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### *Holy Fellowship*



Sweet fellowship, thy crystal tide,  
Sings joyful in our soul;  
Baptized in one, naught can divide,  
While love and peace control.

God over all, and through us all,  
In floods of blissful light,  
Is fellowship in ev'ry soul  
That's pure in heaven's sight.

O fellowship, my brethren dear,  
In bonds of perfect love;  
How blest the seal of union here  
With all the saints above!

This fellowship with Father, Son,  
And all who love the Lord,  
Is heaven here on earth begun,  
'Tis Paradise restored.

O brethren, how our spirits blend  
In fellowship so dear;  
Tho' sundered far by God's command,  
We feel you still so near.

—D. S. Warner

### *"Without Spot and Blameless"*



"... Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it unto himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:25-27.

"Without spot and blameless, my brother,  
She lives 'neath the all-cleansing blood;  
In heaven and earth is no other,  
Her builder and maker is God."

Many in the religious world are confused as to just when Christ presented the church to Himself. The

text before us teaches that Christ loved the church before He gave Himself for it, and cleansed it before He presented it unto Himself.

To "present" means to give, to bestow, to put into the hands of another. We, the redeemed, are married to Christ now in this age of grace. He presents us to Himself without spot, when the work of salvation is complete in our hearts. The Church is His Bride walking by his side in a world full of sin. "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married unto another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." Romans 7:4.

"In that day [the gospel day] there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness" Zech. 13:1. Christ Jesus came "unto his own" (the house of David), choosing his first disciples from among the Jews. The gospel came first to the Jews. But praise the Lord, the fountain was opened to the "inhabitants of Jerusalem" as well as to the "house of David." We, the saved, are the spiritual house of God, the inhabitants of the New Jerusalem.

"... and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: made rapid strides to accomplish its pretended pur- and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness" Mal. 3:1-3. It is very important for us to understand when this prophecy was fulfilled. When God purifies and purges us we are sanctified, filled with the Holy Spirit. This text definitely teaches a second work of grace wrought in the hearts of men by the mighty power of God. We are purged, purified, sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit through the Word, the truth. "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" John 17:17. It is by the Holy Spirit, through the blood of Jesus.

We must first hear the word. "The entrance of thy word giveth light" Psa. 119:130. "So faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" Rom. 10:17. One translation renders this text: "So faith cometh from hearing what is told, and hearing through the message about Christ." The Apostle Paul writes in Rom. 15:16, "... being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." The Holy Spirit is the agent through which this is accomplished. We enter into the Most Holy place "by the blood of Jesus" Heb. 10:19. Jesus suffered without the gate, "that he might sanctify the people with his own blood" Heb. 13:12.

Jesus promised us "another Comforter, that he might abide with us forever." After promising the Comforter, Jesus said, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come unto you" John 14:16, 18. Jesus came on the day of Pentecost in the personality of the Holy Spirit. The work of Christ in his church through the Holy Spirit is to cleanse and purge the "sons of Levi" after they are justified or born again. This work will continue as long as souls are getting saved. This purging is wrought in the hearts of the redeemed by the power of the Holy Spirit, by the "washing of water by the word," as the blood of Christ is applied to their hearts by faith.

On that great day of Pentecost the assembled saints were all cleansed from every phase of sin. This is the time, and the place when Christ presented the Church "to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing." The building was complete. The words, "I will build my church," were fulfilled.

Some day He is coming to take his Bride home to Glory. Then He will find her as pure as she was in the beginning on the day of Pentecost. For there will be a time when no new-born ones are coming in to the fold, for the time is soon coming when all will turn a deaf ear unto the Word of God. His faithful ones will all be filled with the Holy Spirit standing before Him "without spot and blameless."

Your brother,

—H. P. Huskey

### Our Duty Toward the Heathen

About the last thing that Christ wished to impress upon his followers before he ascended into glory, was the necessity of being filled with the Holy Ghost, so that they might complete the great mission begun by himself, the preaching of the gospel to the whole world. He said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" Acts 1:8. By reading the Acts of the Apostles we see the importance of their being filled with Holy Ghost power before entering upon their great mission. The Lord knew what they would meet with when they went among the self-righteous Jews, and the heathen, preaching Jesus, the Life, the Truth, and the Way, the only hope of salvation. Power, consecration, and boldness were positively necessary, and nothing short of a complete consecration to God

and His will could put the early church into a position to face the persecutions they had to encounter. God, however, was with them and wonderfully blessed their labors, and through them wrought mighty signs and wonders.

