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Stand Up For Jesus

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
With courage onward go.
Do not faint, nor falter,
Though tempted by the foe.

For God will give you power
To stand against the wrong—
Against the tide of evil
In a pleasure-loving throng.

In this wicked generation
That has not love for right,
God can truly make you
A bright and shining light.

Be not ashamed to witness,
Or tell what God has done;
How He can save a sinner
By the blood of Christ, His Son.

Shun each vile temptation
That comes along your way.
The God of our salvation
Will keep you every day.

—Ulysses Phillips

Eighty Years in the "Evening Light"

"Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it." Jeremiah 6:16, 19.

In this chapter the prophet Jeremiah laments God's judgments against ancient Jerusalem and proclaims His wrath upon the people because they refused to hearken unto God's words and admonition to walk in the "old paths" and "the good way" that they might find rest to their souls. They said emphatically, "We will not walk therein."

Ancient Jerusalem as the chosen people of God is a type or symbol of the spiritual city of New Jerusalem, the Church of God in this gospel dispensation. Zechariah, the prophet, looking forward to the evening time of the gospel day, declared: "But it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light. And it shall be in that day that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem. . . . In that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one." Zech. 14: 7b, 8a, 9b. In fulfillment of this prophecy, the blessed evening light began to shine forth in 1880 when D. S. Warner, a true reformer in every sense of the word, along with other men of God, stepped out of and declared their freedom from all man-made organizations called churches. They did not organize another church, but recognized and scripturally maintained that they were already members of the Church that Jesus built hundreds of years before and set in operation on the day of Pentecost. Christ was set forth as the Door and Head of His spiritual body, the Church, and the means of induction into that Body was by the experience of the new birth alone—a spiritual resurrection from the dead state of sin. Man-rule and human methods of church membership were discarded. The true church was scripturally declared to be separate and distinct from all the creeds of men. The two witnesses—the Word and the Spirit—were restored to their rightful positions as governors of the Church. An urgent call for the unity of all God's people in the holy bonds of love, for which Jesus prayed, was sounded abroad. Even to sect Babylon resounded the command: "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Rev. 18:4; 2 Cor. 6:17.

With this restored light on the Word of God burning in his soul, Bro. Warner began, in 1881, the publication of the paper called the Gospel Trumpet which was a private venture and did not officially come under church control until 36 years later, in 1917. As a result of this unique message of truth, a host of the ransomed of the Lord returned and came to "Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads." Isa. 35:10. This precious truth spread like a prairie fire over the country amid much opposition and persecution. Many were saved, sanctified, and called to the gospel work. The doctrines of holiness, two definite works of grace, divine physical healing, the ordinances of baptism by immersion, the Lord's supper and feet washing, the one true Church, racial equality and desegregation, plainness and modesty of dress, and simplicity of living were faithfully proclaimed and practiced. All unnecessary articles of dress, outward adornment, and conformity to worldly fashions were laid aside

by the saints in light. However, no external condition or appearance alone was made a test of fellowship. The individual's light on God's Word alone rates his responsibility. The test of fellowship is that of the spirit—whether there is a willingness to walk in the light of Christ's teachings. "If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another. . . ." 1 John 1:7. They "reached their hands in fellowship to every blood-washed one, while love entwines about each heart in which God's will is done."

Ere long the powers of darkness moved to cripple the reform movement by division. In 1898 the "anticleansing heresy" arose and a number of prominent ministers left the main body. However, some returned later. They believed that the carnal nature is removed at the moment of conversion and therefore there could be no cleansing in the second work of grace, but the truth marched on.

After thirty years (1880-1910) under the blazing light of the evening time, innovations, apostasy and compromise developed on a broad front in the movement. This situation is admitted and verified by C. E. Brown, former editor of the Trumpet, under the subject, "Changing Patterns in the Movement." He writes: "A radical change came over the movement. Perhaps the first was the appearance of segregation in the North. The segregation of the races into separate congregations rapidly came to pass during the First World War. Once started, the new order [an innovation] spread rapidly till it became practically universal."

The following is the exact copy of a resolution adopted at a campmeeting in 1911 and approved by the General Assembly:

"Whereas, There has been of late considerable agitation amongst us in regard to necktie wearing and

"Whereas, Extreme positions have been taken, some for and some against it, it has seemed pleasing to the Lord that the question be considered by the ministers attending this camp meeting and that a statement be given. Accordingly, there assembled at 9:30 on June 7, 1911, twenty-five ministers representing eighteen states, and the following is their unanimous decision.

"1. That there is no good reason for a change in what for years has been the general attitude of the church in this country in regard to the matter, namely, that the wearing of the tie is a thing to be discouraged as being unnecessary and as tending to the spirit of the world.

"2. That liberty be given to its being worn by those whose consciences do not forbid their doing so on occasions when their business or other extreme circumstances require it."

Under the heading of "Changes in Ascetical Practices" C. E. Brown comments on the resolution in these words: "Anybody who knows human nature would know at once that the concession made in the last paragraph would mean the end of the anti-necktie custom."

Bro. C. E. Orr writes in the year 1933: "I became connected with this reformation 43 years ago. Very few, in fact none now living, has been more closely associated with D. S. Warner than this writer. He has heard him preach hundreds of times; been with him in a number of revivals; had him for months living in my home and being with us in our family altar. For a considerable time we lived on the same campground, and I was with him through his last illness and up until within a few hours of his death. I know well what he taught, and what he practiced. He was editor of The Gospel Trumpet. Among the many things he taught as being evil was the wearing of the necktie. He held this as being an adornment, which is forbidden in the Scriptures. He did not make

it a test of fellowship, nor any other material thing. There was not an established preacher or brother among us 40 years ago who wore a "tie". The man who became editor after the death of D. S. Warner wrote a tract entitled, "Little Things", in which he strongly denounced the wearing of the "tie." A number of years later when some ministers in Pennsylvania had donned the "tie" this editor denounced it through the paper as a "downright compromise of the devil." However, a little later the innovation was brought in, and accepted by the majority of the ministers of that movement. A division was the result. Many may say that the wearing of the tie is a very small matter, and that there is no principle of righteousness violated by wearing it. It is not our purpose at this time to discuss this question, only to say that it was large enough and worldly enough to set the movement on the fastest decline ever known to any religious movement in the history of the Church. If we had followed them in this first innovation in order to save from a division, we would have to have followed them in the second for the same reason, and would have to follow them to where they have now declined, which would mean the losing of our soul. These people are as worldly today as many of the sects and more worldly than some of them. They have their Year Book in which is registered the names of their ministers, the numbers of their congregations, the number of members in the congregations, and the valuation of their church property. They have their schools, their salaried ministers, their Reverends, their D. D's, their pulpit committees, their preaching programs, their pageants, plays, fairs, banquets, suppers, costly church buildings orchestras, pipe organs, their ministers exchanging pulpits with sectarian ministers, joining ministerial associations, and are recognized by the sects as a sect among the sects."

C. E. Brown writes: "The second notable split-off began as early as 1910 when a few ministers urged the wearing of the necktie. Once the dike was broken, the wearing of the tie became common and a large group of ministers withdrew and started a little paper called the Herald of Truth. This movement went on for some ten years, but it finally died out, with the exception of a few small groups."

True, the majority of the ministers accepted the innovation, but a "large group of ministers withdrew" about 1910-1914 and stood for the original teachings of the reformation. Therefore, those accepting the innovations were the division-makers.

Even the civil courts ruled that the Trumpet movement had forsaken their former teachings. With reference to the General Southern campground at Hammond, La. which was established in 1907 (and still in use by the saints with Bro. Max Williamson, pastor), C. E. Brown wrote: "In 1916 this campground was lost to the movement by a schism." He did not state how or why it was lost. The fact is that the courts definitely ruled that they were not entitled to the property because they had departed from their prior teachings.

Bro. C. E. Orr, one of the pioneer ministers who stood for the original teachings, began publishing the paper, Herald of Truth, in California after 1910. Later, during the First World War, the office of the paper was moved to Carthage, Mo. and placed under thirteen trustees scattered over the country. It operated there about five years and suspended publication in the early 1920's. In 1927 this writer attended the last campmeeting held at Carthage, Mo.

Contrary to C. E. Brown's statement above, the movement standing for the "old paths" and the "good way" did not "die out." However, some individuals did go into

fanaticism or liberalism. Many ministers and congregations in several states contended "for the faith that was once delivered to the saints." A few of the older ministers were: C. E. Orr, Addison Kriebel, George E. Harmon, Willis M. Brown, Frank Williamson, Henry Robinson, G. W. Winn, James Glasgow, C. S. Forbes, George Bolds, S. M. Helm, Julia Myers, W. M. Wilson, Cornelia A. Sunderland, Ostis B. and Mattie (Bolds) Wilson. All of these are now deceased.

In the year of 1918 my father, Fred Pruitt, moved with his family to Guthrie, Okla. from Clovis, New Mex. where there was a congregation of the true Church under the leadership of Bro. George Harmon. In that area my father had previously heard the truth of the reformation, was converted and answered the Lord's call to the ministry about the year 1915. At Guthrie he continued in evangelistic work, as well as working with another in the printing and circulation of gospel literature. In the year 1923 he launched out on his own by faith, and with the aid of a few close associates, he began (free of charge) the publication of this paper, Faith and Victory, which has continued and expanded through the years. Feeling a definite call of God and seeing the urgent need for worldwide gospel literature evangelism, he placed all of his earthly possessions, which included several thousand dollars, into buildings and printing machinery for the production of Christian literature. In the first issue dated March, 1923, he writes editorially: "The fact that Satan uses the printed page to deceive and sidetrack souls is a good sign that it can be used mightily of God for good. As far as we know the mind and will of God, this paper will be devoted to the upbuilding of God's people wherever they are and whoever they may be, 'for in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.'" Then, as always, this paper is published in the interest of God's people who compose the one and only true Church of God in this "evening light." It stands committed to the teachings and practices of the thirty years of the Reformation prior to 1910, and open for more or additional light, but not the "new light" which eclipses or hides the truths which brought forth this precious reformation.

The publishing work is supported mainly through free-will offerings, as the present small subscription price on the paper does not pay the cost of producing it. Then through the Free Literature Fund thousands of papers, tracts, and books are printed and mailed out free of charge. Where prices on literature are quoted, they do not cover all the costs, so this is primarily and essentially a faith work with the aim to carry the gospel to "every creature" in obedience to the Great Commission which Jesus gave to His Church. A Missionary Fund is also maintained to aid the readers in relaying missionary offerings to home and foreign missionary work. An expansion of the office building is now undertaken to further spread the glorious gospel of Christ. About 12,000 copies of this issue of the paper are being printed.

