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### Joy To The World

Joy to the world, the Saviour has come,  
Proclaim His name with joyful sound;  
Peace and good-will to all mankind,  
Good news to all the world around.

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
The angels did to them descend,  
And told of the birth of Jesus Christ  
Who came to save His own from sin.

No greater gift has e'er been given  
Than Jesus Christ, God's only Son,  
Who came down to earth from heaven,  
That the Father's will might be done.

His name above all names shall stand,  
The sweetest name that mortals know;  
The Great and Everlasting Father,  
The Prince of peace with men below.

Joy to the world, the Lord has come,  
Let men repeat the glad new song;  
Let every kindred praise His name,  
And joyfully the strain prolong.

—Ulysses Phillips

### Faith Versus Feelings

We do not receive anything from God but what comes to us through faith. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." In other words, faith assures us of the reality of God, the reality of His great power and that His word is true. Faith brings to the person a confidence and assurance that what God has promised, He will do, even if it is not manifested immediately before his eyes. Now faith does this, not feelings.

One time I had a problem that I desired the Lord to work out. In prayer it seemed my faith took it in that God would give me the desire of my heart and bring it to pass. I did not have any feelings

about it until my faith just seemed to make me know in my heart that God would do this for me. All seen circumstances were against this being worked out as I desired but I held my faith steady in what I just knew in my heart that God would and could do. It would be impossible for me to know that it was worked out before at least a month or so. When I told others that God was going to do this for me they tried to discourage me into thinking God would not do it. In my prayer I would thank the Lord that He was going to do this for me. Sometimes in the night I would awake and when I thought about it some feelings would come and I would just thank the Lord very much for what He was going to do for me. Some of my relatives told me that they felt sorry for me because I was going to be greatly disappointed. Others said that if the Lord showed me that it would come to pass they would believe it, too. I had no evidence that it was going to come to pass during that month only just through faith in the great power of God. I knew I was His child and I felt he would give me the desire of my heart. Finally the day came when it came to pass and I had the evidence before my eyes and of course there were great feelings and rejoicing. But the thought is that it came by faith and not by feelings. I had to have faith before I had any feelings.

A sinner who comes to the Lord must have faith in God through the hearing of His word. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" Rom. 10:17. "For he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" Heb. 11:6. He must believe that God will do what He says he will do. He must rely on the grace and mercy of God "for by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" Eph. 2:8. He then must have faith to believe that when he diligently seeks God and confesses his sins with godly sorrow that God "is faithful and just to forgive us our sins" 1 John 1:9. Now there are no feelings up to this time but just naked faith. When this is done then the sinner is just to face facts and know in his heart that when he has met the conditions he is "jus-

tified by faith" (in the shed blood of Jesus who is his Saviour from sins) and "have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" Rom. 5:1. When faith has taken it in, then the feelings will come. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" Rom. 8:16. Those who are looking for feelings instead of just blindly trusting in the merits of the blood of Jesus and facing the facts that when we turn away from sin with all our heart that the work is done, will be disappointed. Feelings might be delayed in coming but they will come. We do not walk by feelings, but by faith. Read Heb. 2 Cor. 5:7.

We are justified by faith, sanctified by faith and live by faith each day for God. Anything we receive from the Lord comes by faith and not by feelings. Our feelings will go up and down but our faith will hold a steady, straight line. God showed this to Bro. D. S. Warner when he was going through a hard trial. I feel God needs to reveal this to all of his children.

We think about Paul and Silas, when they were beaten and put in prison, that their feelings must have been very low. As they looked to God, their faith saw God in it all. They knew that God knows best about what had happened to them. No doubt, feelings made them know that they had been mistreated, pains reminded them that their sufferings were great and that they were not being cared for. With their feet in stocks and feelings telling them that they were God's ministers and surely God had forsaken them, they resisted feelings and let their faith just know that God would take care of every detail of their life. Their faith, no doubt, reminded them of how God delivered Daniel out of the lions' den and could deliver them. Their faith, no doubt, brought to their minds how God had delivered the three Hebrew children out of the fiery furnace and how they resisted the king, being determined to trust God even if they were not delivered. Their faith was so built up by meditating on the word of God and His great power that feelings were resisted and crowded out and the keeper of the prison and the prisoners heard them praying and singing praises to God at midnight. They were thanking God for deliverance before it came. Through their resisting feelings and looking to God by faith, God opened the prison and the result was that the jailer and all of his house were saved. It pays to not walk by feelings but by faith. Praise the Lord.

Look at the facts, believe God and then God will give you feelings only when he sees you are trusting him and resting on his word and not trusting in feelings.

—Marie Miles

#### GOSPEL SINGING AT WICHITA, KANSAS

The saints will have a gospel singing at the chapel of the Church of God in Wichita, Kansas on Friday night, Dec. 6, beginning at 8 p. m. Come with your song books and let us sing and make melody in our hearts unto the Lord. The Wichita congregation welcomes you. For further information, contact Bro. Lewis Williams, 1536 Piatt St., Wichita, Kansas. Phone AM 4-8481.

## The Almighty God

All that we can know about God, we must learn from His works, Word, and Spirit. A Spirit is the nature of His being, for Jesus says, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" John 4:24. But we can know God, the maker of all things, if we "should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein" Acts 14:15. "Thus saith the Lord, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the Lord that maketh all things; that stretcheth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself" Isaiah 44:24.

Now Jesus, being the Son of God, was also a man. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth" John 1:1, 14. "For there is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus" 1 Tim. 2:5. "But he made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men" Phil. 2:7. God, the Father, does not have a fleshly body. To associate Jesus with the human family, He was made human and divine. "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself, handle me, and see, for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have" Luke 24:39. No man can see God with the natural eye.

God has always been and always will be. "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God" Psalms 90:2.

Though God is an invisible Spirit, He is a wise person who knows all things. "God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds: who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the majesty on high" Heb. 1:1-3. God, who is a Spirit, is the true and living God. "But the Lord is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation" Jer. 10:10.

It is not right to make and worship an image of God, who is holier and greater than anything man can make. "Thou shalt have none other gods before me. Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and showing mercy

unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments" Deut. 5:7-10. "Little children, keep yourselves from idols" 1 John 5:21.

God, being a spirit, fills all space. No one can be hid from His vision. "Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord" Jer. 23:24. "That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: for in him we live, and move, and have our being: as certain also of your own poets have said, for we are also his offspring" Acts 17:27, 28. No one has ever hid from the all-seeing eye of God. "Whither shall I go from thy sight? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, Behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say surely the darkness shall cover me, even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee: but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee" Psalms 139:7-12.

God is displeased with those who live wickedly. "God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day" Psalms 7:11. God is not pleased with those who do evil. He is grieved at wickedness "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thought of his heart was only evil continually and it repented the Lord that he made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart" Gen. 6:5, 6. God will punish those who die in sin. "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of Judgment to be punished" 2 Peter 2:9.

God has great love for those whom he has created. "He that loveth not knoweth not God: for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us. Because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" 1 John 4:8-10. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16. —Thomas J. Bowers

### The Manner of Sheep

"And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd" John 10:16.

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" John 10:27.

When I was young I helped my mother take care of our sheep and lambs. I would see my father bring a lamb to the slaughter house to be killed for our use. I would watch my father kill the lamb, and it never struggled, just died peacefully and quietly.

I believe what it says in Isaiah 53:7, "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth." When the sheep were brought to the shearers, they were submissive and quiet. Sometimes my mother would shear a little too close and cut the flesh, and it would bleed, but there was only a flench from the sheep.