That same Holy Ghost power and consecration God requires of you today. You and I, as individuals, are responsible before him if we do not seek and obtain it. It cost the life's blood of Jesus Christ, and we cannot neglect it. If you are not wholly consecrated and given up to God's will and purpose, you have not yet met the requirements of his Word. When we consecrate and get the Holy Spirit, it will work in us just as it worked in the church in the morning time. We will do our best to get the gospel to every creature, and that as quickly as possible, regardless of the cost. No time to tarry, souls are being lost. "Say not ye, There are yet four months and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35. But oh, where are the consecrated Spirit-filled reapers? Not until the church gets the earnest zeal of our brethren in the morning time, will all the millions of heathens get to hear the pure gospel. May God help us to feel our responsibility and act accordingly.

Jesus said this gospel shall be preached to every nation and ye shall be witnesses of me unto the uttermost parts of the earth. If we fail in this commission God will raise up someone who will perform his will. It cannot be that all these blood-bought millions must perish eternally without a chance of redemption. Who is responsible for the stupendous multitude of nearly a billion souls being yet in gross darkness? Thousands of them are daily going into graves without the knowledge of Christ. Oh, may God put this upon your heart, until you feel it your personal duty to do your utmost to save them! Think if you were in their stead today, serving idolatrous gods, living in sin, misery, and superstition, would you, too, not be longing and calling for a knowledge of the true God and his plan of salvation?

Oh, beloved brethren, do you know that today there are millions of our fellow men in the Orient who are more devoted and interested in finding God than the masses of our so-called Christian lands? Indeed they make their religious duties their principle object in life, but alas they are in darkness and have not a knowledge of Jesus our Savior. While most of the people of America and Europe also need to know Jesus Christ as a personal Savior, and need to be taught and shown that the religion of Jesus Christ is an every day practical reality, yet most of them know of the true God and that Jesus is the Savior. Most of them when in danger, or facing death, call on God for mercy. But with the heathen it is not so. "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" Rom. 10:14.

When a Hindu is dying or in peril, he calls on his image or unknown gods for mercy and deliverance.

But oh, how sad! He dies in despair, without God and without hope. He passeth forever beyond the mercy of God to be lost. Such sad and heart rending scenes I have witnessed when it was too late to help. Dear brethren, whom do you think is in the greater need, the heathen or the nominal Christian? In God's sight the Hindu's soul is as precious as your soul, his redemption and yours cost the same.

Who will go and consecrate his services unto the Lord? —From Gospel Trumpet, 1911, by T. Neff

### Sin Is Magnetic

"Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." John 8:34. Sin has such a force that it makes you bow to it if you are not redeemed from it. Sin is terrible. One sin draws another sin to it. Covetousness causes one to steal. If one steals, he will lie to cover it up. One lie calls for another lie to support it. Anger causes hateful words to be spoken. Resentment in one's heart will cause one to think of ways to get even. An enemy is made by such actions. Hatred has caused murder. A little petting opens the door for more petting. Much petting has a magnetic force which leads to fornication. One step downward makes it easier to take another step down. Virtue is gone. I heard one girl say that she did not feel guilty in living a life of fornication. Oh, how far from God she had gone! Again I say, sin is magnetic. It has a drawing force that brings sin upon sin.

Knowledge of right and wrong brings responsibility. One dear young woman came from a home in which high morals were not taught, nor practiced. She had gone deep in sin. She knew very little about the Bible. She came in contact with the saints and was gloriously saved. Her little girl had never walked. Through faith, God healed her and she walked. This woman lived for God for some time, but through much temptation she lost out with God. She decided she would go back to her old life again.