In the issue of March, 1928, of Faith and Victory, Bro. C. E. Orr announced his burden to edit a paper especially for children and young people, entitled The Path of Life. He began publication immediately here at Guthrie, Okla., but the same year (1928) he accepted the pastorate at Hammond, La. where he continued The Path of Life until 1932 when he merged it with the Faith and Victory and assumed the editing of the last six pages until his death in Sept., 1933. He was laid to rest in Summit View Cemetery at Guthrie, the place marked by a modest stone bearing the epitaph: "Thy memory shall ever be a guiding star to heaven."

In 1949 my sister, Mrs. Anna Marie Miles, then living in California, recognized the need for a children's paper. Accordingly, that year she began editing a new paper, The Beautiful Way, which is printed and mailed from Faith Pub. House. In 1954 she, with her family, moved to Guthrie and has been active in writing and publishing the gospel.

The reformation in this "evening time" is really a restoration movement, bringing back to the Church the truths and practices which prevailed in the morning Church of the first century. Over the years God has given more light and understanding on His Word. In the 1930's a general forward move in the work of God was noted. More ministers were on the field, more campmeetings and assembly meetings were held, and many souls were added to the Church through salvation. The National Campmeeting, held annually at Monark Springs (Neosho), Mo., was started in 1938, and the attendance and interest has been increasing ever since. The meeting this year will be held, Lord willing, on July 21 to 30, 1961. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend.

"Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." —Lawrence D. Pruitt

Meeting Notices

Green Pastures, Okla. Spring Meeting

The spring meeting at Green Pastures, Okla. will be held, Lord willing, from March 17 to 26. All are welcome to attend. We desire the prayers of the saints for the success of the meeting.

The date of the Green Pastures, Okla. campmeeting is July 7 to 16, 1961.

—Bro. E. W. Saunders, Pastor

Boley, Okla. Spring Meeting

The Lord willing, the annual spring meeting at Boley, Okla. will be held April 14 to 23. We are looking to the Lord to send ministers of His own choosing. Pray for the success of the meeting.

—Sister Ora Spears

Meeting Near Stoutland, Mo.

We have all-day meeting here at the Pritchett school house, five miles north of Stoutland, Mo., every second Sunday of each month. We invite all our brothers and sisters to come and to pray for the meetings, also invite the unsaved to come and hear God's Word. —Becky Barnes

PARTIAL LIST OF CAMPMEETINGS

National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo., July 21-30.

Guthrie, Okla. (Oklahoma State) Aug. 4-12.

Pacoima, Calif. (California State)—Last of August; dates will be published later.

Hammond, La. (General Southern) June 30-July 9.

Card of Thanks

I wish to take this means of thanking all the dear ones who sent me birthday cards and offerings on my 80th birthday. Such gifts of love and concern meant much to me. May God's blessings rest upon each one of you for your good thoughts toward me in my declining years. Yours in Him, —Bro. Wheeler, Bristow, Okla.

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Editorials

John says, "This is the love of God that ye keep his commandments and his commandments are not grievous." 1 Jno. 5:3. The New Testament commandments and instructions are not grievous to bear and should be obeyed cheerfully by the saints in light.

In some places we understand that the minister or pastor of a flock will force the law tithing upon the people as a New Testament doctrine and make it plain that he is the one to receive it. My brethren, this ought not to be, for the New Testament teaching is to receive freely and to give freely. Let every "man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, . . ." (2 Cor. 9:7) or as the Spirit directs him. His giving is to be freely as unto the Lord. The scripture says not to give "grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." There is not a scripture in the New Testament, if interpreted correctly, that teaches tithing as a command. The Mosaic law taught tithing to its subjects, but it was only a schoolmaster to bring them to Christ. When He died on the cross, their house or temple was left desolate, for God ceased to meet with them any more in that place and the schoolmaster (law of Moses) which taught them to tithe ceased to exist as far as God was concerned. Christ's new law of love, full consecration and surrender—100%, not 10%—came into practice. (Rom. 12:1). Now in this dispensation we are to be led of the Spirit in our giving—when, where and how much to a particular need in the work of the Lord, as we have become His "purchased possession." Eph. 1:14. God's children love to "abound in this grace also." (2 Cor. 8:7).

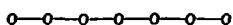
If one under Christ purposes in his heart to give a tenth or a 20th of his earnings to the Lord for a certain cause and does it of his own free will, I am sure it would be accepted of the Lord. But not, if forced into doing it by the teaching that it was binding on him as a New Testament doctrine. I am fully persuaded that if one gives in this manner by being urged and forced into it, that God would not accept it and the giver would have no eternal reward. Personally, I would not want any one to give to the Lord's work that He has placed in our hands as a steward unless he gave it of his own free will and as unto the Lord. I am certain that he would get no lasting reward in giving otherwise. Under the Mosaic law the command was, "Thou shalt," but under the law of Christ it is, "If ye love me." I would not want to be a pastor or anyone else who urged and forced a tenth out of the flock, making it hard on many, and in that condition have to meet God in judgment with my hands all spotted up with filthy lucre.

The apostle Paul asked the Galatians in Gal. 3: 3, "Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? [the law]" In

the 11th verse we read, "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, the just shall live by faith." Dear brethren, let us keep free in the Spirit and allow others the same privilege lest our actions be such as to cause that "hope of glory" to fade out of our hearts. Let every one be persuaded in his own mind and give cheerfully as unto the Lord. God knows the conditions existing with each individual, and will no doubt lead all to give freely and often, because they love the souls of men and gladly sacrifice, give willingly and freely as one born of God. We are stewards over what God has placed in our hands, and individually have to give an account to God.

Some have said that unless the children of God are urged to give a tenth or tithe as under the law, many of them would give nothing. I cannot believe that such would hold true, especially if they were taught the New Covenant way of giving. The love of Christ in the soul would constrain one to sacrifice and give freely to the cause of God even as Christ gave Himself as a sacrifice for the redemption of our souls. (2 Cor. 8:9). Any person who has the love of God in his heart would be willing to do, sacrifice and give to the cause of God. Giving and doing the Word is the very life of the soul. (John 6:63). When one ceases to give out as God gives in, that soul will soon be dried up in the place of being Spirit filled and overflowing with divine love.

For an example, a pastor of a congregation was much burdened because the notes on the mortgaged meeting house were coming due and there was very little in the treasury to meet the obligation. The building was also in need of much repair. He called the congregation together in a council meeting, and the Lord gave him some instructions to speak on how to give as taught in the New Testament—that all were to give as God had prospered them, and that they should purpose in their hearts to give of their substance which God had placed in their hands. Then he made a proposal and asked, "How many of you will purpose in your heart to give a certain amount each month until the mortgage is lifted and the meeting house is in good repair?" He told them that this was not compulsory, but that every one who was willing to do this, let it be known by the uplifted hand. Nearly every hand went up. In less than a year the mortgage was paid off and the meeting house was in good repair. I believe that the saints should be taught the New Testament plan of giving and no mention ought to be made of giving in a legalistic manner. Giving should be freely and cheerfully done as the love of Christ constraineth the individual.



In the February issue of Faith and Victory paper we gave a report of the Oklahoma State Assembly meeting held recently here at Guthrie. In the latter part we mentioned that the enemy was working, and a few times stuck his neck out a little too far and got his head bumped, and so drew it back into his shell like a turtle. The Lord has shown me that this was too strong a statement, so we take up that part, for I surely do want to please the

Lord in all that I do, write or say, as to our own Master we stand or fall.

Of late I have been thinking of the great responsibility which devolves upon a true minister of the gospel. In order to retain the holiness of God in his heart he will have to learn how (oftimes through severe experiences) 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. On the other hand, he has the charge given in 2 Tim. 4:2, "Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine." We are surely living in the days when men in general do not endure sound doctrine. They would rather satisfy their lusts and heap to themselves teachers having itching ears. They turn away from the truth and love fables or lying, deceitful teaching. He certainly needs to lay aside every weight and to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

An Open Letter

Dear Bro. —: I have received your letter with the dollar enclosed and have renewed your subscription to the paper. Thanks for the same.

I have read your letter with interest and note what you have to say. However, I cannot understand how you would receive and teach a doctrine which is so plainly contrary to the scriptures by which we are to be judged in that great day.

I want to give you some scriptures that teach beyond a shadow of a doubt that the disciples of Jesus had received the new birth or were born again before the day of Pentecost, and at that time they were cleansed and filled with the Holy Ghost by a second definite work of grace.

We will quote John 1:12-13 which reads thus, "But as many as received him [the disciples had received Him], to them gave he power to become the sons of God [you could not be a son of God without being born of His Spirit], even to them that believe on his name: which were born . . . of God." What could be plainer?

In Matt. 19:28 we read what Jesus said to His disciples. "And Jesus said unto them, verily I say unto you, that ye which have [already] followed me in the regeneration, when the Son of man shall sit on the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." The dictionary says that "regenerate" means to be spiritually born, and the concordance says it means to have received the new birth, which means the same thing.

Let us read now from the 17th chapter of St. John where Jesus was praying for His disciples. In the 15th verse He said He did not pray that the Father would take them out of the world, but that He would keep them from the evil. In the 16th verse He says, "They are not of the world even as I am not of the world." They would have to have the Spirit of Christ with them in order not to be of the world, for otherwise, they would be of the world. Let us now turn to the 14th chapter of John and read again where Jesus was talking to His disciples. In the 16th verse he said, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive [if they had been of the world they could not have received the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost] because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you [the Spirit could not dwell with them unless they were born of the Spirit], and shall be in you." This scripture teaches us clearly

that the disciples had the Spirit of truth with them, and when the Holy Ghost was given He would be in them, or in other words, possess them in a sanctified or cleansed condition.

In Romans 8:9 we read, "Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his." According to this plain scripture the disciples would have been none of His unless they were born of the Spirit. But the fact is, they were born of the Spirit and the Spirit of truth was with them. On the day of Pentecost they were cleansed, and the Holy Ghost took full possession of them so they could freely use the gifts of the Spirit to witness for God.

The ministers after Pentecost taught the two works of grace. Let us read Acts 8:5, "Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did." The 8th verse says, "And there was great joy in that city." The 12th verse says, "But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." You see, they believed on Jesus Christ and the preaching of the kingdom, and were baptized. Peter says that water baptism is the "answer of a good conscience toward God." They had received the Word and their conscience was clear. They were justified and the Spirit of Christ is always with true believers. They had received the first definite work of grace, the new birth. When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John, "who, when they had come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost; for as yet he was fallen upon none of them; only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." Now the 17th verse, "Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost." They had now experienced the second definite work of grace. How plain the scripture is on this subject! The redemption of the soul was complete. Any voice that teaches you contrary to the plain word of God is not the voice of God. The Word and the Spirit agree.