Sheep are peculiar in their way, as much so as the saints of God. They never fight over their food. If it gets too crowded, they will back away and give room for another sheep to step up and eat out of the trough. Our sheep would not mix with strange sheep. The old ewe wore the bell and the entire flock would follow her. If strange sheep (with their bells) came within hearing of our herd, the sheep would know the strange sound and would all run home. In different ways they were peculiar, almost like human beings. In Titus 2:14 it says, "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." It took His life to redeem us and make us a peculiar people. Amen.

Mother was the shepherd of our sheep, so to speak. We had about a hundred in our flock. They knew her voice at all times when she would call them and would come to her. "And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not his voice" St. John 10:5.

As the Psalmist said, "The Lord is my Shepherd."

—Sister Annie McKinney

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**EDITORIALS**

Time is swiftly passing away, carrying us all to that long eternity. Approaching right before us is the last month of the year of 1963. December ushers in the remembrance of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, whose life, death and resurrection climaxed the Father's unfolding plan of the redemption of mankind.

When God pronounced the curse upon Adam and Eve because of their transgression, He foretold that the seed of the woman would bruise the serpent's head. Genesis 3:15. The head is a vital part of the body, and Jesus, the seed of the woman, delivered the mortal wound to Satan when He came to this world, though this was fulfilled thousands of years after God's prophetic utterance. Jesus Himself said during His earthly ministry: "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out" John 12:31.

The world was in gross darkness when Jesus came. Few people were looking for or recognized the arrival of the promised Messiah. "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" John 1:11, 12. Now, as then, all who truly believe on Him, from the heart can become the sons of God and joint heirs with Christ. What mind can comprehend the full meaning of this inheritance?

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With thanksgiving unto the Lord we are pleased to report that the "Faith and Victory" family of workers here at the Lord's print shop are busily and happily engaged in printing and mailing out the gospel of Christ in the form of papers, tracts, and booklets. People the world over need to come in contact with the gospel message, for "it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth," as the Apostle Paul clearly states. All those connected with this faith work are sacrificing their time and talents unto the Lord because they have a desire and burden to reach every soul possible with the truth of the gospel in the hope that he will believe it from the heart which will produce a transformation in his life and prepare the soul to meet God in peace. It is not God's will that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. That same spirit is manifested in all God's children.

We thank the Lord and express our appreciation to all our readers who have so faithfully co-operated with us in sending the many names and addresses for the special three months subscription offer. Several thousand have been received, and we anticipate many more before the offer closes on Dec. 8. When you receive this paper you will have only a

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The "Evening Light Songs" book is about out of stock. Now just off the press is a new supply of the reprint of the seventh edition of this song book, and before this paper goes to the press the compiled books will be in the hands of the book-binders to be bound in red cloth covers just like the seventh edition now in stock. Though the price of the covers is higher, we are keeping the price on the book the same — \$1.50 each, plus 15c each on mail orders.

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The writer can witness to his complete healing, through God's great love and mercy, of the paralysis on the right side of his face. This serious attack came the first of October. As usual, he resorted to his heavenly Father for healing, and requested the prayers of the saints. Two weeks later a definite divine healing touch was received, and by the first of November he was completely recovered. All praises be unto God who is the Great Physician for soul and body.

The Lord is certainly in the healing business here at the Lord's print shop. In answer to the prayers of the saints here and abroad, God has wonderfully touched Bro. Clifford Smith's finger which was crushed accidentally in the printing press on Oct. 19. Read his testimony which appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Bro. Martin Samons of Dayton, Ohio closed a week's revival meeting at the chapel on N. E. 50th Street in Oklahoma City on November 3. A number of souls sought for and received spiritual help, and the congregation feasted on the good Word of God. On Nov. 4, Bro. Samons began a week's meeting at the chapel here in Guthrie, Okla. which proved to be a real blessing and inspiration to all the saints. Several souls found special spiritual benefit at the altar of prayer. Bro. Samons is a young minister but the Lord is granting him rich anointing and liberty in proclaiming the truth.

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on June 2, 1883 and departed this life on October 19,  
1963 at Tulsa, Okla. at the age of 80 years, 4 months and  
17 days.

In the year 1900 she was united in marriage to  
James H. Sample. To this union eight children were  
born—five daughters, Esta Alford, Latha Brinkley, Carol  
Chapman, Pearl Willis and Sarah Sample; three sons,  
L. D., Ed, and James, Jr.

In 1913 they moved to Oklahoma and lived at Stroud  
many years where she came in contact with and embraced  
the truth as taught by the Church of God, though isolated  
there for a number of years from other saints. In later  
years she was with the saints in the Tulsa area.

Her daughter, Sarah Sample, preceded her in death,  
and also her husband, James Sample, in 1949.

In 1955 she was united in marriage to Fred Pruitt,  
long-time editor of the "Faith and Victory" and minister  
of the Church of God. They made their home at Guthrie,  
Okla. until his passing in June, 1963. She moved back  
to Tulsa where she lived until her departure just a few  
months later.

Besides her children, she is survived by 13 grand-  
children, 12 great grandchildren, one sister, two brothers,  
many other relatives, friends and saints.

The funeral services were conducted at the Fitz-  
gerald Funeral Home in Tulsa, Okla. by Bro. Richard  
Madden, and interment was at Stroud, Okla.

Word has just been received from Sister Julia  
(Cramer) Llewellyn of Pottstown, Pa. of the passing of  
her husband, Joseph D. Llewellyn, on October 28, 1963  
after an extended illness. This long-time minister was  
more than 85 years of age at the time of his departure.  
The officiating minister was Norman Terry, and inter-  
ment was in Highland Memorial Park.

The Pruitt family and co-workers extend their heart-  
felt sympathy to the bereaved relatives and especially  
to Sister Julia who was a faithful worker here at the  
office more than 32 years ago.

## PRAYER REQUEST

Dear Sister Marie, I wanted to ask you all to pray  
when you get this letter, for I am trying to learn to  
drive. I want to get a car so I can be in the saints'  
meetings. The old devil knows that is what I intend  
to do, and he is hindering in every way, making me feel  
ill in body and making me nervous but I know the Lord  
has more power than the devil. Please pray that the  
Lord will help me. I hope to get to come out there  
to Guthrie some time.

Christian love,

—Sister Essie Carter

## Assembly Meeting Notices

### OKLAHOMA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Oklahoma Assembly Meeting of the Church of God will be held, the Lord willing, at Guthrie, Oklahoma from December 20 to 29, 1963, inclusive. A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this annual gathering of God's people.

The chapel is located on the corner of 6th and West Warner Ave. The dining hall and dormitories are located in the same block for your convenience. All who come will be cared for.

Ministers filled with the Holy Spirit will be present to preach the Word of God in its fullness, and help anyone to present his spiritual and physical needs to the One who came to heal the broken-hearted, and to set the captive free from sin and sickness. Saints, come praying with a burden for those in need of spiritual and physical help. These are critical days in the world's onward march to eternity, so let us labor on faithfully while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. Let us urge everyone possible to come to this meeting and worship the Lord together in Spirit and in truth.

The expenses of the meeting will be met by free-will offerings of money and groceries. These offerings and supplies should be sent to the treasurer, Bro. M. A. Davis, Route 4, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

For further information, write or phone the pastor, Bro. Ira D. Stover, P. O. Box 210, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Phone BUtler 2-3244.

### CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The California State Assembly Meeting of the Church of God will be held on the saints' campground located at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, California (a suburb of Los Angeles) beginning Dec. 27, 1963 and continuing through January 5, 1964, Lord willing.

Pacoima is in the northwest section of Los Angeles. Those who come from the north by bus should get off at San Fernando. There is only one train from the north which stops at San Fernando. If you come on any of the streamlined trains, get off at Glendale. In no case should you go on into Los Angeles. Those arriving by bus or train, phone 369-3608 and a car will come for you. If you drive and come from the north, come right on through San Fernando and follow San Fernando Road (99 highway) to Osborne St. There is a traffic signal at this intersection and a Piggly Wiggly Market just a block before you get there. Turn to the left across the railroad track and come straight about 6/10 of a mile to the campground. If you drive from the east or south, come out from Los Angeles on the Golden State Freeway (it will be marked "BAKERSFIELD" all along) and leave the freeway at Osborne St. and go right approximately two miles to the campground. If you get lost, call 369-3608 and get instructions.

We urge all of the saints throughout the west to attend this meeting. Those from farther east are welcome, also. Anyone who can do good or get good should be at this meeting.

If you can bring some bed covers with you, it would be good, as there is not always enough to go around in cold weather. Those who can bring covers, would make it possible to save what is here for those who cannot bring any.

Let us all be praying for a good, profitable, spiritual, successful, edifying meeting in the Lord.

Ostis B. Wilson, 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, Calif.

## Missionary Reports from the Field

### MISSIONARY REPORT FROM MEXICO

Oct. 20, 1963—Dear Readers of the Faith and Victory: Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus. I just arrived home from Mexicali, Mexico where the Lord wonderfully blessed in service and contacts with many people along the way. It is truly glorious to have such a wonderful message to give out to a needy, lost world. We have the best thing this side of heaven and all need to hear it; all need to receive it. One poet said, "I'll sing it, I'll shout it wherever I go. I want all to hear it, I want all to know." Dear ones, that is the desire of my heart and life—to point the lost to Christ, the Lamb of God. Isaiah said in chapter 9, verse 6, "... And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Also, I notice in reading the Word that He is the Holy One and Just, Governor, Redeemer, Saviour, Prophet, Priest, and King, Creator, Emancipator, Liberator, God's own Son, our elder Brother, the Perfect Sacrifice for sin in that He is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. He is our conqueror over death, hell and the grave, the great Fisherman, great Teacher, Bread of Life, Light of the world, bright and morning Star, Prince of life, the great Physician, the Way, the Truth, the Resurrection and the Life, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. He was humility, lowliness, and meekness personified. In Philippians 2:6-11 we read, "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

The challenge in Mexico becomes greater each week as we continue to contact souls that have not heard this gospel and are hungry for it. Humanly, as we view the vast multitudes, see children coming and going in droves in the many pueblos, ejidos, and towns, we would be prone to shrink away in hopeless despair; but there comes an inner response of courage, faith, and hope that there is a way; it is possible, it must be done; because this is what Christ died for, arose again the third day and later ascended back to the Father that He might send the Holy Spirit to fill the souls of men and women that He might call out, qualify, and send forth to "teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." And He said, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." AWAKEN thou that sleepeth, those that are at ease in Zion, let God stir you. Stir yourself; give an account of your stewardship in the light of the coming Judgment. If you say, "I'd like to do a lot for the work of God," then ask yourself, "Am I doing ALL that I CAN DO?" Doors are continuing to open to the gospel. Continue to pray "the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the fields" which are already "white unto the harvest."

Sister Kelly and Sister Sheppard are much enthused and encouraged in their field of labor in El Alamo. Pray that they may speedily learn the Spanish language. This weekend, our latest convert, young Rudy Rodriguez who has just come to the states from Mexico, accepted an invitation to go to Rosarito to help conduct the service

as Bro. James Huskey and family went to Santa Catarina. He was genuinely saved during the meeting in Pomona when Brother Charles Smith was there and promises to be a real blessing to all and a praise unto our God.

Time and space will not permit more to be written now. We thank the Lord for the offerings received of late; also the letters of encouragement, and knowing that you are back of the work with your prayers.

May God richly bless each one is our prayer,

Yours for the gleanings of souls, in behalf of all the workers,

—Brother Harland Smith

317 E. Cucamonga, Claremont, Calif.

### MISSIONARY REPORT FROM NIGERIA, AFRICA

In a recent letter from Bro. B. U. Etuk, native missionary in Nigeria, Africa, he requests prayer of the church in the United States for their steadfastness in the spread of the gospel in Nigeria. Again he appeals for a resident missionary from the church here. Who will hear and heed this "Macedonian call"? Could it be that the Lord cannot find one consecrated and qualified man?

Enclosed in the letter was the October report of their mission activities written by the field secretary, F. F. Ekpo. Part of the report follows:

"As a result of our local preachers combing the surrounding areas in search of atheists to preach to particularly, and for holding open-air services in general, we came to a certain village about 10 miles from the headquarters. There at Ikot Ada Nkere we attracted such a crowd that I have had no opportunity of meeting yet. On a four-foot high table, Bro. Etuk began: 'The Gospel of Jesus Christ is brought to you today at no cost whatever. The world is fast coming to an end, and for this reason, I implore you all to repent, and admit Jesus Christ into your hearts as your only Savior.' He emphasized the three words I write in bold letters. He went on to say, 'He died not because he was old, sick, or tired of the world, but having seen the great gap that existed between us and God, He offered to give up His life to be that only bridge linking us and God. What have you done to merit this great love?' he asked. 'By accepting Him as YOUR ONLY SAVIOR,' he answered for the crowd. Then was the singing of the chorus, 'Amen! Hallelujah, let us glorify Emmanuel.'

"Having dwelt for a long time on the topic of 'His Death—A Redemption To Us,' Bro. Etuk yielded the chance to Pastor S. U. Akpan who spoke on, 'Idolatry, A Recede on Spiritual Progress.' He quoted 1 Cor. 8:9, 10. Before he could finish, a man walked up to the table and invited us to come and lecture him at his home. Two days later, on 10-13-63, we went. And below, I give exactly what I recorded from him into my memo book on 10-13-63.

"I am a comparatively rich man and a polygamist [he has at present 11 wives]. Having assumed fame and exercised influence on my people, I began to think that some people were hating me and might plan my downfall. I used hundreds of pounds buying rings, talismans, building homes for these and other idols [he showed us numerous gods, goddesses, images, shrines, etc.], and up to now, have been sacrificing thousands of goats, fowls, rams, cows, and in days gone by, humans, for them to watch, keep and defend me whenever need arises. One festival period, I failed to sacrifice for them, and as a result my three children and two wives died.' (I for one do not believe that was the cause of the deaths—could be epidemic disease—F. F. E.) 'But it was wonderful,' he went on, 'to hear you last Friday evening that a certain person's death has nullified the effectiveness of

my sacrifices. Please, could I hear more of this man?'

"Bro. Etuk then prayed, some choruses followed, and then Bro. Etuk took his short sermon from Isaiah 2:20, 'In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats.' He pointed out to our hosts the unwise steps they took to be worshipping things that were made by human hands, and even went as far to sacrifice human beings for things that could neither talk nor see. After going far in his words, and was about to end his impressive sermon, this chief asked us to destroy his gods, etc. Amid powerful praying and rendering of choruses, it was a gruesome sight, and with FAITH to back us up, we removed these hundreds of pounds worth of idols, etc., and they formed a mountainous heap on his premises, and burned them. Oh! it was a sight! 'What ridiculous, stinking gods,' I commented. He led thousands to worship idols, now he is leading many to the Lord. The scene will not leave my memory."