One day she called me to come to her home. She was crying. She said that she wanted to get saved. She said she didn't understand it, but that she couldn't live the same old life again. She wasn't happy as she had been before. I told her it was because she had light and knowledge now that she never had before. God's Spirit was dealing with her and drawing her to Himself. That tender, merciful Spirit was shielding her from going deeper in sin. I warned her that she must not override the drawing power of God. That power is greater than the magnetic power of sin and the devil. Through prayer and repentance she came back to God. Later, she again turned away from God. She went deep in sin this time. She had overridden the Spirit of God and He let her go her own way. This was sad, but God won't force people to live for Him. The last time I saw her she fell upon my neck in sobs. I told her that the devil had been a hard taskmaster and asked her if she had been unhappy. She said that she had, and that she wanted to get saved, but she couldn't. Sin had its net around her. She wrote me later and asked me to pray for

her. Not long after I received that letter, she was found dead—gone into eternity without God! It does not pay to trifle with God. I don't feel she intended to die without God, but the magnetic force of sin had drawn her far from God.

Only through the power of God can we live without sin. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life." Rom. 6:23. Reader, if you have not accepted Jesus as your Saviour, I plead with you to turn to Him now! Don't put it off another day. "Procrastination is the thief of time." God has a power that is greater than the magnetic force of sin. He can break that force and set you free. Jesus said that he "came to set the captives free." Come to God today. Sin is drawing you down, down, to that terrible place of torment to be with the devil and his angels in eternity. Wake up! Arise and call upon the Lord for mercy. Confess your sins and he will forgive you if you will repent with godly sorrow. Won't you come to Him today? —Sis. Marie Miles

### Dwelling in God

Of late the words have been very precious to me: "I am in the Father and the Father in me." And the apostle speaking in the abstract says, "God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him" (1 John 4:16). It sometimes brings us into a nearer realization of His relation to us to think of Him according to His attributes. If I say, I dwell in God, my mind is likely to limit Him, because of wrong and narrowed conceptions. We are too likely to think of Him as a great king off in the skies, sitting aloof from our minute affairs. But when I say I dwell in love, He at once appears around, above, and beneath me, even within me. And the words of the poet can best express my feeling:

"Worlds of ecstatic glory  
Love opens to our view,  
Where saints and angels truly  
Find joys forever new."

We are at once conscious of having entered a vast and unexplored domain, a "shoreless sea of bliss."

Love divine! To what can it be likened? It is a never ending song, an unbounded treasure, a consuming fire before which no error or sin can stand. It is a light which goeth not out, the source of all faith and omnipotent power, a sure and safe retreat in which the soul can ever repose. I consider the work of His hand and my soul is borne away above this world of trouble, care and sorrow. Oh, how blessed to dwell in this secret place! When once we learn to enter this place we shall find rest. Here no sorrow, tribulation, or anguish can come, no storm can shake. No gems of earth can compare with its glory and beauty. That love which holds the universe in place, shall some day take the faithful safely home while the earth and the heavens are passing away in flames.

—Lottie L. Jarvis

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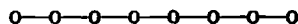
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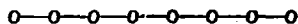
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With thanksgiving to God we are very pleased to know that the Lord is reaching many thousands of new people with the printed gospel message. More than 14,000 copies of the January issue were printed, which was the largest number ever published, and to read the many letters of appreciation expressing thanks to those who had the paper sent to them would bring real pleasure to those who had a part in this literature extension effort. We never know how far-reaching the influence of a gospel tract or paper may be. Let us continue to co-operate to "sow beside all waters" while time shall last.

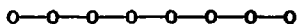
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Many of our readers would like to know the dates of the various campmeetings for 1966 so they can arrange their vacations to attend these meetings. Those who have this information, please send in the campmeeting dates by Feb. 10 so we can publish the entire list in the March issue.



A question has come to us through the mail asking why the Roman Catholic hierarchy has recently modified and relaxed so many of its rules governing its members. No doubt the main reason for this action is to make their religious system more appealing to the masses, especially to the Protestants, in order to recruit joiners.

In fact, this move by the Catholics is but one phase of the operations of the world ecumenical movement, by which all the religious denominations of the world are making concessions in order to form or merge into a super one-world confederation. This plan points to the ultimate union of Protestants and Catholics, but it will not include the one true Church that Jesus built.

