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### *The Holy Remnant*

Are you of the holy remnant,  
Gathered to the King of Peace?  
Have you found a full atonement,  
And abundance of his grace?  
Yes, my soul has come to Zion,  
On the high and holy way,  
And I've seen the darkness flying,  
Driven by the light of day.

Have you heard a voice from heaven,  
Calling in a solemn tone,  
"Come, my people, from confusion,  
This is not your native home?"  
Yes, I heard, and to my vision,  
Zion's glory brightly shone;  
Then I rose and fled the ruin,  
Taking not a Babel stone.

Have you learned that all this remnant  
Must be dressed in uniform?  
Are you clothed in that white raiment,  
That will shine before the throne?  
Yes, I found the precious fountain  
Opened when the Savior died,  
Here I washed my stains of crimson,  
And my soul is sanctified.

Do you know the saints inherit,  
Since we're gathered into one,  
All the greatness of the kingdom,  
Under all the Shining Sun?  
Yes, all glory be to Jesus!  
By his might I overcame,  
In the fullness of his blessing,  
On his throne of love I reign.

Do you know, oh ransomed brother,  
That we stand upon the verge,  
Where old Time fills up his ages,  
And the lost will mourn his dirge?

Oh, what myriad souls are sleeping,  
Soon to wake in judgment fires!  
Help, O God! thy remnant gleaning,  
Until time indeed expires.

—D. S. Warner

### REFORMATIONS

Now the rise out of apostasy was expressed by a series of reformations, not by gradual ascent corresponding to the decline. The "mystery of iniquity," which crystallized in the blasphemous "man of sin," had already begun to work in Paul's day, and the drift into spiritual darkness on the part of the professing church was without specific opposition. But, on the other hand, to break away from conditions apostate always means war with infernal powers. The wrong is endured until a rising sentiment of protest breaks out with stern denunciation. God raises up instruments for this purpose. John Wycliff, in the fourteenth century, denounced the errors of the so-called church and the conduct of the monks and also had sufficient light to see the papacy as the "man of sin" foretold by the Apostle Paul. His reform efforts, however, centered mostly in the translation of the Bible into English, which work, in spite of the attempt by Rome to destroy it, God graciously caused to be preserved.

John Huss, a little later, took Wycliff's attitude against the corruptions of the church and was burned at the stake as a heretic. His martyrdom furnished the occasion for him to utter this prophecy: "You are now going to burn a goose (Huss meaning goose in the Bohemian language), but in one hundred years there will arise a swan whom ye can neither roast nor boil." True to this prophecy, in one hundred years came the intrepid Luther, under whose leadership history records the great reformation of the sixteenth century. Church and state were at this time united, which gave this reformation, a political prominence, as it resulted in the change to Protestantism

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of two strong nations, Germany and England. What the sixteenth century reformation accomplished spiritually was, among other things, the bringing to light of the Scriptural doctrine of justification by faith in Christ instead of by priestly absolution.

It could not have been expected that all the Scriptural truths and principles should at any time or by any one reformer be recovered from the rubbish under which they had been buried for a thousand years. There have been numerous reforms, bringing out various truths that had been obscured by the apostasy. Thus Truth in her progress upward to the Scriptural level, has arisen only by successive steps, God having to use human instrumentalities that were limited by the prevailing tendencies and beliefs of the times. Each reformer naturally dealt with conditions that were most conspicuous from his view-point and was exercised in questions of truth that applied only to such conditions. His reform work was not final in character, inasmuch as it left some errors still uncorrected. Hence the progress upward was by a succession of reforms, each, as a general thing, springing from a higher level of truth and spiritual attainment than those preceding. With the great decline into apostasy now in the past, the church of God was disposed to rise out of confusion, her destiny being the attainment of her original standing, when it could be said that her sun should "no more go down."

#### Human Rule Instead of Divine

The apostasy of the church, as one writer has expressed it, came by "ecclesiastical ambition and degeneracy." The human element got in the way where there should have been only the divine. There is necessarily the human element in the work of God, for Christian work is God and man working together; but in the true relation man is God's instrumentality and is altogether in subjection to the divine Head, who rules over all. When the human element supplants, gets in the way of, or acts in the place of, the divine, we have a fundamental error that always results in apostasy. This human ecclesiasticism, always more or less intolerant, reached its autocratic perfection in the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church and constituted the "man of sin who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God" (2 Thess. 2:3, 4).

The spirit of human government in church affairs has shown itself in, or has followed in the wake of, every reform movement of the past. The Spirit of God worked in the movement to accomplish good, but was always checked by this baleful element. Luther meant well but was himself dogmatic and intolerant. He held to many doctrines of Catholicism whose wrongs he could not see. He did not make proper allowance that others besides himself might be right, or at least have some truth. Neither did he nor his associates or followers leave the way open for God to lead into more truth, much less the whole truth. Thus the reformation of the sixteenth century, while it recovered from the debris of apostasy the doc-

trine of justification by faith, became the occasion for Protestant sects, human-ruled institutions, and these were succeeded by other sects. Some of these have been as intolerant, inflexible, and as unlike primitive Christianity as the Roman Catholic Church itself.

#### A Final Reformation

It must follow, and the assumption is already established, that a reformation which takes in full the characteristics defining the church in her wholeness must thereby reach the New Testament standard and therefore be the last, or final, reformation. No reformation can make good such claim if it does not proceed on the whole church lines or principles. If a reform does progress on those universal principles, we need look no further for, nor await future years to reveal, the final reformation resulting in the restoration of all things to the Scriptural ideal.

The errors of the religious world are, and have been, the failure to so preach salvation truth that people may obtain and enjoy full deliverance from sin; failure to conform to the divine standard on all lines; the human ecclesiastical system, which hinders Holy Spirit organization and government; and separation of God's people into parties, thus making true church relation impossible. A movement that comprehends a correction of all these, and meets the Scriptural standard, must therefore fill the measure of reform.

Reader, it is claimed for the movement represented in the teaching and labors of D. S. Warner, that it possesses these elements of finality, that by it God is bringing his people "out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day" of Protestant sectism, and is restoring Zion as at first.

—A. L. Byers, in "The Birth of a Reformation"

### Dance Sends Girl To Hell

We quote below a part of a letter from a young lady who went to hell when she died.

It is terrifying and sobering. We urge that saint and sinner read it carefully and note the agony of body and soul. If we be partakers of the worldly pleasures we shall reap the reward of the worldly—hell. But if we be partakers with Christ, we shall inherit eternal life.

#### May God open your eyes as you read!

"I was born in Boston, Mass. My parents were Methodists. They moved to Cleveland, Ohio, when I was quite young, and united with the Presbyterian church. They knew very little about the sins of the world. They took great pains in raising me; in fact, very few girls have the careful training I received.

"The only place I went was to church, and mother was always with me. I knew no wrong. I was innocent when Mother wanted me to learn to dance. She said it would make me more graceful, that the members of our church had formed a select dance club and wanted me to join them.

"Oh, I would to God I had read such an article on the dance as you have published. It would have saved me from disgrace and a life of shame, to which the ball-room leads.

"How well I remember the first party. I was dressed indecently with my arms perfectly bare and a very low-necked dress. That evening was the first time a man encircled my waist with his arm and drew me up to his bosom. I was shocked and mortified at this waltz position. But I saw all the rest were assuming the same, and before the evening was over I began to like the dance. I did not then know whether it was the dance I liked or being enveloped in a man's arms in a waltz. I remember the one I enjoyed dancing with most was the Sunday School superintendent. Sweet emotions would creep over me as we swayed back and forth over the floor. He always had plenty of partners—the girls said they enjoyed dancing with him so much. The young man who could not arouse those passions we would not care to dance with the second time. Without that, the waltz was very tiresome. On the following Sunday we could not look one another in the eyes with the same frankness as before.

"One night I attended a grand charity ball given to raise money for church purposes. Upon the influence of the emotions derived from the dance another girl and myself fell victims of passion and lust that night.

"On returning home late I found Mother quite worried. To her inquiries I told her my first lie. Of course she believed me. On the following Lord's Day I could not attend Sunday School. I had started on my way to ruin. I then vowed I would never dance again, but to my surprise my parents had arranged for a select dance to be given in my own home, and the brute who ruined me—my private dancing teacher—was there.

I was compelled to treat him with respect. He had me at his mercy. Later I met the one who was the cause of my trouble. He offered to take me to Chicago and marry me, to which I consented.