### TESTIMONIES

Calif.—Dear Bro. Lawrence, Sister Marie, and all the workers at the print shop: I send greetings of Christian love in the precious name of Jesus. He has done such great things for me whereof I am glad and I feel that I should glorify His name by testifying to these things. I felt led to send my testimony and greetings to all of the saints through the "Faith and Victory" paper.

First of all, I wish to give thanks and praise to God for the great plan of salvation and for the redemptive work of Christ in the earth; for saving my soul from sin and then leading me into this glorious "Evening Light" truth; for sanctifying my nature by His power with the blood of Christ; and for the wonderful things He has been working in my soul and in my spiritual life in recent weeks.

For a number of years—perhaps 15 or 18—I have been much afflicted in my body with severe swelling in my limbs and feet and with great pain much of the time. I also have had a numbness and much pain at times in my hands and arms. I have put in for healing at different times, been anointed and prayed for numbers of times and have received mercy and help from God temporarily at different times. But, somehow, I have not been able to exercise faith to receive and hold complete victory and healing in those times.

I have had to use two canes, when walking, for a long, long time and always with much pain. I have not been able to get on my knees to pray for seven or eight years, possibly longer.

On a Sunday morning a few weeks back, Sister Opal Wilson spoke in Sunday School about so many people just succumbing to their conditions in life such as sickness and pain and other unpleasant conditions as well as spiritual needs, etc., all because they found it easier to accept those things than they did to get down to business with God and lay aside food and water and fight for deliverance.

I tell you that struck like a dart in my very soul. I felt the Lord had chosen me in a furnace of affliction as in Isaiah 48:10. But, at the same time, I felt convinced in my soul that our Father had greater things for me if I would put in for them.

For several days after that, my affliction got so bad I could hardly walk at all and my pain grew worse. I had no doubt that if it continued as it was going, then I would soon be down where I could not go. So I decided to fast and pray (I mean really fast) and did. After fasting for two days, I got up the next morning and the

pain in my knees and the swelling was all gone out of both my limbs and my feet. They were really thin around my ankles and I could see my shin bones. In worship that morning I knelt in prayer which I had not been able to do for a long time. Praise the Lord. The pain was great in my knees when I knelt, but I kept on kneeling and am still doing it and the pain is almost gone. My leg muscles and joints are very stiff and bound up and I find it difficult to get up after kneeling during prayer but I know God is going to loosen and limber them up, too. I put down both of my canes at that time and have not used them since.

The next day after this I had a bad fall going into my bed room which set me back some as the pain in my knees began to hurt me as at first. But, bless the Lord, this morning I feel deep down in my soul that God is going to complete the work He has begun.

One day this week while the Wilsons were gone, I was crying, praying, and begging God to give me something to stand on. He said to me so sweetly while I was in tears, "You have My Word." Wasn't that sweet? I really did cry, then.

So, this morning, down deep in my soul, I do feel God is going to complete the work He has begun. I have severe pain at times even now and at times am severely tested in my faith and I desire your earnest prayers for me that my faith will not fail and that I will be able to stand firm on His Word until complete victory comes.

I still walk without my canes and still kneel when I pray. Oh, glory! Won't it be wonderful when I can leap like a hart? I do not expect to be like a young person but I do expect to be free in spirit and body to worship God. My soul is just bubbling over. Praise His dear Name!

Your sister in Christ, —Dessie H. LeMelle

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Oklahoma.—Dear workers at the print shop: I want to give thanks and praise to the Lord for His goodness and mercy to me. Several years ago I was almost deaf in both ears for some time. The Lord healed me of that condition. About three months ago I had the same condition and the Lord healed me again, for which I am thankful to the Lord for His goodness and mercy. I thank all the saints who prayed for me.

I desire the saints' prayers that I will be victorious in His service and prove faithful unto the end.

—H. H. Henderson

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Calif.—Dear Sister Anna Marie and all: Greetings in the Lord this Lord's Day. I'm thanking the Lord this evening for His great love and mercy to me. Surely the Lord has been gracious to me and healed me many times. Last December 2, I had a partial stroke, affecting the left side of my face especially. The left eye stood wide open. It was impossible for me to close it naturally. I could take hold of the lid with my fingers and close it but it only stayed closed as long as I held it closed. My lips did not work right and I could not drink or eat without water or food leaking from my mouth. There was no expression in the left side of my face.

That night we were going to have prayer meeting at our house. When the saints came, they anointed and prayed for me and the Lord heard and answered prayer. Praise the Lord. He is surely a present help in time of need.

Today when we were in Los Angeles for the all-day meeting and heard about Brother Lawrence's affliction, it made me think of how the Lord had blessed me so I wanted to write for his encouragement. It has been about

ten months now since my affliction and my left eye closes good. I can eat and drink as well as I ever could. Expression came back in my face and truly I am thankful to the Lord for the patience that He gave me during this time. I also had some trouble with my heart and the Lord has brought me through some close places with that. So encourage Bro. Lawrence to wait patiently on the Lord and to be of good courage. May the Lord bless and comfort all your hearts and give courage and strength daily is our prayer.

—Bro. and Sister Maycock

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Ky.—Dearest Sister Marie: We are glad you are keeping encouraged to press the battle on. You are not alone in this great work.

We learned of Bro. Lawrence's affliction before we left La. The saints there were praying God to heal him. Surely his place in the Body—the Church—is an important one and not many, if any, could fill it. I can tell you for sure, that the Church is concerned and praying. We feel the Lord will heal and make well for His glory. Praise the Lord.

We had a precious meeting at Kentwood. The saints from Hammond, Loranger, Baton Rouge, several from Mississippi and elsewhere around, came in. It was rich to our souls. There were several at the altar seeking help, and we believe they found it. There were also several who testified that they received much good from the meeting. It started on Sunday morning, continued all week with three services Sunday and on over through Wednesday night. We feel it proved a spiritual re-awakening for the saints and encouragement to all of us. We thank the dear Lord.

Bobby and Dorall Mae Forbes' little boy took ill about the time the meeting started. They live five miles east of Kentwood. Their child was stung seven times by big yellow wasps. His little face, jaws, and neck swelled badly. We all just prayed God to heal the child in His own way. He had much fever. Bobby's mother came and stayed with them for several days. We visited in the home nearly every day, praying and waiting on God to heal. God drove the poison all to one place down low on the little boy's jaw and brought the thing to a "head." His mother opened the place. They said it was beyond believing what yellow puss and corruption came out and also a hard yellow thing. After that he had relief. They had him to service that last Wednesday night. O, praise God, there is no case too hard for him.

We have been so burdened to pray for Sister Jessie Taylor. I do pray for her in every prayer. We told the saints in different places to pray for her.

Lord willing, we want to go to the Oregon Assembly meeting. Pray for us and we shall continue to pray for all of you.

—Sister Sam Abbott

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Illinois—Dear Brother Pruitt: I received my "Faith and Victory" paper October 31 and surely have been enjoying reading the wonderful testimonies.

I read that Sister Nettie Pruitt departed for her reward Oct. 19 and we pass our sympathy on to you and all her relatives and friends. The Lord didn't see fit to keep her here long after Brother Pruitt's passing, but one thing is encouraging in a time like this and that is they are both at peace forever more. The Lord surely gave them a good long life in His service.