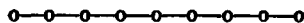
This movement, popularly described as "Christian unity," dates back to the Edinburgh Missionary Conference of 1910. Its greatest advance was the formation of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam in 1948. In the last five years this movement has made rapid strides to accomplish its pretended purpose. Even the Communist Party is aiding the formation of the one-world religious system as a convenient method to advance its propaganda.

The merger of all religious denominations by no means answers the high priestly prayer of Jesus Christ as recorded in the 17th chapter of John. Mere union is not Christian unity. True unity results from the spiritual experience of the washing of regeneration by the blood of Jesus Christ, being made a new creature in Christ. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body. . . ." 1 Cor. 12:13.

This proposed one-world religion is correctly titled in capital letters, "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT," as described in the 17th and 18th chapters of Revelation. God's command to His people is: "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Revelation 18:4.

The most accurate symbolic description of the present merging of all the false religious systems is recorded in Rev. 16:13, 14. "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Whom are they fighting? The true Church of God—the spiritual Body of Christ—stands diametrically opposed to this huge false religious confederation. The spiritual battle of Armageddon—good against evil, truth against error, the church against the false—is now raging and the conflict will reach its climax when the combined evil forces compass the "camp of the saints about" and fire comes "down from God out of heaven" and devours them. Rev. 20:9. Then Jesus will take the Church to heaven to dwell forever, and "the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." 2 Peter 3:10.

Thank God for the Church that Jesus built upon the rock of eternal truth, against which the gates of hell (false creeds of men) cannot prevail. This divine organism, governed by the Holy Spirit, is both inclusive and exclusive. It includes all the saved and excludes all the sinners. Jesus is the door and all who enter by Him are saved from their sins. Their names are not written in the earth but high up in the Lamb's book of life. Do you know that your name is written there?



God is moving by His Spirit in these last days and gathering the "holy remnant" to the heights of Mt. Zion. The Bride of Christ is decked in garments clean and white. Constant watching and praying is imperative to keep those garments "unspotted from the world." The tide of worldliness is pulling strong. It is sad to see how some are losing their vision of the truth and following the ungodly fads and fashions of dress. The television and uncontrolled radio are carrying evil influences right into the home, killing spirituality and producing lukewarmness. We hope and pray that all will recover themselves from these snares lest they be found like the foolish virgins who had no oil in their vessels and their lamps had gone out. Only the wise whose lamps were burning went in to the feast and the door was shut.

For more than 40 years this publication has held up those precious Bible truths which brought forth this "evening light" reformation under the labors of D. S. Warner and his associates. God preserved a "remnant" who did not compromise with the great apostasy of 1910-12, neither will they bow to the present worldly innovations which seek to enter. All the workers at this gospel publishing plant are "contending for the faith that was once delivered to the saints." Jude 3. We solicit your prayers that we will be steadfast, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

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## OBITUARIES



Maude Gertrude (Smith) Christ, the daughter of Caleb and Eliza Jane McGee Smith, was born August 25, 1878, near Pikes Peak, Colorado and passed away Jan. 4, 1966 in Guthrie, Okla. at the age of 87 years, four months and 11 days.

When an infant with her parents, she moved to St. Joseph, Missouri. When she was 13 years old, they moved to the Oklahoma Territory and settled on a homestead only one mile south of her home near Fallis, Okla.

On May 3, 1897 she and Nathan Rector were united in marriage. To this union was born one daughter and one son. Mr. Rector was taken in death on September 12, 1906 at Watonga, Oklahoma.

On October 24, 1907, she was united in marriage to Charlie N. Christ. To this union was born two daughters and one son.

Mother Christ became a member of the Church of God in 1914 and has been a living example to all who knew her. The saints in Oklahoma have appreciated Sister Christ. Her godly life has been an inspiration, and she will be greatly missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bro. Charlie Christ, on April 14, 1944; also by her daughter, Irene (Rector) Archer, on December 18, 1956.