"He took me to a house in Chicago, and left me, saying he would soon return with a minister. It was the last I ever saw of him. I soon found out I was an inmate of a disreputable house. I could not leave. I had no money, my character gone, so I sank to the lowest depths of sin, where many another innocent soul has gone before me. I learned from my landlady that at the dance-hall Apollo, the private dancing teacher, the very one who led me to ruin, was in her employ.

"While I was in the house two other girls were brought there who met their ruin as I did—in the ballroom. And the men who were at the Apollo dance hall received their commissions.

"All this happened inside of eight months after my own mother sent me on my road to ruin by having me learn to dance."

This letter speaks for itself and needs no explanation. But let me say this: God help those preachers of those churches where the pure girl attended before her ruin, for not warning her and the mother, and others of this awful curse in our country—**THE DANCE!** God says, "Their blood shall be upon their heads."

Again and again the Bible has admonished and pleaded, "Come ye out from among them and be ye separate;" "Touch not the unclean thing."

It is time unsaved people—whether they be church members or not—wake up to the fact that they cannot do as they please and still go to heaven. To reach there we must do as Jesus Christ pleases. It is imperative that we be "born again" of the Spirit. Nothing or no one, other than Jesus Christ, can save us from sin and eternal separation from God. —C. O.

## WAIT ON GOD!

Wait on God, full of expectancy and faith! Wait on God, yielded and surrendered to His will! Wait on God, completely dependent on Him, willing for God to have opportunity to fulfill His will in us.

Too often waiting is done relaxed, at ease, careless, with a lack of diligence, lack of faith, expecting God in some miraculous way to do something for us. God doesn't want to work "for" us, He wants to work "in" us!

We should wait in faith and confidence to find out all Christ can be to us, all He can make of us. We should know what we are waiting for, and be able to recognize when God grants it. True waiting on God is a time of preparation, of action, of trial and proving, becoming able actually to receive that which God is preparing for us and preparing us to receive.

If we erroneously wait on God, without faith, without purpose and diligence, then actually it is God who is waiting on us.

Waiting should be a time of keen alertness to hear God's voice, instructions and lessons—never, never a time of ease. It should be a time for receiving guidance, counsel and strength from God.

The Old Testament saints waited for God to send Christ, their Saviour. The exhortations in the Old Testament to wait on the Lord were nearly always followed by a promise of the Messiah, His salvation or His grace. Prov. 20:22, "Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the Lord and He shall save thee." Read Isaiah 25:9, also Lam. 3:25, 26. It was good for a man to wait and hope then for his salvation. So much of the Old Testament **WAIT** has changed to **NOW!** We are waiting for the second coming of Christ, for the redemption of our bodies, and how diligently we must wait! **NOW** are we the children of God! **NOW** is the day of salvation! **NOW** is the accepted time! All things are **NOW** ready. "Verily the hour is coming and **NOW** is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live." John 5:25. "Now being made free from sin." "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord." Now is the time to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

The day of waiting is past. Christ is come! **Now** we are in the battle. We must not lay our armour down to wait. Our waiting must be while we are on our feet; girded, armored, prepared for the battle, and our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Our grace has come! We are delivered. We have found fulfillment!

We must wait on God continually and constantly for the simple reason that in us is no good thing. All grace, goodness, mercy and truth is from God. We must always be receiving from Him in order to please Him. It is God who worketh in us, both to will and to do of His good pleasure. —Virginia Wittenborn

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**EDITORIALS**

As usual, the "Faith and Victory" paper will not be published for the month of August. The workers will have time off from their duties here to return to their homes or attend the campmeetings. Yet some of us will be here at the Office to fill orders for literature, take care of the correspondence, etc. May the Lord bless all these consecrated co-workers who are freely giving their time and talents to publish the pure gospel to the whole world. More souls are being reached by literature evangelism than any other method, and by the Lord's continued blessings we anticipate a great increase in this field of evangelism in the months ahead.

The Bible Lessons for August will be mailed to all who receive rolls of papers for their Sunday Schools. If any other subscriber wants the August lessons, please let us know, and we will mail them to you.

It was two years ago today, June 6, that my dear father, Fred Pruitt, was called in his 82nd year from an active literature and pulpit ministry to eternal rest from his earthly labors, but "his works do follow him." His activity in various phases of the work of God spanned 48 years, having founded this gospel publishing plant and began editing this paper in the interest of the Church of God more than 40 years ago. With a living faith in God, his was a life of entire devotion to the cause of Christ. May these holy ideals which he held sacred in the publication of the gospel be preserved until Jesus returns for His church.

A minister of the gospel, Bro. Sam Barton, of Tulsa, Okla. was 77 years of age on June 7, and Sister Barton will be 72 on June 21. They have spent many years in the gospel work, especially in Missouri and Oklahoma, and embraced the truths of the Church of God reformation about 60 years ago. Neither one is well in body, but they are up most of the time. Their faith and trust are steadfast in the living God. Though they might not be able to answer, yet it would be a special comfort to them if the saints would write them cards and letters of encouragement, and continue to pray for them in their declining years. Address: 2262 N. Columbia Place, Tulsa, Okla.

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The Church of God campmeetings at Tulsa, Okla. and Holly Hill, S. Carolina are in progress at this time, and others will follow throughout the summer at various locations over the country. We pray that a great outpouring of the presence of God will be felt

in every meeting, that many souls will be saved and sanctified and bodies healed through the prayer of faith. When the meetings are over we trust that none will say, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. May the church carry a soul-burden and prevail in prayer for the lost.

God is calling His people out of confusion where they have been scattered in "the cloudy and dark day," into the "one fold" on Mount Zion. Jesus said, "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. In that memorable prayer before His crucifixion Jesus prayed for the unity and oneness of His people now in these days. "Neither pray I for these [the apostles] alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 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. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one." John 17:20-22. This is God's design for His people, and it places a solemn obligation upon every professed child of God "to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" until we are brought to the "unity of the faith, . . . unto a perfect man" in Christ. This unity is vitally important. To the extent that we fail to demonstrate it, to that extent we will fail to convince the world. We must "reach our hands in fellowship to every blood-washed one, while love entwines about each heart in which God's will is done."

An extra large quantity has been printed of the June issue of the Spanish paper, "The Light of Hope," edited by Bro. Clifford Smith, Pacoima, Calif., to be distributed freely by the gospel workers in Mexico and among Spanish-speaking people.

Another shipment of 5,000 tracts in the Efik language will be mailed soon to Nigeria, W. Africa to be distributed there by the native mission workers. Many foreign doors are being closed to the gospel, so let us be "workers together" and make haste to enter the remaining open doors before they are closed.

Just off the press is another reprinted booklet, "Unraveling Revelation" by A. Q. Bridwell, first published a number of years ago. Since it is a small paperbound booklet of 36 pages, it deals only with a few of the more misinterpreted chapters of Revelation. Order a quantity to help those who are confused on the church question, the 1000 years' reign, the battle of Armageddon, Babylon, etc. Price, 20c each, or six for \$1.00, postpaid.

Lord willing, after the campmeeting season is over we will be reprinting more of the old out-of-print books which were written by the pioneer ministers of the Church of God. Two books, "The Birth of a Reformation" and "Bible Readings for Bible Students and for the Home and Fireside," have especially been requested to be reprinted. These books are large

and should be cloth bound, which will be much more expensive to complete. But with the Lord's blessings and the co-operation of our readers, this can be done. In the meantime, those who are sincerely interested in getting other books reprinted might contact us.

Until we greet you again, Lord willing, in the September issue, we pray God's special blessings to rest upon all of our readers. We hope to meet many of you at the National Campmeeting, Neosho, (Monark Springs), Mo. which convenes July 23 to Aug. 1.

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 Oregon Campmeeting at Jefferson, Oregon—July 2 to 11.  
 Akron, Ohio Campmeeting—July 9 to 18.  
 National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo. July 23 to Aug. 1.  
 Oklahoma Campmeeting at Guthrie, Okla.—Aug. 6 to 15.  
 Bakersfield, Calif. Campmeeting—August 6 to 15.  
 Missouri State Campmeeting at Myrtle, Mo. Aug. 13-22.  
 Boley, Oklahoma Campmeeting—August 20 to 29.  
 California State Campmeeting at Pacoima, Calif.—Aug. 27 to Sept. 5.  
 Dover, Okla. Campmeeting—Sept. 3 to 12.

## Campmeeting Notices

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The annual campmeeting of the Church of God will convene Friday, June 25 on the General Southern campgrounds at Hammond, La. and will continue through Sunday, July 4. The campground is located in the southwest part of Hammond.