I would like to give my testimony for Jesus, as He has been very good to my wife and me. Last March the 27th my wife was suddenly stricken with diabetes and a diabetic infection in her right foot. Some thought she would lose her foot but, praise God, He didn't see fit for it to be that way, and she has both feet today,

for which we are thankful and give God the praise, for there are no doubts in our minds if it had not been for the healing power of God and His love and compassion, my wife would not be well today. Praise the Lord again!

For myself, the Lord has touched my body many times and brought me out of asthma attacks. I am not completely healed, but I know God can do the seemingly impossible, so I am doing as the Bible teaches, praying without ceasing and waiting for God to answer. I know that His Word says that He knows best in all things, so I am not asking "Why?" about anything.

Your brother in Christ, —William R. White

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New York—Dear Saints, greetings in Jesus' name: The Lord is good and I love Him more every day. I want to thank the Lord for His goodness to me. I became deaf in my right ear for about three weeks. I couldn't hear the clock tick. I began to pray, but oh, how I did suffer! There was such a roaring in my head. My mother-in-law wanted me to go to the doctor, but I said I would trust the Lord. One morning I made up my mind I would pray through, and I did. A few days later my ear was open and I felt so much better and I praise the Lord for His goodness.

Also, I thank the Lord for healing me of a nervous condition. I had worn eye glasses for about five years. Since the Lord healed me, I don't have to wear them any more. Praise the Lord! It is so wonderful to trust the Lord for everything. And I thank the Lord for how He helps me to walk before Him and live a clean life in this wicked city. Praise Him forevermore!

I am glad to write in my testimony of some of God's goodness to me, and I ask you to keep praying for me. Yours in Christ, —Sister Alice Barnes

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La.—Dear Sister Marie: I was so sorry about the death of your father and then Bro. Lawrence's affliction. I trust that he is all right by this time. The Lord had a purpose for all these things, though we do not understand it. May God bless you and Bro. Lawrence and work things out in your behalf.

Bro. and Sister Sam Abbott closed a meeting here Oct. 17. The Lord sent some wonderful messages through them. I pray that it found lodging in the hearts of the unsaved, and will cause them to give their hearts to God. God did some wonderful healings while they were here. The Lord touched my body and healed me of a knot which was real sore and red around it. I praise the Lord for it. Some said that I had better go and have it cut out, but I said I was going to trust the Lord, live or die. Praise the Lord, it is gone!

I lost my three-months subscription blank but I want to send in some names for the "Faith and Victory" paper anyway. I guess it will be accepted on tablet paper. Pray that I keep true to the Lord.

—Mrs. Maurie Lea

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Illinois—Dear Ones in Christ: I'll try to tell of an incident that may be a help and an encouragement to someone. It's for the glory of God.

As the three-months subscription offer comes around each year, this comes to my mind and it encourages me to do what I can. There are many homes I'd like to see the paper go to, and for the folks there to read it and enjoy it as I do.

It was during one of the months that someone was sent the paper and evidently didn't want it, so just threw it away. It landed in the mud. A man was walking along and glanced down and saw the paper, and as he did, he noticed an article entitled, "Salvation is Free,"

When he saw it, this thought went right to his heart, as he had paid a great price for his wrong-doing. He had spent several years in the penitentiary. When he got out, his wife was gone and his children. As a young man, he had been strong and robust; now his health was gone. He had very few friends, and lived in a shack by the side of the road. The children would make fun of him as he passed by. Not long after he picked up the paper, he wrote to Bro. Pruitt for prayer and told him how he had found the paper and about the article, and that he was reading the Bible. God surely knows everything. Maybe he had a dear mother who had prayed for him. Who knows? Only God.

It wasn't long after this until he got sick. He was taken to a hospital for awhile, then sent back home. One day he got to feeling so badly that he went to his closest neighbors and told them he wanted someone to pray for him. They said they didn't know how to pray. How sad! They took him to some other people, and on back home. Seemingly the world forgot him. No one had seen him for several days. They made inquiry. He was dead, and had been for several days.

We sing the songs, "Jesus paid it all, all to Him we owe," and "His blood can make the vilest sinner clean." I believe God had a hand in all of this. He knows how to find us, and the heart that is hungry for Him, shall be filled.

Let's press on and pray on. Things done for God will not fail. —Viola Perry

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N. Carolina—Dear Saints at the Lord's print shop and everywhere: I am still striving and toiling to make heaven my home when I am done with this earth. Troubles come thick and fast at times, but this makes me more determined to press on than ever. In 1 Peter 4:12 He tells us, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you." These trials are coming, but if we are steadfast in the Lord, He will sustain us. We have nothing to be afraid of. Our Master is so powerful—all power is in His hands. He'll never forsake us, or leave us. Praise His dear name!

I want the dear saints of God to remember me in prayer and also my family. Also remember the lost souls. Jesus is soon to come and there are so many who are not ready to go back with Him.

Your sister in the one Body, —Sister C. B. Nelson

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Okla.—Dear Readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. The Lord is surely everything to me today, and I am striving to please Him to all the light and understanding I have.

On October 19 I was operating the job press here in the print shop. When I reached under the feed-board to cut the switch off, I accidentally reached too far and got the middle finger of my right hand in the press just as it was locking up. My finger was very badly split open, and I could see the crushed bone. We cleaned and bandaged the wound and began earnestly looking to the Lord to take care of the finger. The following day Brother and Sister Gibson were in Guthrie. I was anointed and prayed for and was assured that God would undertake. I really expected to have a battle that first night, but I only suffered a headache. The second night my finger pained me just enough to annoy me, and I woke up three or four times, and went right back to sleep. The third night I slept so soundly, I got a little worried! Well, praise the Lord, it was just as if He had given me a shot in the arm. I suffered only two nights (about a week after it happened), and that was because the bandage and splints were much too tight. There has not been the

slightest trace of infection, and today the finger is completely closed up and in the last stages of healing. We surely thank the Lord for how He watches over and cares for those who trust in Him.

I do not know fully why God permitted this accident, but I am most assured "... that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." I have sought the Lord earnestly to help me get all the good to my soul out of this accident, and I can testify that I have learned many precious lessons and feel I have grown a little closer to Him.

My heart's desire is to be all He would have me be in His service.

—Clifford Smith

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La.—Dear Saints: Just a few lines in Jesus' dear name. I do pray the blessings of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ upon all. I am asked by many how Bro. Wayne Turner is getting along, and if he is still alive. Yes, Bro. Turner is still alive and trusting the Lord. He has services in death row every afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock. The Lord is blessing him very much. We try to visit him twice a month.

The jail services at Amite, La. are still being held each Sunday afternoon from 2 to 3 p. m. There have been 12 saved in the last year. Pray for each one. We need your prayers very much.

Your brother in Christ, —E. B. Pinkerton

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La.—Dear Saints and Readers of "Faith and Victory:" Praise the Lord; the victory is mine! What wonderful words! Yes, for three days I have been enjoying the victory over an affliction. The Lord has healed me. Saints, I thank you for your prayers and I know you who have heard me complain will rejoice with me that I am now healed.

The blessing of feeling well again is so wonderful. I feel like I have been turned loose after having been tied down for awhile. I waited on the Lord and asked for prayer many times. I always said I was not discouraged and that I believed in due time the Lord would heal me. Praise Him forever, He did! It is so blessed to trust in the Lord.