Here are a few scriptures to prove that God gave the second work of cleansing to complete the redemption of the soul.

In Romans 12:1 Paul was addressing the brethren (justified men). He says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy [you have to be living holy in a justified state], acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." In John 15:2 we read, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it [purgeth means cleansing] that it may bring forth more fruit."

Also in Ephesians 1:13 Paul teaches the two works. It reads thus, "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 [an additional grace], 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."

In Romans 5:1 we read, "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ [this is the first work]: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace [second work of grace] wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

In conclusion, let us turn to Acts 15:7-9 and see what the Apostle Peter says about it as a witness, "And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and

said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. And God, which knoweth the hearts, bear them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us: and put no difference between us and them, purifying [cleansing] their hearts by faith."

These plain scriptures ought to convince any saved person that God by His Word teaches the two works of grace, that the disciples experienced the new birth, were born again before Pentecost, and then on the day of Pentecost they were cleansed and filled with the Holy Ghost by a second definite work of grace.

You stated in your letter that you were taught the two works of grace and believed it that way for many years, and said that it never did sound just right to you. Dear brother, that is just where your trouble is. When one hears the truth and does not keep a love for it, he throws his mind and heart open to hear some other voice that is ready to fill him with false theories, keep him in confusion and separated from the saints in light. Dear brother, do listen to the voice of God which is His Word.

In Christian love,

—Fred Pruitt

Obituaries

Sister Gertrude Bertha Radcliff was born in 1875 and departed this life January 21, 1961 at Los Angeles, Calif. at the age of 86 years.

Prior to the passing of Sister Girtie (as she was known), she lived in Bakersfield, Calif. and met faithfully with the congregation there. In her last days she was so feeble that her daughter took her to her home at Compton, Calif. to take care of her. She was there one week and passed on.

She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Jennie Castillo, Compton, Calif.; three grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren and many saints and friends.

Funeral services were conducted in Los Angeles by Bro. I. C. Chandler, her pastor, Z. E. Francisco and others.

William Albert Modglin, son of William and Amanda Modglin, was born near Cape Girardeau, Mo. on Feb. 6, 1884, and died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Thelma Goodall, Wyatt Mo., on Jan. 24, 1961.

He was united in marriage to Mrs. Maud Eastwood, July 11, 1904. To this union three children were born—two sons and one daughter, all of whom preceded him in death in infancy and early childhood. Also his wife and one step-child preceded him in death.

On Aug. 12, 1916 he was united in marriage to Miss Dora Baumunk. To this union eleven children were born. He is survived by his widow, Dora, of the home, seven daughters: Mrs. Alice (Campbell) Rhoades, Neosho, Mo., Mrs. Thelma Goodall, Wyatt, Mo., Mrs. Loraine Pollock, McFarland, Calif., Mrs. Lucille Halter, Chaffee, Mo., Mrs. Gladys Woods, Farnfelt, Mo., Mrs. Cathryn Elfrank, Crystal City, Mo. and Miss Dorothy Modglin, Chaffee, Mo. Three sons: Russell Modglin, Brookfield, Mo., William H. Modglin, Scott City, Mo. and Alva Modglin, Farnfelt, Mo. One brother, George Modglin, Bluford, Ill.; one half-brother, John Lingle, St. Louis, Mo. and 24 grand children.

On July 3, 1957 in a tent meeting held by Bro. Chas. Smith and Bro. Jerry Quave, at Chaffee, Mo., he gave his heart to God. During his last illness of three months and 20 days he was anxious to go on. A short time before he died he said, "I am going to a better place and I'll be in the resurrection."

Funeral services were held at Chaffee, Mo. with burial in the Union Park Cemetery there.

Dear saints, I want to thank all who prayed for my father in his last illness. Even though the Lord was hindered in doing many mighty works, He did come to the rescue and gave my father rest. I want to thank all who sent cards and letters of encouragement. May the Lord bless you.

—Alice (Campbell) Rhoades

Erle Elsworth Forbes was born Dec. 23, 1884 at Platt, South Dakota and departed this life Feb. 8, 1961 at his home in Pacoima, Calif. at the age of 76 years, one month and 16 days.

It was in his early age that the Forbes family moved to Tennessee and made their home there for some years. Later his home was at Clovis, New Mexico where he was united in marriage with Vera Hassler on Jan. 1, 1914.

He moved to California in 1922 and has made his home in this vicinity for the past 38 years.

It was at an early age while living in Tennessee that he heard some of the early ministers of the Church of God Evening Light Reformation preach and he accepted that truth and sought and found God at the age of 16, and has lived for Christ and abode in the fellowship of the saints from that early age. Different things happened along in those years which confirmed the gospel in his heart and mind and established him in a faith in God that never left him, but he lived in that faith the remainder of his life and died in that same faith.

Bro. Erle was one who sought every occasion to give a witness for Christ and carried gospel literature, tracts and papers in his car at all times and handed them out and witnessed for Christ to all who rode with him and whoever he met along the way. He was a zealous and earnest soul and sought to promote the Kingdom of God by every means available to him.

He is survived by his wife, Vera M. Forbes; one daughter, Mrs. Sylvia Busbee of Anthony, Kansas; three sons: Warner of Hammond, Louisiana, Glenn of Burbank, Calif. and Ivan of San Fernando, Calif.; seven grandchildren; two brothers: Myron J. of Loranger, Louisiana and Chelsea V. of Norco, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Elma Miller of Clovis, New Mexico; one uncle, C. O. Melcher of South Pasadena, Calif. and a number of nephews, nieces and cousins. One daughter, Leota, preceded him in death many years ago.

Funeral services were conducted in Glendale at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11, by Ostis B. and Opal Wilson with Leslie Busbee and I. C. Chandler officiating at the grave side service. Interment was in Grandview Cemetery in Glendale, California.

Bro. O. D. Flynn was born May 25, 1912 and passed from this life at 3:50 p.m., Feb. 2, 1961, at the age of 48 years, eight months and eight days. He leaves to mourn his passing a faithful and devoted wife, Alta, one son, Randall, and one daughter, Ruthie, both at home; five brothers: Luther and Cullie of California, Dallas, Angus and Melvin of Louisiana. Their sister, Katie Joiner, died some years ago in California.

He got saved over 30 years ago in a revival meeting and lived a consistent Christian life through the years, but deepened his consecration through his long illness, and was really filled with God's Spirit so that he rejoiced amidst his suffering, and manifested such patience and sweetness all the way through. He was really an example of patience in suffering. He had such victory in his soul day after day until he was a real encouragement to the saints. The day of his passing we understand he said

he felt like getting on a mountain top and shouting the praises of God.

The saints hoped and prayed so earnestly for his healing, but since God saw fit to take him to Himself, we rejoice with him. He moved from a suffering, emaciated body into the glories of heaven. Praise the dear Lord! He asked us to tell the saints how much he loved them and how he appreciated all they did for him. Often the Lord relieved him in his suffering, until the last several days he did not suffer nearly so much pain. While he was passing away one of his brothers standing by said, "pay day" is the most important time which comes at the end of life. With the saints it is—"The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Bro. Ray Key and Sister Lottie (Joiner) Porter. Funeral texts used: Luke 16:19-22, 2 Tim. 4:5-8, 1 Tim. 6:10-12, 2 Cor. 5:1-9, John 14:1. —Sister Katherine Key

In Appreciation

Dear ones at the office and all the saints who knew about my dear companion's serious illness and have now learned of his passing:

I do love and appreciate you so much, but it would be difficult to write to you individually expressing my thanks and appreciation to all who labored so hard in prayer under a burden for our loved one's healing, for the many encouraging letters you wrote, and oh, so many "get well" cards to him, and now since his passing, for the many encouraging letters to the children and me, and such a flood of sympathy cards. So I want to take this opportunity through the paper to express to you my sincere appreciation for all this love shown to us. May the Lord bless and reward each of you.

Our hearts are left so sad and the home so empty with our darling gone, but we submit to the will of our Heavenly Father who does all things well. Even though our hearts are so sad, we rejoice over the sweet, patient example of our loved one through his long illness and the victorious death he died—a complete victory all the way through. The visitations of the Lord to him were precious and I found him weeping more than once for the joy of the Lord that flooded his soul. His praises to the Lord were heard until just a short time before he passed.

The Lord has comforted me much through my sadness and now my daily prayer is for the children and me to live such victorious lives that we can die the victorious death our loved one did, and meet him in Glory. This is also my prayer for all the saints. Pray for us, and again, thanks so much to all of you.

Much Christian love,

—Alta, Flynn

A PRAYER

Give me of Thy wondrous patience,
Give me of Thy boundless love.
O my Saviour, make me worthy—
Worthy of Thy cause—I love.

Though the cup be always bitter,
Ever keep my hand in Thine.
Guide my faltering footsteps ever—
Help me say, "Thy will, not mine!"
—Olive McFarling

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Testimonies

Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Saints everywhere: Greetings in Jesus' name. I am thankful to be saved, and I am determined to go all the way with Him who died for me. He is so merciful to us.

I want to thank all the dear saints who prayed for me. The Lord heard and answered prayer. I had pains around my heart, and my circulation was very poor when I requested prayer. But thank God for His wonderful healing power. He took away all pain and made me well again. Praise His dear name. He also healed me last fall of poison ivy on my ankles. I requested prayer for it and we obeyed the Word in James 5:14-15. It never spread any further. We put all our trust in Him and He has healed us many times. Praise His dear name.

We were thankful to meet the dear saints and be at the National Campmeeting the past two years. We are planning on being there this year, if it is the Lord's will. Pray for us that we will always stay true to Him and do the things that are pleasing to His sight.

Your sister in Christ Jesus, —Mrs. Stella Morton

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Mo.—Dear saints: Greetings in the name of our dear Lord. I am encouraged in the Lord and thankful for His many blessings and what He means to me. He is all in all to me. I can't thank the Lord enough for what He has done for me through my affliction. He has been so dear to me. I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would write my testimony, and I am doing all I can to please my dear Lord.

I would like to say I still need help, but I am so much better that I feel like I am almost well. I surely do thank the dear Lord for it all. I want to keep humble before the Lord and do His will. I want to thank each one of the saints for their prayers in my behalf, and all they have done for me.

I am thankful for the good meeting at Guthrie, and the privilege to meet all the dear saints. Remember us in your prayer that we will be faithful to Him.

