living water. They have failed to honor the petition of the Son, "Holy Father, keep through Thine own name," therefore the storms and floods have left their houses desolate of real spiritual life and habitation of God is with those that are married to Christ and bring forth fruit unto God (Rom. 7:4). They honor the Son and call themselves by the Father's name. They are not tied nor bound by rules and regulations of men, but are set free by belief in Christ, Son of God (Rom. 8:14), are lively stones in the building of God that Jesus has built (1 Pet. 2:5).

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end" (Isa. 9:6-7).

In the third chapter of Eph. 14th and 15th verses, we read what Paul said concerning the name of God's people: "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and in earth is named." Some of the family of God, people of God, or Church of God have gone on to heaven and the other part are yet alive in the earth, and Paul, speaking of the Father, said, "Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named," which would be the family of God, or the Church of God.

Men do not join "the Church of God" as they do man-made churches, but they are born into it by a spiritual birth just as children are born into our family by fleshly birth; and we bear the Father's name as our children bear ours. We will not dishonor the Father by taking some other name, but are satisfied and happy to abide free in Him (Psa. 87:5-6). "Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again" (John 3:7).

Paul, in writing to or of saved people, repeatedly called them "The Church of God." In Acts 20:28 he said to the overseers to "Feed the Church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood." In 1 Cor. 1:1, 2 he addresses the Church of God which is at Corinth, directing his letter to the local assembly of the Church. In 1 Cor. 10:32 he says to "give no offence to the Church of God." In 1 Cor. 15:9, "I am not meet to be called an apostle, for I persecuted the Church of God." In 1 Tim. 3:5, speaking of a bishop or elder, he says, "For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the Church of God?"

These are just a few of the places in Scriptures where saved men and women are called or referred to as "The Church of God."

—Fred Pruitt

### *I Saw The Church*

On Zion's hill a great temple stands,  
'Tis the beautiful Church of God;  
It was built according to God's commands  
And purchased with Jesus' blood.

And when I saw her heavenly light  
I called to my friends to behold;  
But they could not see for the fog and blight  
That the creeds of the world uphold.

The Apostles the foundation laid,  
Jesus Christ is the corner stone;  
We are living stones, Saint Peter has said,  
And we make up the wall alone.

The Church of God, the Kingdom of God  
By the power of God I see;  
I enter her glory through Jesus' blood  
That was shed on the cross for me.

God's Kingdom is set up in the heart,  
Where Jesus is on the throne;  
The heart is the place where the reign must start,  
And where Jesus controls alone.

With holy mortar of faith and love  
Each member is held in the wall;  
And it pleases the Builder up above—  
The devil can't shake it at all.

No heathen customs, feast days nor pride,  
No place for wild beasts to lie down;  
No corners for Babylon's screech owls to hide  
Nor satyrs dancing around.

For God's eyes search the place through and through,  
His grace at the altar is found;  
To make one new man out of Gentile and Jew  
And so, making peace to abound.

—Chas. W. Gunn.

### *Giving, the Christian's Duty*

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." (Luke 6:38)

I have found great joy and blessings in giving. I have found out too, that you can't outgive God. The more you give the more you will receive. If you haven't tried it, give it a try and you will be amazed at how richly God will reward you. He will open closed doors for you.

I notice that some of the saints do not give as they should. Remember, ye are not your own. Not just a tenth, but all you have belongs to God. Let us do more for Him. I realize that we have obligations to meet, but God's cause must go on. Let us ask ourselves a question: If everyone gave as much to God's cause as I do, just how far would the gospel reach?

I don't know how it is in every place but I have noticed that in a congregation there are just a few that really carry the load. It makes it hard when each member does not do his or her part. "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully, every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:6-7)

Don't purpose small amounts; purpose larger amounts and God will open ways for you to get it. If necessary, He will give you a better job or a raise in your pay. I'm speaking of what I know. That's what He did for me. As God prospers us we are to give to Him. Let us not give from what we have left, but put His aside first. As He said over in Mal. 3:10: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

—A. Stills

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#### THE GOSPEL OF THE SON OF GOD

Printed Portion ..... John 1:1-14; 20:30-31

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2. The same was in the beginning with God.
3. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
4. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
5. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
6. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
7. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.
8. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.
9. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
10. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
11. He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
12. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

20:30. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

31. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

**Memory Verse:** These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. John 20:31.

**Practical Truth:** Through His Son God has made His most complete revelation of Himself to man.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

John starts his gospel by referring to the Word, meaning Jesus, who was in the beginning with God in the creation of the world. (Notice Gen. 1:26. The Trinity worked together.) He points out that the pre-existent Word became flesh and dwelt among men. At times while Jesus was here his glory shone through Him, especially at the scene of transfiguration.

"In him was life." In him was eternal life and as others believed on him they also received eternal life. Christ is the author of life. That life is still shining in the world but so many "love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil." Only those who will submit to God can receive light and life.

John the Baptist came to tell others of that Light and Life that was coming. Jesus came to the Jews but they rejected him and did not receive him but thank God, "as many as received him" he gave them power to be "born again" not of the flesh but of God. Others cannot keep us out of heaven or from becoming sons of God. It is an individual matter with each one. No matter what others do, it is our privilege to open our hearts to the light and have the darkness completely dispelled and have joy and peace within.