There is something I must do in the service of the Lord. I know I will need Him with me every step of the way. I desire your prayers. Do remember me in this and pray for these precious souls. I do want to do my duty in the fear of the Lord. I love Him more as time becomes shorter. Let us watch and pray and be always ready. Our life will not be long even at the longest. And what then? To be able to stand before Him in judgment, we must work now for that needed power. May God bless you, one and all.

—Sister Gladys Cashio

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La.—Dear Sister Marie and workers at the print shop, greetings to you in the precious and holy name of Jesus: May God bless you dear ones in soul, mind and body.

I have been thinking of you and wanting to write. I have a very weak eye. I was using a fan and hit myself on my weak eye. I suffered for quite a while. The Lord soon blessed and the suffering was gone, but I have hardly been able to read or write any during October.

I did think of you all so much in your recent bereavement. I have been really burdened for Bro. Lawrence and holding him up to the Lord. I heard he was improving. We are looking to the Lord to completely heal him. I thought it was so nice that Bro. Lawrence was burdened and also qualified to fill Bro. Pruitt's

place. I surely felt for him and you at that time with the responsibility to carry on. But God is a present help in every time of need. You both and your families are on my daily prayer list.

I appreciate the "Faith and Victory" paper so much and look forward to it each month. I enjoy the comments in the Sunday School lessons as they are very helpful; also the articles you and Bro. Lawrence write and the booklets from the print shop. May God richly bless your efforts and labors in His service.

The good Lord has wonderfully blessed me in both soul and body. He healed me of a nervous stomach condition, bladder condition and hemorrhoids. Also my eyes are very much better today. I am walking and getting around the house, doing for myself quite a bit for which I do thank and praise the Lord.

I am so thankful I met the saints when I did and learned to trust the Lord for both soul and body. I am so thankful the healing for our bodies was included in the wonderful plan of redemption. Praise His name.

With love and prayers, —Lillie Miller

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Calif.—Dear precious Sister Marie and family, greetings of tender, sincere Christian love to you, one and all: I am so glad to report that I am saved, up to date, and happy in the Lord, rejoicing in my salvation. I am so glad I found the Lord and this beautiful way of holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord (Heb. 12:14). I could have been one of the lost ones. I was one of them once but Jesus came along one day and saved my poor lost soul and made me acquainted with Himself. That's really something to rejoice about. He is my daily companion and comforter and friend and healer. I am somewhat of a puzzle to my neighbors. One of them told me one day that I had a charmed life due to the fact that God healed me every time of sickness, colds or accidents and they watched closely, expecting me to die. I do love to witness for my Lord even if I do have to suffer to do so. I only want to watch and pray and be faithful to the end of my journey here. Then it will matter but little what we suffer or sacrifice here in this vale of tears.

I truly thank the dear Lord for restoring Brother Lawrence and healing him and leaving him here with his dear wife and to work for God in the winning of souls. He is a valuable man of God, following in his father's work. I pray the dear Lord to bless all these three-months subscribers that some at least will find the Saviour who loves them. They need Him so much.

I trust all are well there at the work shop. My prayers are there with you for I know how hard and faithfully you all work to keep things going. May the dear Lord reward you and I know He will for He is a wonderful pay-master. May God richly bless you, one and all, is my earnest prayer and request the same of you for me that I will keep surrendered to God to use as He pleases.

—Sister Georgia V. Zinn

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West Va.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I felt impressed to write a testimony to the glory of God and tell how the dear Lord healed me of cancer in June. I wrote Sister McCoy a letter, asking her and the saints there at Dayton to pray for me. When they got the letter and read it, Bro. McCoy felt led to come and visit me. He and his daughter, Sister Helen, and children came to see me. Before they left, Bro. McCoy anointed me and they laid hands on me and prayed and the Lord healed me. I got to go to the Monark Springs, Mo. campmeeting with them. I surely did enjoy being in the meeting with the saints.

I don't get to be in very many meetings as there aren't any saints here. I won't go to these sect meetings they have here. I just stay home and read my Bible and pray and trust the Lord to help me. Husband and I used to go to them some, before the Lord saw fit to call him home, but we never got any soul food there. We always felt that we were out of place there, after we met the saints. I love all the dear saints and I appreciate every one who prayed for me.

I ask each one to still remember me in your prayers. And pray for my two unsaved children and my mother. She has high blood pressure.

Your sister in Christ, —Essie Carter

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Kansas—Dear Ones, Just a little testimony for the paper. Recently my nephew swallowed bug poison. He lost consciousness almost immediately. It was a narrow escape, but in a few days it seemed as nothing had ever happened to him. He was up playing around like any four year old. Prayer is powerful when we have a little faith in a mighty God. Now this little boy's brother has an abscess in his throat. Please pray that he will be healed and that the parents will walk closer to the Lord.

—A reader

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Oklahoma—Dear Saints, greetings in the name of Jesus: I felt led to write my testimony to let all the saints know that the Lord healed me and I thank all of the saints for their prayers. I mean to go all the way in His service until He calls me home.

Yours in His name, —Sister Nancy Jones

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Calif.—Dear Saints of God everywhere: I feel I should write a few things for my Lord. This morning finds me saved, sanctified and happy in the Lord. Our happiness is not the kind enjoyed by the people who are going on in the ways of sin. But, thank God, we can be happy we are saved and letting God rule our lives. Praise the good Lord!

I want to tell how God took care of my daughter several months ago. I wrote for prayer and God brought her through. She has a sweet baby girl. I truly want to thank God and everyone for their prayers. God is so good to us. At that time Bro. Pruitt was there. He was such a good man, and I want to meet him and all the dear ones who are gone.

It means so much to live for God. The time is here when Satan is loosed a little while. It won't be long until we will all be Home with our dear Lord.

We are few in number here at Orland. But we have good meetings and God is with us.

I have a request for prayer. I still have a growth on my shoulder. I am still trusting in God to take it off. I know our God is able. He is truly a great and mighty God. Pray also for my unspoken request.

I thank God for keeping my son, so far, out of army service. He will know this month whether he will have to go in December or not.

I truly love all of God's little ones and am glad I can say that I am one of them. Praise the Lord! I want to stay right in the center of God's will all the time. Pray for me and my unsaved family. —Sis. Ada Leach

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N. Car.—Dear Saints everywhere, greetings in Jesus' dear name: It is so wonderful to be able to write and let you know how good the Lord has been to me and my family. Praise His holy name.

First of all, I am thankful how God saved me one day, took me out of the world and put me where I belong. Praise His precious name! I am saved and washed in

His precious blood. My oldest boy, when he was eight years old, got very sick with something we thought was pneumonia. (He is ten now.) Sister Nelson and I were praying for him. He was doing all right at times. As my husband didn't have the faith that I do, he took him to the hospital. He stayed 16 days and didn't get any better. My husband had to learn a lesson. He had to bring him right back home where he belonged. The Lord healed him for us and I thank the Lord for that. He wants us to thank Him for what He does for us.

I had a baby in April. My breast got very large. The doctor said it would turn into cancer. Praise God, He healed me without any aid from man. All you and I have to do is to live holy every day, and put our trust in God and not in man.

Something else He did for me was to take away the taste for colas, coffee, and tea. It hurt my heart every time I drank them. I didn't know what it was at the time. I stopped the use of them.

Bro. and Sister Darius Gibson came and stayed awhile with us and brought some good messages. We did enjoy them so much. They brought us light on God's Word.