We are expecting a wonderful time in the Lord. Meals will be served on the free-will offering plan. Sleeping quarters will be provided for those who come from afar. All are invited to attend, both saved and unsaved.

We are trusting God to send in ministers of His choosing.

For further information, write or call T. H. Coffey, P. O. Box 1177, Hammond, La. 70401, telephone 345-2412.

### OREGON STATE CAMPMEETING

The Oregon State Campmeeting at Jefferson, Oregon will be held, the Lord willing, July 2 through 11, 1965. It will be run on the free-will offering plan. We extend a hearty welcome to all who can attend this meeting, to come and enjoy the precious Word of God, which will be preached by ministers under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. We are looking for a wonderful meeting. We, the saints here in Jefferson, urge all who can, to attend this meeting, for surely we are nearing the end of time. Come, should you have a spiritual need, whether salvation from sin, sanctification as a second definite work of grace, or healing of the body. Come, expecting a real blessing. We have cabins and other sleeping quarters furnished. Meals will be served in the dining hall.

For further information write Sister Bea Spaur, Box 254, Jefferson, Ore. Phone 327-2855, code 503, or write Sister Hilda A. Nielsen, Box 34, Jefferson, Ore., Phone 327-2564.

### AKRON, OHIO CAMPMEETING

The Lord has blessed the Ohio saints with a chapel and facilities at Akron, Ohio for a permanent campground. We are praising His name for the same. The campmeeting will convene the 9th of July and continue through the 18th if the Lord wills. On the 8th and 9th of July, some of the older ministers will be here for a two-day session with all ministers in these parts and any others that would like to come. All are welcome. We are expecting good, profitable, spiritual instructions, exchanging experiences, etc.

Come praying that the Lord will have His way through the entire meeting. There will be plenty sleeping space for all. All are welcome. We are fighting a battle for our Lord in this vicinity. Pray much for us. Church location: 419-421 W. Thornton St. Parsonage: 544 VanEverett St. Phone 724-5683, Akron, Ohio. —Sister Hazel Clark

#### NATIONAL CAMPMEETING AT NEOSHO, MO.

Time is moving swiftly toward the 1965 National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo. and soon many of God's people will again gather together for a time of refreshing and spiritual edification. The dates are July 23 to August 1. As we look forward to this time of year we see many duties which lie ahead in preparations for the temporal needs and also realize the need of prayer for the spiritual needs. We are expecting an even larger attendance than in previous years with several being there for their first time.

We want to encourage all who possibly can, to put forth an effort to be in this meeting. Many times well-meaning people have, through hearsay, passed judgment on some of God's people and said "they are just a bunch of old-fashioned fanatical folks." Many times real saints are hindered from fellowship because they accept what they hear without trying the spirit. We feel you will find a warm fellowship and freedom in the Lord and be blessed in your soul to meet with a portion of God's people who are endeavoring to stand for the truth once delivered to the saints.

Come and be with us this year and pray for God to bless. As in previous years, meals and lodging will be provided on the grounds. Due to the necessity of having to rent tents, etc., we ask those who are able to help with the expense to do so. The nominal charge for a tent is \$5.00 with \$1.00 per cot and \$2.00 for cot and space in dormitory. However, if there are any who desire to come but are unable to meet this, please do not feel backward or stay away, for our God will supply our needs according to His riches in glory. We would encourage you to bring bedding, if possible.

We would appreciate receiving all orders for tents and reservations in dormitories by July 2.

The campground is located five miles east of Neosho, Mo. on Highway 86. Those coming by bus or train will find it necessary to take a taxi to the grounds or phone GRover 2-4217 (Granby, Mo.) at the campground and some of the saints will come for you.

Let us all pray and move as God directs. Especially let us pray for the spiritual success of the meeting.

#### Notice of Work Days on Campground

We are planning to be at the campgrounds each second and fourth Saturdays of each month until campmeeting and have a list of necessary things to do. On Saturday and Monday, July 3 and 5, are the annual work days to make the final preparations. Please come for both days if possible.

I am suggesting that the pastors of the congregations in driving distance assemble a group from your congregation and feel responsible for at least one Saturday. In this manner all could be workers together without placing an undue load on anyone. We will endeavor to begin work at 8 a. m. on these work days or earlier if desired. If another week end other than the second or fourth is more convenient, let me know and we will arrange to be there.

If anyone owns cabins or lots on the campgrounds which he would like to sell, please contact us as we have inquiries for them.

—Bro. Kenneth Probst, Business Manager  
Route 4, Box 172, Carthage, Mo.

#### OKLAHOMA STATE CAMPMEETING

The Oklahoma State Campmeeting will be held, Lord willing, August 6 to 15, on the campground at Sixth and W. Warner Streets, Guthrie, Okla. We are looking forward to another joyful gathering of the children of God on this "old campground."

We extend a hearty welcome to all who can attend this meeting. Provisions will be made to care for all. The dining hall and dormitories are on the grounds. Expenses will be met by free-will offerings. Send contributions of food or money to Bro. M. A. Davis, R. 4, Guthrie, Okla. Come praying for a good meeting and lost souls.

—Bro. Ira D. Stover, Pastor

#### BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. CAMPMEETING

The Church of God campmeeting at Bakersfield; Calif. will be held at 1502 E. Virginia Ave. on Aug. 6 to 15, 1965, Lord willing. A cordial invitation is extended to all. We are expecting the Lord to bless and we desire your prayers.

Meals will be served on the grounds and lodging is available to all. Those coming from the east on Highway 58, formerly 466, turn on angle, then left on Brundage Lane to Lakeview Avenue, right two blocks to Virginia Avenue, then right two blocks to Brown St. Those coming from south or north, turn off freeway on Brundage Avenue, go east three miles to Lakeview Avenue, turn left two blocks to Virginia Avenue, then right to chapel. Those desiring transportation from bus or train station, phone 325-6752. For further information, contact Bro. I. C. Chandler, 415 11th Street, Bakersfield, Calif.

#### MISSOURI STATE CAMPMEETING

The Church of God Missouri State Campmeeting will be held at Myrtle, Mo. on Aug. 13 through Aug. 22, 1965, the Lord willing.

We cordially invite all the saints everywhere and all others who may be interested in the truth and the cause of God, to come and enjoy the good Word of God and the fellowship of His people.

We pray the Lord will send the ministers of His choosing and the messages that are needed throughout the meeting.

Those coming to remain on the grounds should bring pillows, sheets and covering if possible, as the nights are cool sometimes. The expense of the meeting will be met by free-will offerings which may be sent to Bro. A. J. Sorrell, Myrtle, Mo.

Mattresses of any size are needed at this campmeeting, and contributions of this item will certainly be appreciated.

There will be a work day on the Myrtle campground on August 7 in preparation for the meeting which starts on the 13th. If anyone wishes to come at any other time to work, he will be welcomed.

Those coming by bus or train should come to Thayer, Mo. or Pochahontas, Ark. and call Bro. Alsie Sorrell, WE 8-2482 or Bro. Thurman Sorrell, WE 8-2483 and some one will come after you. For further information, write or call the above saints at Myrtle, Mo.

#### BOLEY, OKLA. CAMPMEETING

The annual Church of God campmeeting will convene Friday, August 20, on the campgrounds at Boley, Okla. and will continue through Sunday, Aug. 29.

All are invited to attend. We are trusting the Lord to send ministers of His own choosing.

—Ora Spears, Rt. 1, Box 108, Boley, Okla.

## CALIFORNIA STATE CAMPMEETING

The California State Campmeeting of the Church of God, Evening Light Saints, will convene on the saints' camp ground located at 12312 Osborne Place in Pacoima, California August 27 through September 5, 1965, Lord willing.

Pacoima is a suburb of Los Angeles in the northwest part of the city near the town of San Fernando. If you come by car from the east or south, take the Golden State Freeway (it will be marked "Bakersfield" where you leave either of the freeways coming from those directions) and follow it to Osborne Street which is about 20 miles out from where you hit this freeway. When you hit Osborne Street, turn right and follow it straight ahead across the railroad tracks and about a half-mile farther to a "Y." At this "Y" go straight ahead instead of taking the left curve and soon you will come to our sign over the entrance to the camp ground on your right. If you come from the north by car, follow the freeway which will be marked "Los Angeles" to Osborne Street and turn left and proceed as outlined above.

The phone number at the parsonage on the camp ground is 899-3608. If you arrive by bus or train give us a call and someone will come to get you.