January 8, 1961

#### JESUS BRINGS JOY

Printed Portion ..... John 2:1-11

1. And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:
2. And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.
3. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.
4. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.
5. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.
6. And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.
7. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.
8. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.
9. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,

10. And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

11. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

**Memory Verse:** This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. John 2:11.

**Practical Truth:** Miracles were a sign that Jesus was what He professed to be.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Before our lesson today Jesus had been baptized and gone through the temptations of the wilderness, also had talked to five or six of his disciples. He was beginning his ministry and the Bible says this miracle was the first that "manifested his glory" and his disciples believed on him.

Verse five brings out the thought that obedience to God's Word will bring a blessing.

The Bible dictionary says a firkin is about ten gallons.

Much discussion has been made on the subject, "Did the wine that Jesus made contain alcohol?" In reading the description of the wine the Jews made we find it did contain alcohol. Yet, on the other hand, we have heard it stated that the wine Christ made must have been unfermented grape juice. In our lesson we read plainly that the drink which the ruler called "the good wine" was not the juice of anything but was made by Jesus, by the power of God entirely out of water. Today we have drinks on the market that do not have any juice in them but through chemicals the scientists have produced a good, natural tasting drink. I do not doubt the power of God to produce a good flavored wine that did not have any alcohol in it, which is in harmony with the scriptures teaching against intoxicating drinks.

Jesus can change a despairing soul into a soul of joy, peace and satisfaction. Surely Jesus was a miracle-working savior.

January 15, 1961

### YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN

**Printed Portion** ..... John 3:1-7, 12-21

1. There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2. The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

12. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

13. And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

14. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15. That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

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.

17. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

20. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

21. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

**Memory Verse:** God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. John 3:17.

**Practical Truth:** It is the privilege of all to experience a new birth, wrought by the Spirit of God.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We have a very important lesson and truths are revealed in this lesson that cause the sin-sick, despairing soul to know what God will do for him. It is plainly taught that if we meet the conditions God will transform a person into a "new creature." To get to heaven means more than just trying to do right in a person's own strength. A person must be "born again." It means more than having a mere intellectual knowledge of Jesus dying for the sins of the world. There must be a living faith in the soul of man that when he confesses his sins with a godly sorrow and believes that Jesus forgives those sins he becomes a son of God. Bad men are made good. Selfish, evil-minded, pleasure-loving men are transformed. Those who have been slaves to habits that are sinful are delivered and set free. The power of habits is broken by the power of God. This salvation works deep down in the very innermost part of man. He is born of the Spirit. Condemnation is gone. A deep settled peace reigns in the soul.

Through Christ's death he was lifted up. The plan of salvation was completed when he died and ascended to heaven. Believing on Him brings eternal life to the soul.

January 22, 1961

### WHO IS JESUS?

**Printed Portion** ..... John 4:21-30, 39-32

21. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

22. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

23. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.



25. The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

26. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

27. And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

28. The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

29. Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

30. Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

39. And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman,

40. So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.

41. And many more believed because of his own word;

42. And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

**Memory Verse:** They said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world. John 4:42.

**Practical Truth:** The blessings of the gospel are for all alike.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In our lesson Jesus confesses that he is the Messias that is to come and is Christ. The prophets down through the ages prior to our lesson prophesied of his coming, through the Spirit that worked in them.

Jesus showed himself as an example of being a personal worker. Notice that he brought up a subject that was of common interest and then turned it into a spiritual lesson.

Jesus teaches the fact that he is the source of "living water." This water which is salvation, will satisfy, sustain and last forever. It is ever springing up into everlasting life.

Jesus brings out the fact that the woman should believe him. Today we must have confidence in Jesus and His words to be able to receive eternal life. "He that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is the rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Heb. 11:6)

Our lesson also brings out the fact that Jesus is a friend of all, regardless of race. The Jewish prejudices of that day did not stand in His way regarding women, Samaritans or other foreigners. God's people today that are filled with the Spirit are not prejudiced against any soul, but love every creature alike.

God only accepts that kind of worship that is done in the Spirit.

January 29, 1961

#### WHY IS CHRIST OUR AUTHORITY?

Printed Portion ..... John 5:9c-24

9c. The same day was the sabbath.

10. The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.

11. He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.

12. Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?

13. And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place.

14. Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon thee.

15. The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

16. And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

17. But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

18. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal to God.

19. Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

20. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

21. For as the Father riseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

22. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

23. That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

24. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

**Memory Verse:** Verily, verily I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. John 5:24.

**Practical Truth:** Jesus has power to make men whole physically and spiritually.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

If a person will carefully and thoughtfully read the Book of John they can never be the same person in their responsibility to God. The precious Truths of what God requires of a person are so clearly taught.

To carry burdens on the Sabbath was forbidden in Jer. 17:21-22; but circumstances alter such cases. The rabbis were rigid literalists and recognized no exceptions. Of course, at that time they did not recognize Jesus as being the Sabbath himself, the rest-giver to the soul.

From the remark Jesus made after he healed the crippled man we take it to mean sin had been the cause of his affliction. But then the thought that there can be a punishment for sin worse than 38 years of helplessness and wretchedness makes one know in a small degree the punishment that awaits the sinner after the judgment.

God has given to the Son power to heal and to forgive sins. In verse 21 and 22 we see that as the Father quickens or gives life to whomsoever he wills, just so the Son does also. And then the Father has "committed all judgment unto the Son." We find this brought out in Matt. 25:31-46.

We are to honor the Son of God, Jesus Christ and believe on him for everlasting life. —Mrs. Marie Miles