We also enjoyed the preaching of the Word by Bro. Williams and Bro. Samons when they held the tent meeting here this last summer.

Thank God for all His help. Please pray for my husband that he will stand for the Lord always. Pray for me and God's work here in Durham.

One of God's children, —Sister Lennon

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La.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings to you and all the dear saints everywhere: I do love my brothers and sisters in the Lord. We are all just one big family with no half brothers or sisters for we all have the same Father, God, and the same mother, the church. Praise the Lord.

I am so thankful for salvation and for the light of God's Word, and for the love and desire I have to walk in the light. Many are in darkness today because they do not have a love to walk in the light. I promised the Lord to testify through the little paper if He would grant the desire of my heart in healing my husband's throat. He helped so much in singing and quite often in leading the songs. A year ago last spring his throat began giving trouble, especially in singing. His voice would break and it kept getting worse. He had to quit trying to sing in May. A peculiar hoarseness developed and a rawness of throat so that by the latter part of June and through July it bothered very much to use his voice to talk and he didn't do much of that. The enemy kept trying to bother me with the thought of cancer, as I had read that one symptom of cancer of the throat was a continued peculiar hoarseness. Many of the saints were praying for him. Along in August, his voice began clearing so that in September it sounded about normal, but yet he couldn't sing. I was so anxious to hear him sing again with a strong voice and kept praying for that. After two or three months he began singing a little at a time in a light, easy way. He continued to increase in the amount of singing and in volume until it was almost normal by this past spring. Praise the Lord!

Husband was also bothered much with heartburn, and since his throat has been healed, the heartburn has very nearly gone—just a little at times.

The Lord has been good to me, also. I've had a hurting in my right side and around to my back at different times. It was giving a great deal of trouble before our campmeeting. I was anointed and prayed for and it gradually left me completely. I haven't felt it for months. But I desire the prayers of the saints

for a little growth on my face which began to come more than a year ago. Sometimes it bleeds a little and sometimes it itches. I know the Lord can heal it and I believe He will.

—Mrs. Angus Flynn

## The Influence of One Tract

When we hand out a paper, a book, or a tract, we are never conscious of the good we are doing—of its effects and influence. While it is true that many of these precious messages of light are destroyed and do no good whatever, yet, if we are careful to trust the Lord to guide us in the distribution of this holy literature, we may become much more effectual than if we were to go at it carelessly. But we must keep at work regardless of our feelings of discouragement, just as those of us must do who are called into other lines of the ministry. The literature work is truly one of the parts of the gospel ministry, and the beauty of it is that every saint in Zion may have a part in it. May the Lord stir up his saints to this golden opportunity of these last days. "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the cloud shall not reap. In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good" Eccl. 11:4, 6.

Following is one of the many instances of where one little tract finds its way into such circles that it sets in motion such influences as will keep on and on until they reach almost boundless proportions. It is a little pebble thrown into the great ocean of time, that starts the wave that keeps in motion until it reaches the shore of eternity, carrying with it influences that may never be known until we reach that shore and see the result of our labors.

A lady who had been in some of our meetings and who lives in one of the suburban cities of Oakland had taken some tracts that had probably been handed to her by some of the workers. She handed one of them to a young lady of her acquaintance, and she gave it to some one else. It finally came into the hands of the Methodist preacher of that city. The tract was "Babylon is Fallen," which is not a very agreeable subject to a sectarian. The preacher read it and became so exercised about such literature coming among his people that he felt it his duty to give it a public reading before his congregation. He spoke of it in such terms of denunciation that it aroused the curiosity of some of his people, and they decided they would investigate this literature. This one young lady felt that the tract contained the truth and felt grieved that the preacher took such a stand against it. She decided that she would send to the office for some tracts. That she did, and satisfied her own heart that this was the Bible way. She separated herself from the sect and began to distribute literature. Although she had not heard a sermon and had not seen a saint, yet she knew in her heart that this was truth and truly received it with all the light she had. Soon her mother also took the stand. The

young lady went boldly out among the people, gladly bearing all the reproach and persecutions, and in a short time had distributed over fourteen hundred tracts. A month or two later she met one of the saints working in the cannery where she was at work. She was rejoiced to get acquainted with someone else in the faith. Soon there was a plan made to have public meetings in the dance-hall at the cannery. The workers went and preached the gospel, with the results that several souls became enlightened, and many confessed that they never heard before such preaching and acknowledged the truth. One young lady who lived in a city one hundred miles away was saved and went home to do what she could to save others. One Catholic lady heard something about the church of God and the foundation of the same. This was such a revelation of truth to her soul that she went home from the meeting in the evening, sat down in her chair, and became so concerned in deep meditation that the first to detract her mind was the break of day. In the solemn and silent hours of that night she promised God that by his grace she would take her stand. Later, she made her declaration that she was no longer a Catholic, and requested prayer that she might obey God in all things. Others were deeply interested in the truth, and only God knows what the end will be as one soul carries this truth to another and so on in years to come until we all meet in eternity.

Now, dear reader, this is only one more of the many instances where some one has done a little act for the gospel and where some of the results are made visible. However, we do not need to expect the visible results in this life in every case, but must leave it all with God. Oh, how glad we all should be that we can have such an important part in the gospel ministry.

—J. W. Byers, 1908

## Hearts Found in the Bible

Blind heart — Eph. 17:18.

Deceitful heart Prov. 12:20.

Wicked heart — Jer. 17:9.

Froward heart Prov. 17:20.

Perverse heart Prov. 12:8.

Proud heart — Prov. 16:5.

Foolish heart Prov. 15:7.

Sick heart — Prov. 13:12.

Broken heart — Psa. 34:18.

Tender heart — Eph. 4:32.

Clean heart — Psa. 51:10.

Glad heart — Psalm 4:7.

Rejoicing heart Psa. 105:3.

Righteous heart — Prov. 15:28.

Merry heart — Psa. 15:13.

Pure heart — Psa. 24:4.

Perfect heart 1 Kings 9:61.

Sound heart Prov. 14:30.

Understanding heart — 1 Kings 3:11, 12.

Upright heart Psa. 7:10.

Wise heart — Prov. 10:8.

Willing heart Exod 35:5.

The heart is the most important thing about our body, both physically and spiritually. Our spiritual heart determines our destiny. In what condition is your heart or soul today? It will pay you to go to the Word of God and have a thorough examination. You may have a heart condition (spiritually) and not know it. Go to the great Physician, take His counsel and advice. His X-ray (the Word and Spirit) will make no mistakes. Obey His commands and you will have a healthy heart, one that will stand the judgment shock. Dear reader, it will take this to make it into heaven.

—Ruby E. Stover

## BEAUTY

"The Lord is great and greatly to be praised . . . Honor and majesty are before Him, strength and beauty are in His sanctuary." Psalms 96:6.

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Psalms 29:2.

"Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us" Psalms 90:17.

"Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty" Isaiah 33:17.

"He hath made everything beautiful" Ecclesiastes 3:11.

"The Lord taketh pleasure in His people, He will beautify the meek with salvation" Psalms 149:4.

"To give unto them beauty for ashes" Isaiah 61:3.

"Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments" Isaiah 52:1.

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15.

"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of His temple" Psalms 27:4.

—Sister Vera Forbes

## Have Faith in God

Have faith in God, His Word is true,  
What He has promised, He will do;  
A sure foundation for your faith,  
Where you can build on God's "Thus saith."