Your brother in Christ, —Arthur Gentry

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Ore.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. How I love that name that means so much to me! He would save the whole world if they would ask Him in faith, confessing and repenting.

I do want to do more for Him this new year, and truly bear fruit in old age. I am so glad we can be useful as long as we live. It seems I can do so little to help save the lost, but I can pray and give of my little means. I know God blessed the widow's mite and the little boy's lunch when Jesus was here on earth. I am praying that God will use my little gifts to His glory. It is so precious to be His child and know that He cares for me.

When I awoke this morning a portion of the song came to me, "Watch and pray, it won't be long; watch and pray, the Lord commandeth." How necessary it is to watch and pray. I have thought so many times how we should be on the alert and watch every step of the way. The devil is on our track to try to get some hold on us, but we are serving an all-powerful God who will never let us be defeated if we watch and pray.

I mean to be true until the end. I know it won't be long at the longest. I will soon be 80 years old. God has given me a long life and so glad He saved me when I was a child. I have lived for Him these many years, and wouldn't exchange it for any other way. Praise God!

God bless you and all the workers at the office.

—Sister O. K. Myers

Florida—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, saints scattered abroad: I greet you in our dear Lord's name. I want to testify to the goodness of our Saviour who died on the cross for you and me that we might be saved from sin. He is the good Shepherd that watches over His sheep. He performs miracles before our own eyes here today. We thank and praise His holy name.

God has laid it on my heart to write and thank each saint for his prayers for the safety of our son. Up to date we still do not know about where he is, but God knows, and has given me this scripture found in Phil. 2:26-30, "For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick. For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when you see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful. Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation: because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me." Through this scripture and knowing the prayer of faith has been sent to God on his behalf, I do have the assurance that God will let us see him. We are asking each one to continue in prayer until the time God sees fit to send him to us again, and that he will continue to have God's protecting hand against the devil and all his temptations. We are standing on God's promises.

We had some of the saints to visit us from Guthrie on Sunday, Feb. 6th, and was praying after their departure for their safe return home. God reminded me again of the above scripture. We truly enjoy the visits of the saints, as we have been isolated for so long, but again we are standing on God's promise that He will give us work where we can be in church services each Sunday and have fellowship with one another in His true church.

Isaiah said, "The Lord has given me the tongue of the learned that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary." Pray God that He will give me the word also, and that I will be able to know and do His will at all times.

Your sister in Christ, —Sister Verlène Williams

PRAYER REQUESTS

I am asking the saints to pray for my husband who has suffered so much with his nerves. Pray the Lord to bless him in soul and body. Also please pray for my son to be saved and healed of an affliction. —Sister Barnes

S. Dak.—Dear Marie and saints everywhere: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I need your prayers as never before. The Lord has taken the treasure of our hearts out of this world. My son's wife, Norma, passed away while undergoing heart surgery. It seems that my son, Louie, needed her so much to rear their two little boys, four and five years old. Please pray for Louie and the dear little boys. The greatest need for prayer is that God will provide some one or direct us that we may find a suitable Christian woman to care for the children during the day while the father is at work. I feel that they will need a mother, but the Lord will take care of that. I am staying here now and expect to be here a few weeks.

Are there any saints in Omaha, Nebraska?

I really don't know what the Lord would have me do. This is so sudden and such a shock. I do not see my way clear, but I do not think the Lord would have me to undertake the rearing of the children, as I could not do

it in any but the true narrow way, and I am sure it would not be pleasing to the church here. They preach "controlled evil" but I still believe in the good old Bible way.

Yours in Christ, —Sister McFarling

Rest! There Is No Rest in Hell

Jesus, who knows all things concerning eternity, tells us about the conditions that exist with the soul which departs from this life. In Luke 16:19-31 He tells us about the beggar, Lazarus, and the rich man after death. The rich man remembers all the things that happened while in this short life. He remembers all the lost opportunities of being able to make his peace with God and a chance to go to heaven. He remembers his brothers back in this world. He is tormented with the thought that they might not accept the golden opportunity to get right with God in their lifetime, and consequently they would come to the place of torment where he is. He is tormented because he is fearful that they will not listen, even as he failed to heed God's prophecies who were here in the world telling people how to shun that place of torment.

Oh soul, you are here in this life on time's side of eternity. You can now make your peace with God through the atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ, and escape the torments of hell. The door of mercy is now wide open. Oh, if you do not avail yourself of this glorious opportunity and proffered mercy in this life, there will not be a chance or a hope of escape after death. Your eternal destiny is sealed at the end of this short life. "Prepare to meet thy God!"

Those in hell's torment do not want you to come there. Oh, if you could visualize or behold the scene over there in torment. The awfulness of hell is beyond description. Multitudes are gnashing their teeth in the hopelessness of mad despair. No doubt they are cursing the day they were born. In memory they recall the opportunities of mercy which they despised, the messages of truth they heard and rejected, the times when the saints pleaded with them during the altar calls to come to the Lord and they turned down the invitation. Every instance is recalled and fades away in the anguish of "Why didn't I heed those pleadings, oh why, why didn't I?" Many fevered mental visions of the past life comes before them—the flipping of the cards at the card table and the jingle of the coins being laid down. It burns into their miserable torments until it becomes a monotonous flip, flip, rattle, rattle, jingle, jingle—until they cry out with a shriek of despair. In fancy they see themselves still young and lovely, dancing on the dance floor. But, oh, the music, the moving up and down, the constant drum, drum makes them dizzy—until the torments are unbearable. On and on the memory recalls the vileness of their life and their torments increase with wails of despair. Oh, the agony of remorse, bitter remorse, at the thought of "why didn't I choose heaven and rest to my soul?" Oh soul, "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life." While you can use your free moral agency

and can come to Christ, choose Him today and be at rest with the Lord in eternity after death. If you have gone deep in sin, there is hope and redemption for you in Christ.

A warning from one who loves your soul,
—Sister Marie Miles

The Foundation of the Church

"Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation." Isa. 28:16 This stone that was laid for a foundation is Christ Jesus. He is the tried stone. He was tempted in all points as we are tempted, yet without sin. He is the precious corner stone. One definition of corner stone is, the main part on which the building rests; the basic, underlying stone. Christ is the "living stone, chosen of God and precious." 1 Peter 2:4. He is "the stone which the builders disallowed." He is "the stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense, even to them that stumble at the Word." (verses 7, 8).

The Church in the wilderness "drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ." 1 Cor. 10:4. "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: . . . but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter." Dan. 2:44, 45. This stone that was cut out of the mountain without hands (without the human touch) is HIS kingdom, the Church. So we find Christ and His Church being symbolized by a stone.

Simon Peter answered Jesus and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, 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." Matt. 16:16-18. On what rock did Christ say, "I will build my church"? "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 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. This precious scripture is for us, dear ones. We are His building, for Christ is the Son of God over His own house, "whose house are we." This house has a sure foundation, being built upon the apostles and prophets, Christ himself being the principal stone, the cornerstone, the underlying stone, upon whom the apostles and prophets were built. In

Christ all the building is framed together, groweth together, and is builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. Praise the Lord!

In St. John 17:21-13 Jesus prayed that we, His spiritual house, might be one in Him. He prayed to the Father that "they [we, His disciples] also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." In John 15:7 Jesus said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." As long as His words abide in us, we are in Him. "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love. . . ." Jesus also taught that "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." His words are spirit, because He is one with the Father, being filled with the Holy Spirit. The apostle Paul understood this truth and expressed it in these words, "Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more." 2 Cor. 5:16. Praise God! Christ is the revealed word. "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." John 1:14. The beloved disciple, John, said that he and the early saints had heard, had seen, and looked upon, and that their hands had handled "the Word of life." 1 John 1:1 The church is built upon Christ, the Rock, the Word which is alive, being anointed by the Holy Spirit. His words are spirit and they are life. The apostles and prophets became part of the foundation with Christ, the principal Stone, as they preached and taught the Word under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The church is the pillar and the ground of the truth. 1 Tim. 3:15.

We see the church in prophecy standing on her foundation—the precious Word of God. The beloved apostle John in Rev. 15:2, 3 pictures the church in these last days as the saints standing upon the Word of God and singing two songs. One of these songs is that of the Lamb, the song of redemption from all sin. The other is the song of Moses, a song of deliverance from the bondage of men. They were singing because they had gotten the victory over the beast, over his mark, over his image, and over the number of his name. Praise God, they were delivered from all the pens of men called churches. This is the same company of chapter 14 which stand on Mt. Zion, and follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. The Word of God is described here as appearing like a sea of glass mingled with fire—mingled with the Holy Spirit. The Word without the Spirit is dead, being alone. We see this same sea of glass before the throne of heaven in Rev. 4:6. Here it is said to be like unto crystal.

We have another description of the precious Church of God in Rev. 21:9-27 and 22:1-5 as she descended from God out of heaven on the day of Pentecost. In verse 21:21 the symbolical language reads, "The street [that which the saints stand upon, their foundation] of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass." Dear ones, the Word is a mirror into which we are to look in order to behold what

manner of persons we really are. We are to shine in this dark world for God with a clear countenance as we live free from sin, walking in the light of the pure Word of God which is as clear as crystal, and transparent as glass.

All false religious movements are built upon the doctrines and commandments of men, but the Church that Jesus built is established upon the pure Word of God. The gates of hell triumph over and enclose every man-made movement, but the gates of hell can never prevail against the Church of God because it is founded upon the pure Word of God that was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Yours in Him,

—H. P. Huskey

URGENT CALL FOR GOSPEL WORKERS

The evangelistic tent equipment, house trailer and the truck are on the campground at Monark Springs, Mo. The season for tent meetings is rapidly approaching, and the saints should pray earnestly for the Lord to burden, call and send the ministers and gospel workers He would have to labor with this equipment which has been provided in order to spread the gospel in obedience to the Great Commission. The entire Church is indebted to the unsaved—that "every creature" should hear the gospel message of salvation. When Jesus was here He observed that "the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few," and gave this prayer request: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Who will pray and be willing to answer the call? Those having a definite burden for the work and those desiring meetings should contact Bros. Ralph Beisly, 407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas; Albert Eck, Bartlett, Kansas, and Amos Porter, Granby Mo.

Bro. Charles Smith is pastoring the Church at Shawnee Okla. and planning to start a Saints' Home at Shawnee in the near future, so he is not in a position to take charge of the tent work.