We hope that all the saints throughout the west will be able to attend this meeting. And we hope all will be praying to God earnestly for a victorious meeting and for a precious visitation from God. Also pray that God will so anoint and bless your own souls as to qualify you to help make the meeting a success for God. Pray also that God will send a good number of folks to the meeting who need God and then work on their hearts when they get here to see their need and seek God. Also pray for those who need a better understanding of the truth to be led here and come with a true purpose of heart to hear the truth. Also pray that God's will will be done and He will have His complete way in the meeting all the way through from first to last.

We will be looking to see you at the campmeeting. Remember the date—August 27 through September 5—and plan for it.

Yours and His in the Master's Service, —O. B. Wilson

## DOVER, OKLA. CAMPMEETING

The Lord willing, the Dover, Okla. campmeeting will be held September 3 to 12, 1965. Dover is on Highway 81. The campground is one mile north and two and one half miles east of Dover. Anyone desiring to be met at the bus station should notify us in time, telling us what time your bus will arrive at Dover. Meeting will be supported by free-will offerings. These may be sent to Bro. Henry Caldwell, or Ulysses Phillips, Rt. 1, Dover, Okla. We request your prayers for this meeting.

## Prayer Requests

"I have a personal problem in our family and ask special prayer of the saints. I am trusting the Lord fully for answer in our behalf as He has never failed us. I am also trusting God to answer another request to the glory of God."

Ohio—"Please be agreed with me that God will give me the sight in my eye so I can read the Bible."

Calif.—Nervous condition. Many problems.

Okla.—Poor health. Desires deeper experience in the Lord.

La.—A sister has a growth on her neck.

Ia.—Believes in divine healing. Has several afflictions.

Ind.—She has decided to trust the Lord as she did years ago when she was around the saints. She has several afflictions.

Mo.—She has five different afflictions. She is isolated from the saints.

Wash.—A man who writes here often seems to be in great pain.

Minn.—Bro. Kirchner still desires prayer.

Tenn.—Sister Clayton is not well and also her daughter has a breaking out. She desires wisdom in some problems.

Texas—Seriously afflicted.

Tenn.—"I have weak arches. God healed my back when I received the anointed cloth."

## MEXICO MISSIONARY REPORT

Calexico, Calif.—Dear Fellow Laborers: It is with joy that we come to you with a little of the news here in Ejido Patzcuaro. First of all, we want to say that we are still saved and sanctified, and that to serve the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind and strength is our main and only desire. We are happy here in the field of labor that the Lord has given us and we are encouraged to press on when we see the Lord dealing with different ones.

When we came here to work in Patzcuaro there were three who had a profession of salvation—an elderly man, Brother Senteno, and a young couple, Angel Rodriquez and his wife Celia. These three are very dear children of God and we see in them a desire to serve God with all their hearts. Celia came to the altar two weeks ago to be sanctified and the Lord flooded her soul with His presence, blessing her until, as she said, she didn't think she could stay here. The Lord has worked largely for Sister Celia. She told us that she is feeling a call of God for His service and it is very clear that the Lord is blessing her in that way. One time at service she had a burden on her heart and the Lord blessed her as she read about the rich young ruler who came to Christ. She exhorted some about it and later her husband, Angel, who can neither read nor write, stood to his feet and nearly preached a sermon about the scripture she read. It was really rich and anointed of God.

Since we have been here there have been three saved and their testimonies still ring true. It is wonderful to be saved, but still more wonderful to keep the experience and draw nearer the Lord. We need to hold them before the Lord that they will be sanctified wholly.

We would like to relate to you a little incident which stirs our hearts, and I am sure it will stir your heart, too. The man who is our closest neighbor here, (who gave the land where the chapel is) is not saved. He rarely ever came to services, although he allows his wife and children to come. He seemed to never have time for services. He has a fair amount of land which he has planted in cotton and he worked on this day and night. When he had nothing much to do, then one would see him among a number of men in an old shack or beneath one of the trees playing baraja (cards). One day they got word that his grandfather was in a wreck and soon he had passed away. We took him and his family to Tecate where they were to bury the body. As we went we had an opportunity to talk to them some. In a day or so, the family came back and then on Wednesday we were surprised to see the little family and Pablo all in services. The service was blessed of God and the people were attentive. So was Pablo, but no one made a move for God. After services the people visited some and went home. Pablo was talking, laughing and seemed well in every respect. But Thursday morning he didn't get up, as a high fever



*Ministers at Church of God Campmeeting, Carthage, Missouri in 1905*

(See the list of names on the other side)

## SIXTY YEARS AGO—1905-1965

Not many persons are now alive  
Who knew all these in nineteen five.

Consulting a number of the older members of the Church of God, we have gathered the names of a few of the ministers who appear in the picture on the reverse side. If anyone can identify other ministers in the picture who are not listed here, please let us hear from you.

Since it would be rather difficult to describe or point out the location in the picture of these persons named, we will merely list the names of those who are now known to appear, as follows:—

W. J. and Luella Henry, Drusilla and Ellen (Trent) Porter, Mother Cornelia A. Sunderland, Geo. W. Johnson, E. M. Zinn, J. W. Youngblood, George E. Harmon, Henry W. White, Clara Brooks, Mable Hale, Wallace H. Shoot, L. L. Porter and wife, Willis M. Brown, S. G. Bryant, Samuel M. Helm, George E. Bolds, J. D. Ferrill, Hugh Caudell, George Cole, and Fred Rapp.

This list is only about one-third of those in the picture, and we would like to have the rest identified.

### Why This Picture?

The primary purpose of reproducing this picture is not to exalt any person or persons but to portray to the hearts and minds of people today that simplicity of Christ in the modesty of dress and conduct that characterized the pioneer ministers of this "evening light" Church of God reformation which began about 1880 A. D. in fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Holy men and women with a Divine call to the ministry of the Word went forth preaching everywhere. Theirs were lives of sacrifice and self-denial, going forth with fervent love for souls and a burning zeal to proclaim those glorious truths which God was revealing and restoring to His Church in this "evening" time of the gospel day. Very often their preaching ran contrary to the religious thought of that day, as a result of which they met opposition and often suffered persecution, but the truth prevailed.

After thirty years (1880-1910) under the blazing gospel light of the "evening time," innovation, apostasy and compromise developed on a broad front in the movement, and the majority of the ministers went with the "landslide." However, the Lord preserved a "holy remnant" which continues down to the present, teaching and practicing those truths which were generally accepted in the Reformation prior to 1910, and open for more or additional light on God's Word, but not the "new light" which eclipses or hides those vital truths which brought forth this glorious restoration movement. "We reach our hands in fellowship to every blood-washed one." The test of fellowship is that of the spirit—whether one is walking in the light of God's Word or going away from it.

Numbers are hearing the call of God and are coming home to the fair heights of Mt. Zion "with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads." Isaiah 35:10.

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.

"And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints." Rev. 15:3

—Lawrence D. Pruitt

### Mt. Zion

Have you walked about Mt. Zion?

'Round her towers great and tall?

Have you seen her mighty bulwarks?

Have you seen her shining walls?

Have you seen her lovely palaces

Shining forth in splendor bright,

In the City of the ransomed

Where there never comes the night?

Yes, the City hath foundations,

She is anchored to the Rock!

She has stood the howling tempests,

And will stand the Judgment shock.

It's a foursquare, twelve-gate City,

Walls of jasper, streets of gold;

And its blood-washed population,

No man yet has ever told.

No storm clouds shall gather o'er it,

Neither cast a shadow there;

The sun and moon shall give no light

In that City bright and fair.

For there the Lamb Himself is light,

He hath said, "I am the door;"

And the saved of every nation

Shall worship and His name adore.

In her great and mighty tower,

There abides the peaceful dove;

And its banners in the zephyr,

Floating over me is LOVE.

That blessed City is Mount Zion,

It's the New Jerusalem,

It's the Church of God—He bought her—

It's the fair Bride of the Lamb!

—Ulysses Phillips.