Have faith in God, His Word is pure,  
Throughout all ages shall endure;  
Its promises shall never fail,  
Against them hell cannot prevail.

Have faith in God, His living Word  
Is like a sharp two-edged sword;  
It pierces, then divides apart,  
Then heals the clean and broken heart.

Have faith in God, His Word assures,  
That all His promises are yours;  
If you will trust Him and obey,  
They are to you, "Amen and yea."

Have faith in God, His Word's a light,  
A lamp to guide your feet aright;  
To show the way from earth to heaven—  
The promised home by Jesus given.

Have faith in God, His Word shall last,  
Till kingdoms, empires all are past;  
And while eternal ages roll,  
His Word shall have supreme control.

—C. Ithamar Quigley

## BIBLE STUDY

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### THE GRACE OF GENEROSITY

Printed Portion ..... 2 Cor. 9:6-15

2 Cor. 9:6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

11 Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;

13 Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men;

14 And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.

15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

Memory Verse: Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also. 2 Cor. 8:7.

Practical Truth. The blessing and joy of giving cannot be taught; it can only be experienced.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The Jerusalem saints had been reduced to poverty through persecutions and famine. The Apostle Paul is encouraging the Corinthian brethren to help in this time of need. In the 8th and 9th chapters, Paul refers to this offering in terms such as "grace," "liberality," "gift," "service," and "bounty," which the margin says means "blessing." He also compares our giving to the Son of God giving his all; "Though rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." (8:9) Paul also wanted them to "abound in this grace" of giving. He did not want them to miss a blessing.

We cannot out-give the Lord. Jesus said, "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" Luke 6:38. We are commanded to give, with the promise of a blessing.

In the New Testament we do not see the teaching of tithing. Neither our Lord, nor his disciples commanded tithing. Our Lord and Paul taught that the ministers of the gospel should be supported by others (Matt. 10:10; Luke 10:8; 1 Cor. 9:13). Under the law, God required a tenth and under grace he requires our all. We are to ask the Lord how much we can have of what comes to our hands. Ask God to help you to be a good steward and a cheerful giver.

December 8, 1963

## THE SOURCE OF CHRISTIAN COMMENDATION

Printed Portion ..... 2 Cor. 10:7-18

2 Cor. 10:7 Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's.

8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:

9 That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters.

10 For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.

11 Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such will we be also in deed when we are present.

12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

13 But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.

14 For we stretch not ourselves beyond our measure, as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in preaching the gospel of Christ:

15 Not boasting of things without measure, that is, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly,

16 To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand.

17 But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

18 For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.

Memory Verse: For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth. 2 Corinthians 10:18.

Practical Truth: Only those who lose their life for Christ's sake will be commended of God.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson brings out part of the answers that Paul gives to the Corinthian church who were criticizing him. The last three chapters are answers from him of their criticism. He was rebuking the Corinthians for rejecting his leadership. He does not like to talk about himself but he feels he must tell of God's dealings with a very weak person as he feels he is.

They judged him because of his outward appearance. Paul speaks of his speech not being in man's wisdom. (1 Cor. 2:4) Tradition says that his personal appearance wasn't pleasing to most people. He says he came in the power of God to them. We know that Samuel would never have anointed David king if the outward appearance had counted (1 Sam. 16:17). God looks on the heart.

Paul was criticized because of his letters being "weighty." But he assured them that he would say the same to their face.

People make a mistake today by saying in their heart, "I am as good as this or that person, so I am sure I will make it into heaven." They who measure themselves by themselves are not wise. This is an individual salvation. The most important thing is to have the approval

of God upon the soul. We are to know in our own heart that all is clear between us and our God. Then we are to give God all the glory for that knowledge and how He uses us.

December 15, 1963

## ENTRUSTED WITH THE GOSPEL

Printed Portion ..... Galatians 1:6-17

Gal. 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:

14 And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,

16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood;

17 Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

Memory Verse: For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16.

Practical Truth: When God saves someone, He expects them to serve Him; we are saved to tell others.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Paul established the church at Galatia when he was on his second missionary trip. Later, after leaving, he learned that some of them had followed after false teachers and left the truth. He then wrote them this letter and later visited them.

Paul states firmly, and even repeats, that they should not listen or follow after "another gospel which is not another." Some might come as "an angel of light" but are only wolves in sheep's clothing. Today we see this in the land. Many are being deceived. A false prophet will teach something that is not according to the Word of God. He will have a wrong spirit. The Word and the Spirit will agree when a prophet is a true prophet.

It is remarkable to read how God got hold of a man like Paul who was one who persecuted the church of God. He rejoiced in the great change that took place in his heart and life. He defends his call to preach the gospel and the revelation that he got directly from God.

He did not get it from man. He went to work preaching to the heathen as the Lord directed him to and God blessed his labors. He boldly declared his faith in God and others were convinced also of their need of God.

December 22, 1963

### BORN TO MAKE MAN FREE

Printed Portion ..... Gal. 4:4-7; Luke 2:8-14

Gal. 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son unto your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Luke 2:8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Memory Verse: And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matt. 1:21.

Practical Truth: The time came and God brought it to pass.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We notice the words in the beginning of our lesson, "when the fulness of the time was come." God does things in His own time. Our way of looking at the time things should be done is not God's way. Many centuries had passed from the time that God had told Abraham that "in thee shall all nations of the earth be blessed." God had different things he wanted worked out before He sent Jesus, who was born in Bethlehem. God gave the Mosaic law which was a "schoolmaster to bring them to Christ." Then, according to the prophecy given to Daniel, the world had to be under one rule, which was the Roman Empire. This was true when Jesus was born (Dan. 2). "In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed." (verse 44). Another thing God wanted was for the Jews to be dispersed throughout the Roman Empire so they could herald the news of the Messiah who was to be born in Bethlehem.

The last part of our lesson tells the wonderful truth of the Babe that was born to this world to bring peace to the soul of everyone who will believe on Him. We can rejoice today with the angels in heaven that Jesus was born. Our hearts are filled with praise and thanksgiving for that peace that He gives to each one who accepts Him as his Saviour.

December 29, 1963

### DIMENSIONS OF FREEDOM

Printed Portion ..... Galatians 5:13-26

Gal. 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh but by love serve one another.

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Memory Verse: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Galatians 5:22, 23.

Practical Truth: By their fruits ye shall know if they have been liberated from sin (Matt. 7:20).

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The whole Mosaic law was fulfilled when Christ came, by giving those who had been liberated from sin, divine love in their hearts. Notice the words, "fruit of the Spirit." That fruit is love, joy, peace, etc. and it springs from the divine love of God.

Here are brief definitions of each one of the works that spring from the flesh: adultery—living with another's husband or wife; fornication—unmarried violating the marriage-bed; uncleanness—moral impurity; lasciviousness—lustful, loose; idolatry—paying divine honors to persons or things; witchcraft—intercourse with evil spirits, black magic; hatred—disliking intensely; variance—dispute, discord; emulations—striving to excel with a view of envious rivalry; wrath—violent anger or rage; strife—conflict, war, contention; seditions and heresies—excitement over doctrines that are not held by certain groups; envyings—feelings of displeasure at the excellence of others; murder—taking of life; drunkenness—state of being drunk with strong drink; revelry—boisterous festivity. Such like takes in all the other sins committed that are not mentioned.

What a wonderful and glorious freedom is given to the souls of those who have been delivered from all of these corrupt sins. It is glorious to be filled with divine love from God above. —Sister A. Marie Miles