The 24-foot trailer house, which has been used in the tent work for several years, is too heavy for two tires in traveling. New tires blow out in a short time. It has been decided to offer this trailer for sale for \$400 and apply that amount on a lighter trailer house whenever the tent meetings are started. The present trailer has two very good 8-ply tires, and completely furnished with bed, butane stove, refrigerator, sink and clothes closets. It would serve very well in place of a cabin on a campground lot by taking the tires off and setting it in a permanent position. Anyone interested in buying this house trailer should contact Bro. Ralph Beisly, 407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas at once.

Bro. Beisly, treasurer of the National Missionary Fund, informs us that the fund now stands at \$269.60. The saints should increase this fund substantially, as it is to be used to help meet the expenses of the evangelistic tent meetings, and other home and foreign missionary work. Please mail your offerings to the above named treasurer.

—Lawrence D. Pruitt

If we are doing anything that hinders our soul from prospering, even if the Bible does not mention that particular thing, we should quit it.

The prodigal son thought he could "paddle his own canoe," but he paddled it right down into the hog pen. (Luke 15:11-24).

The Events at the Coming of the Lord

According to the scriptures the day of the coming of the Lord will be a day of grief and sorrow for most all the people of the world.

In Matt. 24:30 we read, "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." In 2 Thess. 1:7 we read that the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels. Quoting verses 8 to 10: "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints and to be admired in all them that believe [in Christ] in that day." In Rev. 1:7 we read, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." We see by the foregoing scriptures that the Lord is not coming in a secret manner to steal away His saints, but when He comes He will be admired by them. The unbelievers are the ones who will mourn and weep and be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord.

In Matt. 24:32 we read, "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." In the 36th verse we read, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." Any man that will name the day and hour of the coming of the Lord would be, according to the words of Jesus, a false prophet, for the Father only knows the day and the hour.

The scriptures clearly teach that the saints in light will know by the signs of the time when His coming is near at hand. In 1 Thess. 5:2 we read, "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, peace and safety [the world of unbelievers], then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." Now listen to the comforting words to us His saints: "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day; we are not of the night, nor of darkness." We who are not in darkness can see by conditions that are developing in the world that they are shaping up for His coming. But we can also see that His coming will not be at present when there is so much agitation and unrest with wars and rumors of war, for the time of His coming is not now ripe. First, some power must arise and rule in the world of unbelievers that leaves God out of its system and be crying, peace and safety. When that time comes, then we can look for His coming on any day. He will come upon the

wicked as a thief in the night. They will suddenly be destroyed and banished from the presence of the Lord to everlasting punishment. No wonder they will weep and wail at His coming.

Let us turn to Revelation and find out what kind of ruling power will be in the world when He comes. In Rev. 16:12 let us read, "And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates: and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared." The word, Euphrates, according to the Bible dictionary, signifies "good and abounding," and it being dried up would symbolize the spiritual, dried-up condition of souls. This world is getting more wicked so fast, deceiving and being deceived, that a multitude who once had a good and an abounding experience of salvation are now in a dried-up condition. When one is in that state, he is subject to a deception offered by most any kind of deceiving spirit. For instance, the television is predominantly an instrument for evil, and nearly all religious people have been enticed to put it in their homes. Their spiritual life, generally speaking, has been sapped, drained and dried up, and they have become dead carcasses in the sight of God. In Matt. 24:28 Jesus says, "For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles [foul spirits] be gathered together." There are so many dead carcasses walking about in this country now that the king spirits of the east are swarming all over the area and finding a dwelling place in these souls. Thus the evil works of Satan are found at work everywhere.

Let us read further in Rev. 16:13, 14 and find out what kind of spirits they are. "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [cold, slick and slimy fellows] come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are spirits of devils working miracles which go forth unto the kings of the earth [not of heaven] and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." These three unclean spirits are at work in the world today. We find three different powers at work—three voices are heard wanting power and rulership over the world. One voice and power has come out of the red dragon (paganism) which ruled in the Roman Empire and fought against Christ and His followers in the early morning Church. He was finally overcome by their testimony and the blood of the Lamb. According to Rev. 20:7 this anti-God and anti-Christ power is to be loosed out of his prison and shall go out to deceive the nations. This power and spirit is loose now under the name of Communism which is spreading over all the world, deceiving and forcing people to bow to its control.

The second unclean spirit came out of the beast which represents the Papacy or Catholicism, and its voice is being heard seeking for supremacy and world domination. So many have been deceived by it that we have a Catholic president in the chair at Washington, D. C. Fifty years ago a Catholic running for president of this country would not have had a chance, but men are now changing from bad to worse, and on

it goes fulfilling prophecy. The Catholics and the Communists have so many things in common that if our president succeeds in getting a law passed for state control of religion to favor the Catholics, he will also be favoring the Communists, as they both believe in that practice. We read in the 13th chapter of Rev. where the symbolic language refers to the Roman Catholic movement that appears on the scene. The 2nd verse says that the dragon gave his power, his seat, and great authority to the beast—Catholicism. That is the reason why the Catholics have so many rites and ceremonies in their worship which are similar to what the dragon had that ruled the then known world—the Roman Empire. I will here quote from F. G. Smith's writings some of the rites and ceremonies used in Catholic worship which are similar to the dragon, heathen worship of that age.

"(1) The high priest of the pagan religion was called Pontifex Maximus, and he claimed spiritual and temporal authority over men. The Pope of Rome borrowed the title and made the same claims, even being clad in the same attire. (2) The heathen wore scapulars, medals and images for personal protection. Romanists do these things and for the same purpose. (3) Pagans by an official process called deification raised men, after their death, to a dignified position and accorded them special honor and worship. Papists, by a similar process called canonization, exalt men after their death to the dignity of saints, and then offer up prayers to them. (4) Papists' adoration of idols and images was also borrowed direct from the heathen: for all such practices were absolutely forbidden by the Mosaic law and had no place in primitive Christianity. (5) Their religious orders of nuns and monks were also in imitation of the vestal virgins of antiquity."

The third spirit or power came out of the mouth of the false prophet, and no doubt has its fulfillment in the recently organized "Council of Churches." It has come out of sectism, the harlot daughters of Babylon, and is forming itself into a great religious machine with the hope of usurping power and authority over men and nations. They have already made up a new version of the Bible which will suit their purposes much better than the King James version. They are also tainted strongly with Communist beliefs. No one can affiliate himself with either one of these three spirits and powers without becoming associated with the enemies of God and in the end find himself caught in the trap of Communism.

Let us see further what the scriptures say about this red dragon power which fought against Christ and His followers in the morning time of the Church of God. In Rev. 12:8 and 9 we read, "And there was war in heaven [ecclesiastical heaven, and not in the heaven where God's throne is]: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven [the ecclesiastical heaven]. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, CALLED THE DEVIL AND SATAN, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out in-

to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." In the 11th verse we read, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." You will notice that this great dragon power which ruled in the Roman Empire at that time was called the Devil and Satan. He was not the Devil and Satan in a personal sense, but was called by these names because he was an anti-God and anti-Christ spirit and had the people worshipping idols.

In the 20th chapter of Rev. we find this same pagan spirit mentioned again. "And I saw an angel come down from heaven [a messenger from God], having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand [the gospel that binds]. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years." This binding took place when the early church overcame this dragon power, called the Devil and Satan, by their testimony and the blood of the Lamb. The gospel was the chain that bound him. Then the beast or Catholicism arose and held sway for a thousand years or more and was the chief persecutor of the saints of God. They clothed themselves with a cloak of religion and the voice of the old dragon power was stilled. Listen to the next verse, the third, "And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season." That old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, is now loose for a season under the name of Communism. He surely is deceiving the nations in rebellion against God and His ruling power. Let us read the 7th verse, "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth [the entire world or earth], Gog and Magog [all the enemies of God], to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city [the Church of God]: and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them." Now notice the tenth verse and see what becomes of that old serpent which is called the Devil and Satan that deceived them. It reads thus, "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are . . ." The beast and the false prophet which represent Catholicism and her harlot daughters, or the "Council of Churches," will have already gone down at the end time, and this dragon (pagan) power under the name of Communism will go down last and be tormented with the others forever.

It would be contrary to plain scripture to think that Christ will come while the world is in a state of turmoil and agitation as it is today, for He will not come until the two voices of Catholicism and the "Council of Churches" are silenced by this anti-God and anti-Christ dragon power of Communism. When this devil power rules the world with God shut out

of their system and be crying, "Peace and safety," while surrounding and essaying to crush out the few remaining saints, then sudden destruction will come upon them and "they shall not escape." 1 Thess. 5:3.

I am not expecting to be here much longer and will not see all these things come to pass. On my next birthday (October 4th) I will be eighty years of age. According to scripture and nature I will not be here many years at the most. But to you younger saints, I want to say that it would please me, and I believe the Lord also, if you would take this Faith & Victory paper and file it away in your vault or safety box. Then after a number of years have passed, take it out and re-read this article. No doubt you will be surprised to see how much of this prophecy has been fulfilled. May God bless each reader.

His servant,

—Fred Pruitt

Love Not The World

By Wilbur B. Dettweiler

In I John 2:15-17, we read, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man [or woman] love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

What does God mean here by LOVE NOT THE WORLD? Does He mean the beauties of God's creation—the sun, moon, stars, mountains, valleys, plains, lakes, oceans, streams, flowers, trees, birds, beautiful fields of grain, grass, etc.? No, He is not speaking of these things, except when man loves the creation more than the Creator. What does God have special reference to then? It is particularly the inventions of men which are drawing mankind away from God. "God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions." Ecclesiastes 7:29. Was God here speaking (through Solomon) of any inventions which might be only to God's honor and glory? Absolutely not. There are things which have been created which if they had been used only for God's honor and glory, they could have been a blessing, but being under Satan's control, they are a curse to humanity. The things I have in mind are movies, TV, and even radio, telephone, car, etc. There is no harm in a picture (if good, clean and decent, and not for evil profit) just because the objects in the picture move. (I have seen some pictures which did not move, but which Satan had inspired and they were an abomination to God and TO HIS PEOPLE). But it depends on who made the picture and ITS PURPOSE. It is absolutely wrong for a TRUE Christian to go see a movie even if it is a Biblical picture, if it is made up by that group of harlots and whoremongers in Hollywood, for we are helping to support them. Even in pictures like "THE LORD OF LORDS AND KING OF KINGS" or "(Peter) THE GREAT FISHERMAN," they have to add their comedies and

free love scenes. Even a little eight year old boy said, "Daddy, that is not the way it is in the Bible," when he went with his daddy to see "Lord of Lords and King of Kings," when they showed Judas getting angry and determining to have Jesus murdered BECAUSE JUDAS WAS IN LOVE WITH MARY MAGDALENE and THEN SHE FELL IN LOVE WITH JESUS. Is not this next to blasphemy to make such a statement? A friend of mine was recently telling me about the picture of "The Great Fisherman" (Peter) and in it besides their comedy, they showed that James and John were called by Jesus before Peter and Andrew were, but Matthew 4:18-22 and Mark 1:16-20 both state that Jesus called Peter and Andrew first. You may say what difference does it make? My friend, we cannot change God's Word and be guiltless.