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struck him and he didn't even know people at times. When they called us to his bedside Pablo was praying, saying, "No, Lord, my children, my wife, no Lord, not now." He said this over and over. As we knelt in prayer it seemed we could hardly pray that God would heal his body for the fear we had for his soul. The Lord had mercy and heard prayer and touched his pain-racked body. Then we asked him about his soul, and his only response was that he was very tired and didn't want to talk then. So we came back to the house, happy that the Lord had blessed him, but yet so burdened for his poor soul, for it was plain that he was a very sick man, even to death. Then later in the afternoon they called us again for prayer and he was about as bad as the first time but still knew what he was doing. After prayer the way opened so that we could talk to him about his soul again, and this time he said that he knew that he wasn't right with God and that he was afraid to die and wanted us to stay by his side. We began to exhort him to pray and to tell the Lord all about it and the Lord would listen. We urged him to tell the Lord that he was sorry for all the things in his life that displeased God and ask for mercy and pardon. But how sad it was when he wouldn't talk about it any more, and then asked us to bring his mother to see him before he died. We did this for him, and his mother, a professing Christian, took him to the doctor and he nearly went out into eternity that night, but God's mercy was great toward him and saved his life. He told after he came back home that the Lord didn't want him yet for his soul was dirty and God wanted him to get it clean first. When he was better he came to services and testified to this effect that he knew it was God's mercy that he was able to be in services and that he needed our prayers that he would be saved and serve God. He still isn't saved, although he has come to services since he has been sick. Let us pray for him and many others who are putting salvation off. How dangerous it is to put things off, especially our soul's salvation. We need to have everything concerning our soul up to date for we have no promise of another opportunity. We may be well and happy one day and the next on our death bed, going out into eternity.

We do appreciate your prayers and we still need them, for we feel very needy all the time. May God bless you richly in every desire you have in Him.

Your Sisters in the service of the Lord,

—Carrie Sheppard and Edith Cole

#### PROMOTION FROM NIGERIAN MISSION FIELD

While we were measuring out the type pages for this issue and delaying the press run as long as possible to receive the Nigerian mission reports for the month of May from Bro. Friday Ekpo, the mission secretary, instead we received at 4 p. m. today (June 12) a telegram from Bro. B. U. Etuk with these words, "Friday Ekpo passed yesterday." Of course, this was very sad news to all of us and will be to all those of the church who know the important place Bro. Friday has been ably filling in translating and interpreting the lessons which Bro. Ostis Wilson has been mailing over there each week. The loss cannot be fully comprehended, yet we do not question God's dealings, for He sees so many things that we do not see. To His will we humbly bow. It is our loss in this world, but it is his promotion to eternal Rest.

In the evening mail, after the telegram was received, was the mission reports for May signed by

Bro. Friday Ekpo and a cover letter dated June 4 by Bro. B. U. Etuk, native mission superintendent, who stated among other things that Bro. Ekpo was not well after he had submitted the reports to him and that he endorsed the typed report on his sick bed, and asked us to pray for him.

The typewritten report of the mission activities for the month of May were very encouraging, but I feel it would be better at this time to quote the pertinent parts of the last letter dated May 20 which I received from Bro. Friday Ekpo in his own handwriting:—

"Dear Bro. Pruitt and dear saints of the Lord: Once again I send you love and greetings through our Lord Jesus, the risen Saviour, and of whom I can well say with Job 19:25, 'I know my redeemer liveth.' Who but He ever died, rose again, and now lives? Those of us who are His at His second coming will ever reign eternally with Him. Praise the Lord!

"Thank you for your letter of April 30, but I unfortunately fell a victim to malaria and have been in bed for the past 14 days. My health simply broke down. I do not know whether what a friend who visited me said might be true, 'Friday, since August 11 of last year up until a few days ago, you have been too much of a busy man. You overloaded your physical strength, and burdened and overtaxed your faculties, but rest assured in His words of Matt. 28:20, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." ' The reasons why I am sick as advanced by this friend may be false, but the quotation from Matthew is my only cause for joy and contentment.

"I am very sorry about this, as for two Sundays I never attended any meeting and the lessons were held up. I will be going this evening and someone will convey me on a bicycle down there (15 miles off), and instead of standing up to deliver the message I will do that sitting. If I fail today then I will fail many a soul in getting the divine message. Please pray for my return to good normal health. Otherwise, a lot of converts will feel disappointed. I feel anxious and burdened to meet everybody that I haven't met for the past fortnight, and to learn from each leader of each congregation as to how the Lord is blessing them.

"Bro. Pruitt, I am anxious, for the Lord Jesus died to redeem the sinners, but it is an irony of history that these same sinners are still sinners. So the end of the world waits on no one; we only wait on the day, but the Lord is doing what He can to call them, 'Come unto me, all ye that labor . . .'

"All the English and Efik tracts have been received, and the Efik ones are liked very much by all. A great many of our older folks are reading them. Maybe you could send us some more of the Efik tracts.

"Please pray for us, for the work and for my health. We are praying for and with you all. Will write longer when health permits. Yours in the Master's service,  
—Friday F. Ekpo"

This letter was received and answered the first part of June, and the request was taken promptly to

the Lord in earnest prayer and laid before the Guthrie congregation. We trusted the Lord would be pleased to restore Bro. Ekpo to health and give him many more years there in the mission work, but God in His infinite wisdom deemed otherwise and called him to realms above.

In the May report there is a closing comment by Bro. Friday Ekpo: "As for me, I know that I have a crown prepared for me from the beginning that no one will take from me—a crown of life. Praise God!"

Bro. Ekpo was rather a young man, only about 32 years old, and leaves a wife and three children. His perception of spiritual matters was very clear, and by his letter you will note that he carried a real burden and sincere concern for souls and the work of God.

Let us pray the Lord to comfort the bereaved family and all the co-workers on the mission field in Nigeria. Pray also that more workers will be called and qualified to fill the vacancy, and that the mission work in that area will rapidly move forward to accomplish the great task which lies before it.

Other problems and questions are arising in the Nigerian mission work in which much divine wisdom is needed. Will you pray with us that God's hand and Spirit will lead and guide in all these matters?

Funds from the missionary fund here at the office are being sent each month to Nigeria to help support the native gospel workers who number about 30. Let each one continue to co-operate in this foreign missionary endeavor, and go, give, and pray as the following poem exhorts us. —Lawrence Pruitt

### *Go, Give, and Pray*

Go! is the cry that must come from within,  
If the lost are ever to be saved from sin.  
It is a challenge for you and me  
To carry the message across the sea.

Give is a duty we can all do,  
That Christ's work can be carried through.  
Then the heathen need not despair,  
Knowing that we, in America, care.

Pray for the missionaries as they labor each day,  
Speeding the gospel on its way.  
Perhaps some day the whole world may know  
The price Christ paid because He loved us so.

Our earnest desire should ever be,  
This call of the missionary plea.  
As Christians we can honestly say,  
"Lord, I will go, give, and pray."  
—Miss Betty Metzler

### **BRO. WAYNE TURNER OUT OF DEATH ROW**

A few days ago we received a letter from Bro. Wayne Turner, expressing his appreciation to the Lord for his transfer from death row back to the parish jail at Amite, La. There he can meet the saints again and participate in the jail services each Sunday afternoon. —Editor

Just off the press is the reprinted book, **THE MAN OF HIS COUNSEL** by Effie Williams. Paper bound, 112 pages. Price, 50c each or five copies for \$2.00, postpaid.

## TESTIMONIES

Calif.—To all the dear Saints: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your prayers in our behalf during this trial of affliction, also the many cards and letters of encouragement and offerings. It has meant so much to us to know we were not alone, that you were praying for us during this time. How we appreciate you every one! There is no people like the family of God. As the Scripture says, "Whether one member suffers all the members suffer with it." You have proved this to us and our hearts melt in humility and gratitude before the dear Lord for all His kindness and love to us, and by His blood He permitted us to be ones in this great family.

The Lord has been very precious to us during this affliction, and many times He came to our rescue and answered prayer and gave relief and rest when it seemed we could endure no more. We give Him all the glory, for our trust was completely in Him. Praise His dear name!

At this writing we are much better, thank the Lord, and plan to be on our way home [Guthrie, Okla.] in a short time. We don't have all the strength needed, but are looking for more from day to day.

Again we thank all for the kindness and love shown to us. Continue to pray for us that we keep in the center of His will.

Yours in His service, —Ira D. and Ruby Stover

(Editor's note: Bro. and Sister Ira Stover, pastors at Guthrie, Okla., arrived home on June 11. He appears much improved, for which we thank the Lord.)

Texas—We greet each reader with Christian love and a prayer of much concern for your soul:

We enjoy reading the testimonies so much, and when it seems a long time some old familiar saints' names fail to appear, we are made to wonder how they are prospering in their souls. Then I thought how long it had been since I had witnessed for the Lord through the paper. So I want to say, I am encouraged as never before to stay in this battle to the end. I have victory in my soul over sin and the devil. The Lord is richly blessing in every needed way.