Well, what is wrong with television? Many preachers have TV as well as go to see movies. Let the worldly crowd answer first. The liquor industry says TV is tops in advertising their products. Young people see their products advertised in homes then go out and buy it. The tobacco industry says the same thing. Optometrists (doctors who test the eyes) say that TV has greatly increased their business by weakening the eyes, and school authorities say it has greatly hindered scholars in getting their lessons. J. Edgar Hoover, head of the F. B. I., says TV and movies are making a rapid increase in crime. Children see murder, free love scenes, half nude men and women on the TV and in movies, and thousands of homes are broken because some man or woman goes to a darkened theatre with someone else's wife or husband.

The Word of God says in I Thessalonians 5:22, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." Ephesians 5:11, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Ephesians 5:1, "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children." Read Ephesians 5:1-11. Again we read in I Timothy 2:9, 10, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, [are shorts, halters, low neck and sleeveless dresses modest?] with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, [they had a custom of braiding a strip of gold in with their hair according to the best information I could get] OR GOLD, OR PEARLS, or costly array." Peter also tells us much the same (I Peter 3:3, 4). We see that the whore (the impure church) in Revelation 17:4, "was arrayed in purple, and scarlet color, and decked with GOLD AND PRECIOUS STONES AND PEARLS . . ." Why do those who profess to be children of God want to imitate this woman? A young married woman (a saint I know) was asked how men would know she was married when she didn't wear the wedding ring. She answered, "I act like a married woman should." One girl in one of our cities here in Virginia was asked, "When did you get married," when one of her friends saw a wedding ring on her finger. She answered, "I am not married; I can get more dates with the wedding ring on than

without it." According to her testimony here, it would be a poor argument for any one to say she wears it so the men will know she is married. So many dislike to be different from the world. My daughter and one other girl were the only ones out of a class of 226 (if I remember the number correctly) that did not get the class ring when they graduated. Bobbed hair and wearing make-up started with lewd women, and now most women follow their example, and it grieves my heart to say that many who claim to be saints of God are following this thing that God's Word condemns. I Corinthians 11:5, 6, 15, "Every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoreth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven. For if a woman be not covered, LET HER ALSO BE SHORN: BUT IF IT BE A SHAME FOR A WOMAN TO BE SHORN OR SHAVEN, LET HER BE COVERED. BUT IF A WOMAN HAVE LONG HAIR, IT IS A GLORY TO HER: FOR HER HAIR IS GIVEN HER FOR A COVERING." Some tell us these are conscience matters, that it is all right if our conscience doesn't condemn us; but the Mohammedans are taught that if they kill a Christian, they make sure of heaven and the more Christians they kill the more glory they will have, so they can kill a number of Christians, and their conscience is at ease for they are not going contrary to what they have been taught. The conscience is only a safe guide if directed by the Spirit of God (AND THE WORD AND SPIRIT AGREE). In James 4:4, . . . "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is an enemy of God."

I Peter 4:4, "Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you." I have no doubt but what I shall be evil spoken of by many church members who reads these lines, but my God will hold me accountable if I fail to warn the people of these things which are leading millions of church members down the broad road which ends in destruction. Many a person is becoming a gambler because of the social card game, bingo, etc. Soon he will play for money, then bet on horses, ball games and numbers, etc.

A young man who worked for me a short while said when he went out with a girl, he offered her a cigarette, if she took it, he offered her a drink and if she took that, he didn't care what he said to her. Many a girl has lost her virginity and her soul because of an innocent (?) cigarette and a drink. The dance is another cause of many falling into temptation. I Corinthians 10:21, "Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: Ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and the table of devils." Verse 31, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I Corinthians 6:19, 20, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, [SPOKEN TO THE SANCTIFIED ONES OF THE CHURCH OF GOD AT CORINTH, AND IT IS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE TODAY] which ye have of God,

and ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price: [THE BLOOD OF CHRIST] THEREFORE GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY AND IN YOUR SPIRIT WHICH ARE GOD'S." How can we glorify God in our spirit? We can do this only by taking THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST AS OUR GUIDE. In II John 9a we read, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God."

To Dance or Not to Dance

Skeptical of assertions that the modern dance has become respectable, we visited a dance emporium to see for ourselves.

What We See

The orchestra was tuning up, noisily and brazenly. At the rail the bobby-socks set stood waiting, the Susies in parabolic poses, the Joes beating out snatches of rhythm with impatient feet, while older habitués, conscious of their priority, drifted languidly about the floor.

Suddenly, music—hot and sweet. "Wanna dance?"

Youthful whirlaways glide onto the polished floor. It's mostly break, hop, and shuffle. Here and there a juvenescent couple, saucily delinquent, trucks a trifle, or shags a little, or cuts a rug, but not much.

"See, it's not like it was in the post-crash days of the depression. I tell you, dancing has become respectable."

We wait; the night is young. The orchestra is still cold on high notes, and Susie Swing and Joe Jive haven't begun to hit their stride.

Later, much later, the tempo accelerates. The hall is now dimmed with obscuring lights. The musicians no longer lean back, but sit forward, alert.

The knock-knock-knock of a wooden hammer, the prolonged rumble of African bongo drums, and—crash goes the orchestra. It's jungle time! Guiros scrape, and the maraca rattles syncopatically. A wild horn wails like a jaguar in distress, saxaphones quack sardonically like ducks, trombones bray like donkeys, a bass horn croaks in imitation of a bull frog.

In the dim light, to the jerky rhythm of the orchestra, sway the assorted customers. They slink in grotesque embraces, or writhe in rhythmic hugging, or fluctuate cheek-to-cheek to the husky voice of an under-the-skin croon song. Hips sway, squirm, dip. From dampened skin rises the acrid odor of powder and perfume.

Now and here, indeed, viciousness parades as art, cheap emotions well, and sordid tragedies are in the making.

What Does It Mean?

Some modern dancing may be more careful, other less so—but respectable? Not so. For what does the modern dance signify?

All dancing interprets. The war dances of the ancients, as of primitive tribes today, imitate the movements of warriors in combat to arouse belligerence or to commemorate a victory. The religious

dances of the ancients, as of pagan tribes today, interpret the spirit of worship, reverence, and gratitude. However, the modern dance, originally imported from the slum brothels of South American capitals, simulates the act of adultery.

Consider the positions taken in the modern dance—the embrace, the seductive movements in which the male holds his partner firmly, and the female relaxes into pliancy. Listen to the jargon of the jazz orchestra, mimicking the mating call of insects and animals or, at best, expressing the hunger of the flesh.

Science permits of no other interpretation. Modern texts on psychology agree that the modern dance is an expression of the sex instinct. Medical science identifies dancing as a sex stimulant. Some scientists go so far as to define the modern dance as an erotic exercise, as part of the sexual commerce itself.

A Strange Apology

Unquestionably the strangest apology for the modern dance is this: "The Bible does not condemn it." Not in so many words, for the simple reason that anything like the modern dance was unknown in Bible times.

In Bible times dancing was a religious act, sometimes performed to the honor of the true God, sometimes to the honor of idols. But always in Bible times dancing was done by men alone or by women alone.

When Solomon observes that there is a time to mourn and a time to dance, he had reference to such dancing as Miriam performed, with the aid of the tambourine, in acknowledgment of the miraculous deliverance of the Israelites from the waters of the Red Sea, or David's "mighty" dance in gratitude for the safe return of the Ark of the Covenant. It was day-time dancing on joyous and festive occasions.

It is sufficient condemnation of the modern dance that the Word of God forbids all indulgence in fleshly lusts. It does that with such frequency and candor that no one need plead ignorance of the will of God in respect to the modern dance.

Paging the Scriptures

Solidly the Scriptures are lined up against the modern dance. "Flee youthful lusts" (II Tim. 2:22); "flee fornication" (I Cor. 6:18). God has reserved all sex relation to his ordinance of marriage, in which it should find manifestation to the welfare of the home, the church, and the State.

"Whether therefore ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Cor. 10:31). One cannot perform the modern dance to the glory of God.

The Sixth Commandment is against it: "Thou shalt not commit adultery." When, according to our Lord's interpretation, it is adultery to look upon a woman to lust after her, what shall be said of the modern dance, with its suggestive positions and provocative movements and its temptation not only for the eyes but for all senses?

The Lord's Prayer is against it: "And lead us not into temptation." To dance is to rush into temptation, in fact, to embrace it.

Jesus is against it. He has redeemed us from the service of sin for his own exclusive, all-out service. Can the modern dance qualify as a service to Christ? How can we lend our bodies to the dance and remember his body hanging on the cross? How can our bodies be the temples of the Holy Ghost when we allow them to be flooded with lewd emotions?

A Word to Parents

Many parents do not realize the vicious character of the modern dance nor that of the world to which their children are exposed. It is no longer the world of their own youth; it is more wicked by far. The temptations to sin are many more and greater because modern science has also been pressed into the service of sin.

A daughter's chastity should be of priceless value to any mother and guarding her daughter's virtue a sacred obligation toward her future son-in-law.

In the Days of Thy Youth

Christian young people do not need to join the world to live out their youth, but it is the time to yield to God and let Him mold strong Christian characters. "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth," and flee the modern dance. —G. Mahler

TESTIMONY OF MRS. L. D. SKEEN

Tenn.—Greetings in Jesus to all the dear saints of God and all that read my testimony. I have been deeply impressed to send in my testimony for the glory of God and trust that it will be a blessing to some soul.

I enjoy reading the good testimonies and articles in the Faith and Victory paper. I have been saved nearly 50 years. A Church of God preacher by the name of Joe Harrold from Green County, Tenn. came to our community and brought us the truth. At the time, I was in bed sick. My husband and brother attended the services every day and night. They would come home telling me about the wonderful preaching. I told them if I got able to fix a dinner they could invite the preachers to our home. They visited us. It was wonderful to listen to their conversation. They questioned me about my condition and if I used tobacco. I said, "A little." I did not tell that I would take a chew in the morning and keep adding to it all day and get up at night and fill my jaw full of snuff. No wonder I had nervous prostrations. I had also what the doctors called a tobacco heart.

Finally I was able to attend the last two services. The house was packed full. The services were being held in a United Brethren Church building. The preacher was leaping and preaching a wonderful sermon. I got under conviction and I told some of the folks that night, "If folks can live a life like he is preaching, I am one who is going to have it." That night the family all hurried to bed not knowing the condition I was in. I sat before the fireplace praying until nearly one o'clock in the morning. I got up to blow out a little lamp and said, "Lord, if you have saved me, let me know it by shouting." I eased into bed, as I did not want to wake up my husband. I had hardly lain down until I leaped out of the bed over my husband, shouting and praising God. I awakened everyone in the house. I went to the bedroom where my brother and his wife were, telling them the good news. He told me that he wished he could have been in my place. Sorry to say, he put it off until he was on his death bed. He prayed through at that time.

Well, I had been having nervous prostrations. I would draw until they would have to pry my hands open. My tongue would be stiff and my stomach like a hard knot. The doctor would give me a shot and put me to sleep. I would awaken and be all right until the next spell would come on. My stomach was in such a condition that I was eating the white of an egg beat up like a ball with a little salt in it. The next day after I got saved I began to eat anything there was to eat. I had told the Lord, if you can save me you can heal me. I had swung out to trust Him and He healed me. I would eat and pray, "Lord, don't let it hurt me." He didn't let anything hurt me. I hadn't eaten onions or pickles for years. I began eating them and they did not hurt me. I am still eating them and I am past 79 years old. Well, praise the Lord! It gives me a deep joy to think of it. It's truly wonderful what God can do if we trust Him.

This was a wonderful experience, but it was not long until I had a testing time. My husband was not yet saved. Our baby, our third child, took sick. His head would draw back and he would hemorrhage at the nose. My husband got one of the saints to come and pray. Not being able to stand to see the child suffer, he got a doctor. The child would not swallow the medicine. He would spit it out every time. God was merciful and healed the child. In less than a year my husband was saved at a campmeeting in Greenville, Tenn. The Lord wonderfully blessed him and he was called to the ministry soon after his conversion. He worked in the evangelistic work and did some pastoral work. He is now 81 years old and teaching an adult Sunday School class here where we live.

We had twin girls born to us by the names of Maye and Faye. When the twins were just able to sit alone, Faye took blood poison. It started in her groins on the right side. It began to swell and a red streak was going down her leg. It was swollen so badly that her toes looked like little pegs. The swelling went across to the other leg and went down to the toes, then across her back up to the shoulders. On Sunday folks were coming and going all day. They were really stirred because we did not call a doctor. One day when it looked like she was passing away, I laid her in my mother's lap and rushed to the barn to pray. I knelt down on the hay in the barn and began calling on the Lord. When I came back she was resting well, but just breathing. On Sunday before she was healed on Monday, she lay in the baby carriage just breathing, which was the only sign of life. People were coming and going, and saying that death was upon her. I was sitting there praying, "Lord, you can keep this from happening." My heart was in tune with heaven. I had written to Bro. E. E. Byrum for an anointed handkerchief. It came in the mail on Monday morning. He wrote a letter along with the handkerchief, advising us to examine ourselves before applying the handkerchief. I carried my baby on a pillow to a big room that we called the company room. I sat down in a rocking chair in the center of the room. I was earnestly praying. I felt the Spirit of the Lord pass through the room and He spoke to me saying, "I am going to heal your baby." The baby looked up at me and smiled. I called my husband and my mother. They came rushing in. The baby smiled at him, and then looked again at me and smiled. We spread the handkerchief over her swollen body, laid our hands on and prayed, and she raised up while we were praying. She then sat in the bed and played with her play things, and the swelling instantly began to leave. Praise God, she didn't look like she had been sick.

One of our neighbors was a Baptist preacher who had studied medicine. He visited us about every day. When the news reached him of the healing, he came to see.

He asked to see the handkerchief, and the first thing he did was to smell of it. He was so convinced and convicted that he shut himself up in a room in his home and prayed all night, and the Lord opened his eyes to see the truth. He later moved from our community, but the last time we heard from him he was still preaching holiness.

This was a notable miracle before the people's eyes. This girl is still living, now married and has two children nearly grown. She is in the ministry with her husband. They traveled in the evangelistic work for several years, but are now doing pastoral work.

We reared seven children out of eleven, and did not give them a dose of medicine after we got saved. I felt that the Lord had done so much for us that we had to do something for Him. We started services in our home. We would take the beds down and move them out, then we would use planks on tomato crates to sit on. The room would be so crowded that we could not have a fire in the heater. The hall was full, and folks were standing on the front porch looking in at the windows in January. In the summer time we would have services in our yard under the shade trees. We had a brush arbor meeting and Sunday school under it. People were stirred then, many came to see and several were saved. It wasn't very long until we had a little chapel built in which to worship. Then the persecution began. Some of the people called our children, "Old Sanky," at school. They didn't believe in saints on earth, anointing with oil and praying for the sick. I used to fight it, too, when my husband would tell me I was trusting the wrong doctor. I would say, "If I didn't have any more sense than that, I would not mention it when folks came around." Praise the Lord, He gave me spiritual eyesight and revealed the truth to me. I poured out all my medicine (some of the cabinets were full). Some folks said I was losing my mind — I was losing the carnal mind. I had put on the mind of Christ. Old things had passed away, and behold all things had become new. Glory to His precious name!

—Mrs. L. D. Skeen

Singing and Making Melody

The humble follower of the cross can praise his Saviour by making melody with an instrument—a living one, the human heart filled with God's Spirit! "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" Eph. 5:19.

Melody and praise to the Saviour, which comes from the heart of man, the living instrument, produced by the human voice in sacred worship is acceptable to a living God. The voice is God's own creation, and it was cherished by such great men as Wesley, Knox, and Spurgeon.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" Col. 3:16. "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, [not only at the meeting house but also at home and elsewhere] that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name" Heb. 13:15.

—E. W. Burford

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Testimonies

N. Carolina—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings of love in the Lord. We just received the Feb. issue of the paper which we have been getting for more than a year. They surely have been a blessing to our souls. We do thank God that He still has a few saints in the world today who are standing for the truth. The world has almost taken the professed Church of God. How sad! We have known the Church of God for several years and stand 100% for it—the one that is without spot or wrinkle in the world today. There is much confusion in the professed church, as you know, which is blinding the hearts of many souls today. We as God's people who have gotten the victory over this Babylonian confusion need to let the true light shine to the world that honest souls may heed the voice of God and "come out of her." (Rev. 18) We will never see the Church as God would have us to see it until we discard this mess of confusion and put it in the rubbish pile with the rest of Babylon—then the true light can shine in our hearts. I thank God for the truth that is burning in our souls today.

We have a little work started here for the Lord. Bro. D. A. Gibson has been here with us and that has been a blessing to our souls. We are expecting him back in the spring to hold us a meeting. Please pray that souls may see the truth and that God will bless in this meeting.

We are sending a little offering to keep the paper coming to us. We have also read several of your books and tracts which we enjoyed very much.

In His service, —E. J. and Violet Biddix

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Illinois—Dear ones in the faith of our Lord Jesus: We send greetings of love to all, and want to thank each one who, so many times, took our requests to the throne of grace with tears and burdened hearts. We want each of you to know that God did answer prayer.

My father was up some, and walked with the aid of a chair. He was stronger, yet failing in other ways. On the 26th of Jan. he started again with the bronchitis and rapidly seemed to be going into pneumonia. His cough was terrible and could scarcely breathe. I had just read a message by Bro. E. E. Byrum on "How to be Healed" which was so good. I also had some thoughts that Bro. Probst had given me on how Satan will impose all the tormenting things he can on us if we let him. I saw the enemy of all truth tormenting my dear father, and I felt led to get down and pray, and rebuke the devil and all his works. I called on God to remove that cough and all that went with it. I had been praying for several years that when He was through with father on this earth to just let that heart stop. He is the One who had started that heart close to a hundred years ago. I want to give God every bit of the glory for answering prayer instantly, for that was the end of the terrible rattling cough. His heart began to weaken. He was bedfast only about three days. Even then he was up in the rocker each day. He prayed much for power over all the powers of the devil.

On Sunday, the 29th, he said his Bible verses, one of them in his own words, "If you love me, I will love you." That verse held him. He said, "Isn't that wonderful?"

In the afternoon a Christian man came to trim his hair. We had prayer together. How fervently my father agreed and said, "Amen." He was put to bed. He asked, "Are all the people here yet?" I said, "What people?" "The people who are coming." I said, "No." He said, "Well, that is strange; I thought they would be here by now." Truly, all the family was here by late afternoon.

On the 30th of Jan. (Monday) about 8:30 a.m. God

spoke the word to that heart, and he slipped away into eternity so quietly. Praise our God forever for His great mercies to us! Oh, the sweet memories of the past six years when the holy ones of heaven would come down to visit us time after time. A book could not hold all these blessed events.

God had touched my sister in her body so she was able to be here. I was so grateful to dear Bro. and Sister Herbert Probst, their son, Kenneth, and his wife who came from Decatur, Ill. to take charge of the funeral services. The message was under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, as were the messages of truth in song. We knew it was the first message of this truth that had ever been preached in this town to our knowledge. We knew the powers of darkness would be at work in every manner, and how strong Satan can be against the saints as they labor in such an environment! The dear people of all denominations came to tell me what a blessed message it was. Some backsliders and professors were moved, amazed and filled with a heart hunger. One said to me, "I did not know I was so far away from God until I heard that message." It startled the people out of their sleeping stupor.

Neighbors and friends manifested their love by bringing in plenty of food and helping in the kitchen with the meals. We want to thank each one of you who held on in prayer for us through these last trying years. Please don't let go now—I want to know God's will in every step.

Dear ones, please be agreed that God will open the way for these precious souls here to hear the whole truth before it is too late to make their peace with God. I believe God will help us have some services here real soon, and at Cullom where Sister Spall lives. We want the Holy Ghost to lead in everything.

Yours in His love, —Sister Ada Scanlan

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Iowa—Dear friends in Christ: Greetings in His precious name. It is indeed a great privilege to be a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, the one purchased with His own blood on the cross of Calvary. His love for us must have been very great. We can not thank him enough for His goodness.

I am glad the invitation was and is for "whosoever will." It is my prayer that many more shall come, taste, and see that the Lord is good.

He has helped me through many hard places, and has healed my body of different afflictions.

Remember me in prayer that I may be one of His faithful witnesses.

Yours in Him, —Mrs. Harvey A. Sorensen

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Mo.—Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord: I am thanking and praising the Lord for what He has done for me. He saved me from a life of sin and sorrow, and gave me peace and joy. I am still enjoying His love and blessings for soul and body.