Tears of joy flowed a few days ago when the Lord revealed a scripture to me when I needed an answer. He has promised to be a present help in every time of need, and I've found it so. I was healed instantly of colds in the winter. Then I had indigestion for several weeks. I wrote some for prayer, yet the symptoms lingered. I searched my heart and life, when the Lord spoke to me and said, "You are not using the weapons I've given you." I thought of the anointed handkerchiefs I keep by my bed, one which Bro. Pruitt anointed for me before his passing. I had used them at different times before, but the Lord had to remind me this time. I immediately obeyed the voice of the Lord and took the cloths over to Sister Moore's and asked her to pray as we applied the cloths. The Lord heard and answered. There has been no more symptoms from that day on. Thank the Lord!

I want to be living so close to Him that I can hear His voice at all times. He is the same as when He walked the shores of Galilee.

Let us put on the whole armour of God, that we be able to stand in these evil days and be found without spot or wrinkle when He calls for you and me.

Christian love, —Edith Wall

S. Carolina—Dear Saints everywhere, greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ: I feel led and have been

encouraged to send in my testimony. Four years ago the Lord healed me of sugar diabetes. I trusted Him fully at that time. About two years later I let the devil, through my children, deceive me, and I went back to the doctor. The Lord let me see what great things I had to suffer by turning my back on Him. I knew that I had disobeyed Him and all disobedience is sin. I became cold towards doing what the Lord wanted me to do. I suffered many things. I took the flu, and my eyes got so bad that I had to get glasses. Then the sugar came back in my blood. I was going to the doctor all the time and we were having such hard times.

Thank the Lord, on Sunday, April 11, 1965 I was blessed to be at Holly Hill, S. C. for all-day services. In the afternoon Brother Fry brought a message on faith. The Lord started dealing with me. I went to the altar, and the Lord set me free again, and built up my faith. He then burdened my heart to get the brethren to pray for me. I obeyed, and praise His name, He healed my body and I am still praising and thanking Him today for it. But the devil didn't like it. About two or three weeks later I took an awful headache which lasted two days. Satan would tell me how I wouldn't have to suffer if I would only take a headache powder, but thank the Lord, I didn't yield to him, but my husband and I just agreed in prayer and my head eased and I went to sleep. That Sunday I asked the saints to pray for me and the Lord healed me right then. Praise His name!

I thank the Lord for Brother and Sister Clarence Fry. They have been a great help to me. I am still having some awful trials from the devil. He approaches me from all sides. I desire the prayers of the saints. I have promised the Lord that I will trust Him, even unto death.

Please pray for my unsaved children. I have six and they are all in sin.

A Sister in Christ,

—Rhodia Platt

Calif.—Dear Sister Marie: greetings in the love of Jesus. Truly I can say as David, "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." I do praise Him and behold the wonders of the Lord. I am saved and I know it. He keeps and leads me. He has promised to stand by us and never leave us.

You remember I wrote you for prayer for a growth on the side of my face. It was a pimple, but it turned to a bleeding spot. Every time it was touched it would bleed. After each spell it would grow bigger. I was so self-conscious of it. I thought that by keeping it pressed down with a bandage it would heal, but to my dismay it kept getting bigger. I was having a battle with it and needed prayer for grace and a willingness to wear that bandage.

After I was anointed and prayed for, I really had a trial of faith. In times past, the Lord, from the very beginning would give me a promise to stand upon, an assurance that in time he would hear and answer when His plans were worked out. But this is one time He was far from me. I knew I had to walk by faith because if I went by feelings I would have given up. But as Job said, "He knows the way I take." It is a real test when one cannot find God.

One morning after a hard night I was very disheartened and I went to my father, Bro. Benson, seeking consolation. He asked me, "What are you going to do about it?" I knew he meant, "Are you going to the doctor?" That I would never do, as God has done too much for me. Furthermore, I do not want to lose my soul by not trusting in God. I believe that is where a lot of people fail, because they do not understand that Jesus died for our healing as well as salvation. I have

found lots of privileges and benefits, including divine healing—divine that comes from God, and only Him.

The next night after my low spirits, God gave me Jer. 17:7, 8, "Blessed is the man that trusted in the Lord. He shall be as a tree planted by the waters, when the heat cometh her leaf shall be green, and shall not cease from yielding fruit." Oh, how my soul did rejoice to have a comforter of good cheer, because it tells me when the heat comes her leaf shall be green. The growth continued to get bigger but my pride was broken and I was willing to wear the bandage. At first I didn't know I had that pride. Then a few nights later after prayer my soul was so refreshed. I was given the song, "Oh, be still, thou soul of mine, thou art not forsaken."

One Sunday morning I felt like it was coming off. Every time I would move my head it would swing around like a ball on a string. That afternoon it was so intact that I was stunned and wondered, what now? Wednesday part of it fell off and it bled. It always took prayer to stop the bleeding. That day I had my father come and lay hands on me as I felt it would be healed. That evening the rest fell off and bled. My father was gone to work and we called for prayers. Now, today, it is completely healed up, just a small look of a pimple. When we called for prayer, we requested the Lord to take the roots out. There have been many, many earnest prayers in my behalf and I thank each one and all for their prayers.

For weeks Violet, my daughter, set aside a day of fasting for the growth on my face. She is sending her lunch money, thus saved, to the work of the Lord. Michael and Paulette also send an offering. Michael sells papers on the corner, and he also hands out tracts and the Junior paper. This summer Paulette plans to have a Bible School in the garage. She is making all of her preparations now. She, Violet, and the others are telling the children about it.

It has done my soul good for Paulette to wear her skirt in gym. We have instructed her on divine healing. God healed her of tonsillitis and she testified to the school nurse about it. The nurse was pretty well put out with Paulette for refusing medical aid.

Violet has fought many battles with her teachers and friends. Today she stands respected before them as a real Christian girl, one who is not ashamed of her Lord and will not bow down to please people.

Please send me five books, "Man of His Counsel." It is a book well worth its weight in gold. We also enjoyed "The Pilot's Voice." Love, —Sis. Margaret Cable



Forbes, Mo.—Dear Sister Marie and all the dear saints, greetings in the lovely name of Jesus: I thought by the help of the dear Lord I would tell you what I have done today. I asked the dear Lord, "What can I do for you, dear Jesus?" I read God's Word and prayed an hour. I put my wash water on, then I prayed some more. I washed on a wash board, then went to town and mailed some tracts. I went up the railroad tracks first before going to the post office, and I put tracts in the cars. Before coming home I stopped and had prayer in a home with a woman and gave her some tracts. I came home and prayed again. I got my dinner and thanked Jesus for the good food.

One day I heard someone knocking on the porch. It was a man about 65 or 70 years old. He talked like he knew me. I didn't ask him even to come on the porch. He stayed on the steps. He wanted some money. I said, "No, I won't give you money, but I will fix you something good to eat." I made some ham and egg sandwiches wrapped them all up nice and gave them to him. He washed his hands in the wet grass so I took him a clean

cloth to wash them with. While he was eating, I knelt down and prayed. I gave him a jar of peaches. I took him some ice water and then gave him a "Faith and Victory" paper. He just read the name and where it was from.

Love is what helps to win souls. It is wonderful to serve a mighty God and have sweet peace in our souls, isn't it? I am happy and pressing on to glory.

Much love to all. You are precious to me.

Your humble sister, —Mary Whitmore

Ohio—To the Saints of God: I thank God for His great love and tender mercies unto me. He hath done great things for me and I give His name praise and thanksgiving for it all. Truly, He is a friend in every time of need. He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth.

I had a growth that started on my hand and it continued to get worse. I told hardly anyone about it, but I told Jesus often in prayer and fasting. I had it for about five months. One day I told the Lord that when He healed it, or if He would heal it, I would write through the "Faith and Victory" and tell what He had done for me. I asked Him to dry it up from the roots. Some time after that I looked and it had begun to dry up. Praise God! I looked at it the next day and I could see that it was coming loose. I was working around in the house that night or shortly thereafter and I felt a sting on my hand. I looked and the dried-up part had come out. I don't know if I hit it against something or not, but I surely thank God for drying it up. God is even closing up the place completely where the growth was and turning that part of the skin to its normal color. He is a wonderful Savior to me!

I thank Him, too, for working a great miracle for me in giving me the type of job I had prayed for many times through the years. He brought it to pass the first part of February. Nothing is too hard for our God. These are only some of the things God is doing for me. I love Him and intend to serve Him as long as I live.

Yours in Christ, —Annie Stills

Ohio—Dear Saints of God, greetings in Jesus' precious name: The dear Lord has laid it on my heart to write you and say that I am saved and sanctified right in the Church of God where He placed me, and I am satisfied with His blessings and guiding light. Oh, He is so precious to my soul. I have peace within that nothing can destroy. Praise His dear holy matchless name forever!