Dear reader, if you are one who is in sin and cannot see a way out, as I once was, turn to Jesus for complete deliverance. Don't give up hope or be discouraged. Jesus invites you to come to Him, for He came to heal the broken-hearted and deliver the captives from sin. (Luke 4:18) Our dear Saviour can break all the binding chains of evil habits and set souls free. Dear sinner friend, turn to Him before too late. He has rest for you. (Matt. 11:28)

Dear saints, let us all be busy for the Lord and witness for Him everywhere—in the store, at our neighbor's, or any place we meet people. Pray for me that I will be a witness for Him, as I know I can do nothing without His help and strength.

The Lord has been so good to me. He has healed me of stomach trouble, sick headaches, tonsillitis, nervousness,

and other afflictions. Many times no one was near to pray, but the Lord has been my strength, my refuge, my comfort, and my Healer.

You who are isolated from the saints, hold on to the Lord. Though the saints may be many miles away, God is very near and has promised to never leave you nor forsake you, so that you may boldly say, "The Lord is my helper."

The Lord sent Bro. and Sister Dollins here about two years ago to work for the Lord and we have Sunday services once a month. Oh, how wonderful it is to be with our brothers and sisters and hear God's Word! Bros. Richey, Allen, Gibson and Roberts have been here, also Sister Ruth Murphey. We do appreciate all those who come to help us. Pray for the souls here that they will come out and hear God's Word. We still mean to go on by His help and do what we can for souls. We shall reap if we faint not. Your Sister, —Bessie Barnes

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Okla.—Dear saints everywhere: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. This finds me still saved and pressing my way to glory. I mean to stay in the narrow way, for the time is growing short. It pays us to be up and doing for the Lord at all times because we know not when our time is out. Let us stay ready; watch and pray every day for we do not know when the Lord will call us from labor to reward. I intend to press my way on to the mark of the high calling which is Christ Jesus. I want to fight the good fight of faith and inherit eternal life.

I am asking the prayers of all the saints in my behalf. I have an affliction upon my body and I know the Lord can heal me, for He has done it many times. He has also healed my baby of yellow jaundice and a ruptured navel. I intend to trust in the Lord always, for it is better to trust in Him than put confidence in man.

I desire your prayers that I may have more wisdom in rearing my children. I have four boys and one of them lets the devil take advantage of him. Pray for him. I am also looking to the Lord for help in training him right. In Psalms 121 we read, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth, he will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep, the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand; the sun shall not smite thee by day nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and even for ever more."

Your sister in Christ,

—J. M. Jordan

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Colo.—Dear Sirs: Enclosed is \$1.00 for the renewal subscription to my little paper, Faith and Victory. I love to read it and give it to friends of mine who also read it. May God bless you dear people.

As ever your reader,

—Mrs. J. Geo. Meier

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Ark.—Dear People: If you still have one of the Scripture Calendars for 1961, please send me one. My address has changed since I wrote you last. I used to be at Phoenix, Arizona. I always received your Faith and Victory paper. Some of my friends, Mrs. Katie Marler, Effie Miller, Cassie Irvin, and Viola Atnip, write through your paper. Also send the paper to me for a year. Enclosed you will find \$1.00.

The Lord says to quench not the Spirit, so now as I write I feel led to tell the people what the Lord has

done for me. I was pronounced with tuberculosis five years ago, and was told I couldn't live three months, anyway three years at the most. But thank the Lord, I am still alive and taking care of my home and family. I was prayed for by a minister and his people, and I felt like I would be lifted from my bed. After that, I got out of bed and have been going ever since. Thank the Lord, He is able to help all who will accept His help.

Pray for me and my family that we will grow stronger in the Lord.

—Mrs. Fredia Covey

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La.—Dear saints: May God richly bless each of you in every needed way.

This is my first testimony to the Faith and Victory in quite some time. I am much encouraged to go on for God. I enjoy salvation more than I can express. It is something we must possess in order to realize the happiness and real satisfaction that is to be received from being truly saved.

I feel that the Lord worked it out for Jo Ann and me to get off our work to go to the Assembly Meeting at Guthrie. It is hard sometimes to get more than one or two days off around Christmas. One lady told Jo Ann that she didn't think they would let us off that they would probably let someone off that had been working longer. I feel that God worked this out, seeing we needed to be in the meeting. Thank the Lord!

It was so encouraging to see so many young people at the altar of prayer near the close of the meeting. It seemed the Spirit really broke through and dealt with souls, and so many were blessed. We often hear the remark, "Our young people are the church of tomorrow." Let's pray often and earnestly for them. If we aren't careful, we won't be as concerned about "the church of tomorrow" as we should be. Surely we want our young people to be encouraged and deepen down in the Lord, and be preparing for the future responsibility which awaits them.

I'm thankful that my children have a desire to live for God. Pray for me, that I'll have the wisdom to help them, as I should. Also pray for my unsaved husband. He surely needs salvation. He has been saved at one time.

Christian love,

—Cassie Price

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March 2, 1961

A TEST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Printed Portion John 13:1-5, 12-17, 34, 35

1. Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

2. And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

3. Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

4. He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5. After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

12. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13. Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

14. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

16. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

34. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Memory Verse: A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. John 13:34.

Practical Truth: A willingness to perform all of the ordinances is one mark of a true Christian.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In our lesson we understand clearly that Jesus expects us to follow His example of washing one another's feet. (The brethren washing the brethren's feet and the sisters washing the sisters' feet, as all things are done in decency and in order.) The dictionary says ought means, "to be under obligation, necessary." This is an ordinance of the New Testament as well as partaking of the Lord's supper. Some teach they observe it by washing the feet of the sick, helping to found charities, hospitals, etc., but Jesus wanted us to practice more humility than that. He gave a concrete example of what He had taught previously and even at the table (Luke 22:24-27) concerning true greatness. There are no "big I's nor little You's" in the church of God. By performing the ordinance of feet washing it puts all of us on the same level.

In 1 Tim 5:10 it gives the qualifications of a widow that should be helped. One thing required is that she has "washed the saints' feet." In other words, she obeyed the commandment of Jesus by observing the ordinance of feet washing.

Humility must be genuine and not just a display, in order to win others through pride to man's own self. Jesus got his love to others. Peter was much like a child that is struggling toward maturity who repulses the efforts of love from the parents. Jesus told him he would understand later. Jesus wants us to receive cheerfully as well as give cheerfully.

March 12, 1961

CHRIST IS WITH US

Printed Portion John 14:1, 15-27

1. Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

15. If ye love me, keep my commandments.

16. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17. Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

19. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

20. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

21. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

22. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

23. Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

25. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

26. 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.

27. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Memory Verse: If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. John 14:23.

Practical Truth: It is our privilege to have the Holy Spirit as our helper and guide.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus gives his farewell message to his disciples. They felt troubled about his going away. Oh, how they loved him. They felt so at ease around him and so safe. He calmed the waves of the sea, the wind and storm. When they needed money he had it taken from the fishes' mouth. He healed their sicknesses and fed the multitudes with a small lad's lunch. He was so loving, compassionate and kind. They rested in his presence and leaned heavily upon Him.

Jesus told them not to be troubled, for they would be comforted after He was gone. He was going to send the Comforter, who is the Holy Spirit. They would still feel his presence with them and he would dwell "in you." The Holy Spirit would be their guide and teacher in this world. He would be their healer, their provider and helper in every time of need. They would feel at rest because of the Holy Spirit dwelling in them.

The Holy Spirit is one of the Trinity and has always been in the world. He was in the beginning when God created the world. Peter tells us that in Old Testament times "holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (2 Pet. 1:21). In Acts 1:8 Christ promised to send Him after his departure which was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost in a marvelous way. (Acts 2). Christ's own career among men was just a preliminary to this glorious dispensation. He will work in every soul that is wholly yielded to His control. His leadings and checkings are precious to every "born again" soul.

March 19, 1961

WHAT DOES CHRIST DESIRE FOR US?

Printed Portion John 17:13-26

13. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

16. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

18. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

19. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

20. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

21. That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

22. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

23. I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

24. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

25. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

26. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Memory Verse: I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. John 17:15.

Practical Truth: Christ desires that we should be so sanctified that we will be kept from the evils of this present world.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson is part of the prayer that Jesus prayed. Jesus asked the Father to make his disciples one. Unity is needed to make an impression on the world. Love is the bond that makes unity. We are all members of Christ's body. When one member suffers all suffer. Each esteeming others above themselves. Preferring one another. Bearing and forbearing with one another. The love of God flowing from heart to heart. How precious is this unity that is God-given.

Jesus prayed that their joy might be full. In a hostile world they would need that joy that comes from above. Jesus wanted them to have the joy that he had.

Jesus prayed for His people to have victory over all evil. God's grace is sufficient in every trying scene of life. Jesus did not pray for God to take them out of the world but to "keep them from the evil." God's people are "not of the world, even as I (Jesus) am not of the world." They are not to follow the world's ways but to follow the teachings of the Bible.

Jesus prayed that they be sanctified. Previously He taught of the coming of the Holy Spirit. Only saints can live amidst evil unitedly, lovingly and joyfully. Then Jesus prayed that all who accept him as their Savior may behold his glory eternally with Him. He wants them with Him forever.

March 26, 1961

CHRIST DIED FOR US

Printed Portion John 19:17-24, 28-30

17. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:

18. Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

19. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was. JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

20. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin.

21. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

22. Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

23. Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.

24. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

28. After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

29. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.

30. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Memory Verse: I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. John 10:11.

Practical Truth: Jesus submitted to unjust suffering and death for our sakes.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The prevailing belief is that the knoll called Golgotha is shaped like a skull. The other two that were crucified with him were robbers. We read how one repented and was saved in the eleventh hour but the other rejected Jesus. Three hanging on the cross. One died for the world and one died to the world, but the other died in the world and went down to damnation. May God help us to be willing to die to the world.

Our precious Saviour was taken by wicked men and nailed on the cross. Oh, look at Him hanging there with a broken heart and body. He was innocent and without sin. The weight of the sins of every person who had or was ever to live in the world, was upon Him. Oh, how He loved you and me and everyone. He could have called for legions of angels to save him from that hour but He chose to give his life for our eternal life. He chose to die so the drunkard, the murderer, the thief, the adulterer, the vicious and the very basest of all mankind might say, "He loved me so much as to die for me." How awful sin must be to have cost such a price. It cost heaven's choicest Jewel. It cost God His only begotten Son. Yet Jesus gives salvation to us without price or money. If you have not accepted this gift today, why wait longer? Jesus now stands waiting with outstretched hands, saying, "Come unto me—I will give you rest."—Sis. Marie Miles