I am sending you a little order for some books to let my neighbors read, along with some soul-searching tracts to pass out. You can use the remainder of this money order where most needed.

My wife and I especially need your prayers. Pray for us that we live true and humble before Him at all times and in all places. Please pray for my wife's father who has palsy and can hardly feed himself. He is 77 years old and not saved, and never did profess to be saved.

Yours in Christ who gave His life that we might live, —D. B. and Reva Hurt

Illinois—Dear Brother Lawrence: I received the "Faith and Victory" for June. I was so glad when I saw my son's obituary in it. May the Lord reward you for your kindness.

If an angel were to inform me that I had but a few days to live and could write but one article for the paper, I believe I should take as a text, "Thou hast the dew of thy youth," and should urge Christians to keep so in touch with God that they could and would pray clear

through every day. It is easy to lose that sweet, conscious presence of Jesus, that close communion which characterized one's first love. The burden for souls may easily be supplanted by good works which crowd out time for devotion. Again, one's innocent social nature may prevent his being in the company of His Maker as much as is necessary. As a result, serious faults creep in which mar the serenity of former days. The soul becomes hard and critical. Faith gives place to fear and discontent. Unkind thoughts enter, and the soul that once lived in the heavenlies, descends to live on a low plane where the throngs of sense and time are too keenly felt.

Often have I gone into the secret place of prayer, only to find myself unable to touch Christ. Had my prayer been offered in public it might have sounded all right. There was nothing wrong with it, but it lacked divine power and penetration. I was unable to pray through. That condition is a serious warning. So I opened my heart for light, and the blessed Holy Spirit reminded me of some little word I had spoken which reflected on an absent person. That one perhaps deserved criticism and was at fault, but I was not at all justified in speaking of it. As soon as possible an apology was made and at once my prayer went through. There are other things that hinder prayer, such as lightness, self-indulgence, or weakness on other lines. It takes but a grain of sand to stop a watch.

If we expect to get to heaven, I am convinced that we must keep the simplicity of a child in our devotions and consecration, and be conscientious enough to make an apology when needed. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever." Heb. 13:8.

If you have extra copies of "Faith and Victory" I will be glad to receive them. Please send me the book, "The Man of His Counsel." I am enclosing an offering.

May God bless and keep you.

Christian love,

—Adolph Rabausch

Okla.—Dear Brother Lawrence, we send greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour who has saved us from a life of sin and committed to us some of His work in the earth. Please continue to pray for us that we will ever be true.

We received your card and was glad to hear from you again. We trust these lines find you and yours well and that the work is progressing well for you.

The tent meeting at Jonesboro, La. was profitable. It was well attended and the interest was most unusual. We found many precious souls that were honest and lovers of the truth. We trust that the future will produce a great harvest in the lives of those who were in attendance. Many new contacts were made and we found some real precious new saints. The saints from surrounding areas were real faithful in helping this meeting to be a success. The West Monroe, Shreveport, and Midway saints contributed much to this effort. We desire earnest prayer that the seed that was sown will produce eternal good in the lives of all those who attended. We are looking forward to the time when we can return to this area for future meetings.

All are well here at the Home, for which we thank the dear Lord. It is most enjoyable to labor in the care of these dear older saints. Pray for us, even as we do you.

Yours for the work,

—Charles R. Smith

Mo.—We wish to tell you at Faith Publishing House how we are enjoying the articles and testimonies in the paper. Since we like to see the names of those we have met, we felt we should let you know we are still encour-

aged in the Lord! He has been so precious to us since our last testimony, sparing us many things, such as flu, whooping cough and serious accidents. It is truly a privilege to trust Him for all things.

In reading some "Faith and Victory" papers that are 29 years old, we were happy to see names of many who are still on the firing line, but sad to know that some have departed from the battle. It means much to be a faithful soldier. Neglecting to read and obey the Word of God will cause us to automatically drop out of line, the faithful marching on, leaving us behind! This is certainly a time we need to all stand together and cry out against all the sinful and ungodly things, so people will be awakened before it is too late.

Pray for us that we may have wisdom and love in warning souls to flee from the wrath to come.

Since we are buying a nice chapel here at Senath, and have several new ones coming at different times, we do feel the need of ministers coming through to encourage and strengthen the few here.

If we don't see you at some campmeeting, we would enjoy reading your testimony and knowing how you are, as we do think of the dear ones we've met over the past twenty years, though we may never write you personally. Our prayer is that we will all live for Him who died for us.

—Louie and Evodna Marler

#### THE TEACHING AND PRACTICE OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN THE BEGINNING OF THIS REFORMATION

1. They taught that tithing was given under the old Law (Lev. 27:32, 33, 34), and was never carried into the New Testament. Heb. 7:12; 2 Cor. 3:13 to 17.
2. They taught that to marry again while the first companion was yet living would be adultery. See Rom. 7:2, 3; Matt. 5:32.
3. They taught against preachers having titles added to their names, such as reverend, because it is God's name only. Psal. 111:9.
4. They taught that all must dress in modest apparel; no gold, 1 Tim. 2:9; no outward adorning, 1 Peter 3:3, 4; that long hair is a woman's covering and her glory, 1 Cor. 11:15.
5. They taught against seminaries for preachers to go to, for the Lord would teach and make ministers. See Acts 26:16; Galatians 1:11, 12.
6. They taught that we must trust God fully for both soul and body. In case of sickness, call for the elders of the Church (James 5:14; Jer. 17:5 to 8), and not to take medicine or submit to operations.
7. They taught against the use of instrumental music in the worship of God, as the true worshippers worship the Father in spirit and in truth (John 4:22, 23, 24), and make melody in their hearts to the Lord. See Eph. 5:19; Acts 17:24, 25.
8. They taught against man-rule, such as pulpit committees, for where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. See 2 Cor. 3:17. "But holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Peter 1:21.

9. They taught against an hireling or salaried ministry (John 10:13), for an hireling careth not for the sheep. See 1 Cor. 9:18.
10. They taught for God's people to "come out from among them" and be separate, saith the Lord (2 Cor. 6:17, 18; Rev. 18:2, 4), and not to be partakers with them and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. Eph. 5:7, 11.
11. They taught and practiced feet-washing as taught by our Lord in John 13. It was to continue. See Matt. 28:19, 20; 1 Tim. 5:9, 10.
12. It was taught that all the brethren should greet one another with an holy kiss. 1 Thess. 5:26; 1 Peter 5:14; 2 Cor. 13:12; 1 Cor. 16:20.
13. The unity of God's people was taught—that all be of one heart, soul and mind, as the Word says. John 17:20 to 23; 1 Cor. 1:10; Phil. 1:27. Notice what the Word says in the following references: Gal. 2:18; Rev. 22:18, 19.

—Darius Gibson

#### LUKEWARMNESS

A lukewarm life is a displeasure to God; he would have us to be fervent in spirit. God is pleased with us when we are lively stones, but not when we are formal and lukewarm. A lukewarm state is a dangerous state. One very dangerous thing about it is that usually when a person is lukewarm he is unaware that he is lukewarm. If a man is sick and does not know that he is sick, he is in great danger of his life, because he is not at all likely to take the proper care of himself. So the man who is cold and formal but thinks he is spiritual and full of love is not at all likely to do anything for the improvement of his spiritual condition. He is very much like the Irishman's turtle. I hesitate to relate anything so amusing, but it so well illustrates the state of the lukewarm professor that I think I am justifiable.

Some Irishmen had caught a large turtle and cut off his head. Then they waited for him to die, but the turtle scrambled about for some hours. Desiring an explanation of such a phenomenon, they accosted an Irishman who was passing by. After watching the turtle for a moment, he remarked, "He is dead, but does not know it." This is the condition of the lukewarm professors. They are spiritually dead, but are not aware of it. The professors of Christianity at Laodicea were lukewarm, but they thought themselves rich and increased with goods and in need of nothing.

Diseases of the human body are attended with certain feelings and symptoms by which the physician can tell the nature of the affliction in a particular case. The diseases of the human soul are also attended with certain symptoms by which the nature of the malady in a given case may be known. I will now tell you of a few of the symptoms of lukewarmness, so you may know whether such is your state.

First. A kind of doubtful or uncertain feeling as to whether you are right with God, together with an unwillingness to examine yourself closely for fear

you are wanting. Being filled with the Spirit gives us fullness of assurance.

Second. If when you testify to being saved, sanctified, and ready for the coming of Jesus, your heart fails to say amen and you wish down in your soul you had a little better assurance that what your lips say were true, you are not as spiritual as you should be. When we are filled with the Spirit, our souls are assured and satisfied.

Third. Going along day after day in the same routine of life taking it for granted that you are at the work the Lord wants you to do, and not earnestly seeking to know his will. Those who are spiritual cannot be contented without a definite knowledge of the will of God. If you are going along without any real and positive knowledge of the will of God and not seeking to know it, surely you are lukewarm.

Fourth. If when your routine of life is in some way interrupted, you are dissatisfied and complain; if you do not enjoy being moved out of your old channel, but you wish to be let alone, it is evident that you have chosen your own way and that God is not ordering your steps.

Fifth. If when you are called to the assistance of a neighbor or the sick or even an enemy, you find a reluctance to go and an often returning of your own mind to your own concerns and a desire to hurry back to them, you are, it appears, looking upon your own things, and not on the things of others. The Bible tells us to look upon the things of others. If you see your own needs, and see and care but little about the things of others, you are selfish. Those who are spiritual have time to help others and do it willingly.

Sixth. If when called upon to go to the assistance of some unfortunate one and you cannot possibly go, if you do not have a deep heart-regret and if you do not oftentimes during the day think of the poor unfortunate man and be pained at heart because of your inability to help him, you must be more concerned about yourself than about others. You look on your own things and do not see nor feel the needs of others. If such is true in you, you are in a lukewarm state.

Seventh. If you were to be asked whether you are doing the work you are now doing, solely and purposely for the glory of God, and you should be obligated to answer that you had taken no particular thought about it, but supposed it mattered little to the Lord just so you were doing something, this would surely show neglect, indifference, lukewarmness.

Eighth. If you are indifferent and unconcerned about making spiritual progress; if you are not desiring and earnestly seeking for more of God; if you are not earnestly striving to be more meek and humble, to be more kind and patient; if you are carelessly tolerating acts of selfishness, of impatience, unkindness, harshness, lightness, you are certainly lukewarm.

Ninth. Neglect to read the Bible and to pray in secret; greater fervency in public prayer than in secret prayer; more outward manifestation than real in-

ward piety; testifying or preaching beyond the true standard of living—these too are evidences of lukewarmness. A man may become enthusiastic in prayer, testimony, or sermon, and think he is making great advancement; but if he does not live up to every word he speaks, he is losing instead of gaining, because he is not walking in light.

Lukewarmness is very loathsome to God. It reproaches him. To make no profession of love to God at all is not such a reproach to him as to profess love and be lukewarm. God wants all your heart. If he cannot have it all, he will have none. He desires warm, fervent love. To love him only partially, and not supremely, makes it appear as if he were worthy of only half-hearted love. It makes other things equal with God.

After the physician learns the symptoms and pronounces the disease, he then prescribes the remedy. Thank God, there is an unfailing remedy for lukewarmness. Of course, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." "Repent and do the first works." Come to God and buy of him gold tried in the fire. Exercise yourself in spiritual things if there yet be any love in your heart. Shake off everything that is stupefying. Press your way through to God in spite of dryness and deadness. Stir up your soul. Give yourself to deep meditation upon the great love of God to you. Pray in fervency and faith. Consecrate to the whole will of God. If your case is not hopeless—and it is not—this will effect a cure.

—C. E. Orr

God put the church in the world, and Satan seeks to put the world in the church.

## BIBLE STUDY

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### FOUNDATIONS

Printed Portion ..... 1 Cor. 3:3b-11; 2 Cor. 5:14-17

1 Cor. 3:3b For whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

2 Cor. 5:14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

16 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.

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Memory Verse: For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 3:11.

Practical Truth: Unless you start building right, you will not end up right.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Many today are ignoring the fact that Christ is the true and only foundation for this life. They are seeking other foundations. Some in the early church wanted to continue to build their life on John the Baptist, but he is dead. Some today have Luther, Wesley, and many others, who are dead, as their foundation and are resting their salvation upon them. We are thankful that today we know who is the foundation of the church. The church is built upon Christ, the rock, and "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matt. 16:18) Christ is alive and reigning over the powers of darkness and is the governor of His church in the world today. Sectism is building on dead foundations. Some have left the firm foundation and are like those whom Jeremiah the prophet wept over. He said, "My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting place." (Jer. 50:6)

Those who are born into the church of God are new creatures. They do not do the things they used to do. Old things have passed away and all have become new. God is not pleased with those who have divisions, envyings, and strife in their hearts. Paul rebuked some who were yielding to those things. He told them they were carnal. Regardless who brings the word or labors, it is all done in vain, unless God blesses it.

July 11, 1965

HOW TO BUILD

Printed Portion ..... Philippians 3:7-16; Romans 8:26-28

Phil. 3:7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

Rom. 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Memory Verse: I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3:14.

Practical Truth: If we count right, we will end up right.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

If we get a good firm foundation, then we are able to build a good building. We want a life in our souls that is right and that will bring peace to us. Paul counted up the cost. He counted up all the things that the world had to offer and the reward at the end of a life lived for self, which would be damnation to his soul. Paul saw that the total would be a great loss. Then he counted a life here for God and the reward of eternal life in the end and saw that it would be gain. He chose God's way to build his life, through obeying the Bible.

Paul did not want his own righteousness. He was willing to suffer for Christ. He forgot those things in the past for which the Lord had forgiven him. He had taken the saints up before the rulers and had them put to death. He forgave himself because God had forgiven him. He pressed against feelings and thoughts from the devil. He pressed his way toward that eternal prize that awaited him.

It is wonderful to know that the Spirit helps us pray. There are times when our hearts are so full and heavy that we can't form into words what we want to say. In groanings we look to the Lord. The Spirit takes those groanings and forms them into words and takes them to God. The answer comes. Our souls are lifted up and great grace is given to us. Our faith takes in that "all things work together for good." God will only permit what is best.

July 18, 1965

STRUGGLES IN SIN

Printed Portion ..... Romans 7:13-25

Rom. 7:13 Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.

17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Memory Verse: He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. Revelations 21:7.

Practical Truth: God will give us power, through Jesus Christ, to be delivered from sin and power to live each day without sinning.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We trust that the Lord will make the Word of God clear to all that the struggles Paul had when under the law did not bring salvation to him. Jesus had come but he still tried to live by the law. Only through the law was he able to know what was sin. He tried to live up to the law but he found something working within him that prevented him from doing it. He said that the law was spiritual but, "I am carnal, sold under sin." He was sold to sin through the fall of Adam and Eve, his foreparents. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Rom. 5:12. While he was in sin he said, "What I hate, that do I." How many people make numerous vows that they will not steal, or drink strong drinks, or tell lies, or give way to their tempers again, but their vows do not help them. A great struggle goes on inside. The conflict becomes very great. Paul saw another law warring in his members and mind that brought him under bondage to it. He ends up by saying, "Oh wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" The burden of sin became heavy. He longed to get rid of it. But one day he met Jesus on the road to Damascus. He was on his way to bring the saints before the rulers to be put to death. He fell before Jesus who spoke to him from heaven. We hear him say, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord" I found deliverance. He took my sin away and made me a new creature in Christ Jesus. As I consecrated all to God, the Holy Spirit came in and cleansed my nature and purged out that thing that caused me so much trouble. "Being now made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." (Rom. 6:12. Read whole chapter.)

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#### GROWING THROUGH STUDY

Printed Portion ..... Acts 17:10-12; 2 Tim. 3:10-17

Acts 17:10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

2 Tim. 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Memory Verse: For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Romans 15:4.

Practical Truth: Don't just read the Bible, but read and study it.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Study means to look at something carefully in order to remember it; to read, think or ponder. The work of the Holy Spirit is to "bring all things to your remembrance." (John 14:26). We need to study the Word so He can do this. It would be impossible to memorize all the Bible. It is good to memorize all we can, but when we have studied and pondered upon the Word of God it is easier for the Holy Spirit to bring to our minds the right scripture to help us in times of need or when the enemy comes hard against us.

Paul and Silas had a lot of trouble and resistance in Thessalonica. One night they slipped away and went to Berea. They were happy to find a reception to the word of God there. The people opened their minds and hearts and searched the scriptures daily. The results were that many believed.

Paul gave Timothy some good instructions in the latter part of our lesson. He had been an example before Timothy, the young minister, and he told him to continue in the doctrines that he had learned and been assured of. The Scriptures were given under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and they are to correct, reprove, and instruct us in righteousness so we will be able to face the enemy of our soul and be ready to meet Jesus when He comes bursting through the clouds in that last day.

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