Her survivors are Paul Rector, Cushing, Okla.; Roxi-anna Dunn, Orlando, Florida; Mildred Hall of the home; Tom Christ, Knox City, Texas; Aaron Christ, Cushing, Okla.; Oscar Christ, Foster, Okla.; Paul Christ, Pauls Valley, Okla.; Ernest Christ, Okla. City, Okla.; Elizabeth Fent, Guthrie, Okla.; Esther Canada, Quail, Texas; and Mattie Holloway, Phoenix, Arizona. She is also survived by 32 grandchildren, two brothers; Clarence Smith, Ponca City, Okla., and Leonard Smith, Guthrie, Okla.; one sister; Nola Smith, Cushing, Okla., and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Ira Stover at the Church of God chapel, Guthrie, Okla., and Bro. Willie Murphey officiated at the committal service in McKinley Cemetery, about six miles from the family farm home near Fallis, Okla.

(Editor's Note: Over many years the Christ family of Fallis, Okla. have faithfully supported the gospel work of the Church of God, helping wherever there was a need. Now both Bro. and Sister C. N. Christ are resting from "their labors, and their works do follow them." (Rev. 14:13). As a young man, Bro. Christ heard the gospel and was saved under the preaching of D. S. Warner at Wichita, Kansas in 1891.)

### Card of Thanks

Dear Saints at Guthrie, and abroad: We want to thank each and everyone for the many prayers that ascended to our heavenly Father in behalf of our beloved mother, Maude Christ, during her late illness. We are so thankful for the relief she received after each session of prayer, also for the many labors of love which were so tenderly and willingly extended to her during her illness.

—The family of Maude Christ

Sam Henry White was born December 4, 1880 to Mr. and Mrs. Ross White at Montgomery, Alabama. He passed away December 1, 1965, three days before his 85th birthday, at Oklahoma City, Okla. He was united in marriage to Anna Lula Chappell, which union lasted more than 62 years.

Very early in life Brother White professed Christ as his Saviour. He became a member of the Church of God



some years ago. He was a fine example of patience and quietness during his illness. He was a devoted husband and loving father.

Survivors include his wife, Anna L., of the home; seven daughters: Mrs. Elizabeth W. Clayton, Mrs. Henry W. Pratt, Mrs. Alma W. Warren, Mrs. Ruby W. Hornbeak and Mrs. Florence Hill of Oklahoma City; Mrs. Alice W. Phillips, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Lucille W. Jones, San Francisco, California; four sons, James A., Washington, D. C.; Samuel J., Eugene and Lawrence of Oklahoma City; one brother, Herbert White, Montgomery, Alabama; 29 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and a host of friends.

The funeral services were conducted at the Church of God chapel, 800 N. E. Third St., Okla. City, Okla. by Bro. Herman Kelley, assisted by Bros. Lewis Williams and Merle Eddens. Interment was in the Seward Cemetery.

David W. Harper, son of Kelsey and Snow Harper, was born at White Hall, Illinois, April 16, 1866, and passed away September 11, 1965 at his home in Birch Tree, Mo. at the age of 99 years, four months and 25 days.

He was married to Elizabeth Jane Klepzig on Dec. 26, 1889. To this union four children were born, all of whom survive; one son, W. Oscar Harper, Birch Tree, Mo.; three daughters, Laura B. Caldwell, Wichita, Kansas, Clela R. Bowers, Spokane, Wash., Izeta Richardson, St. Louis, Mo.; also 10 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and 7 great great grandchildren.

His wife, Elizabeth Jane, known as Mother Harper and one of the pioneer ministers of this Reformation, preceded him in death on Feb. 10, 1957.

Their home was open to the saints, and for several years we went there and held meeting in their home once a month when they lived out on the old farm homestead near Delaware, Missouri. God met with us there and those were happy days never to be forgotten. The saints had a hearty welcome in their home and we truly miss them. —Sent in by Darius and Evelyn Gibson

Sister Minnie W. Strickler was born in Kilgore, Neb. on September 15, 1892, and departed this life at the home of a son in Mobile, Ala. on December 12, 1965, at the age of 73 years. Her husband, John Strickler, preceded her in death in 1963. Sister Strickler loved the saints and was a firm believer in prayer. She had great faith and trusted the Lord to the end.

She is survived by four sons, one daughter, four sisters, three brothers, twenty-five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, other relatives, saints, and friends.

—By T. H. Coffey

## OKLAHOMA ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORT

The annual Oklahoma State Assembly meeting held here at Guthrie, Okla. during the Christmas holidays has come and gone.

The blessings of the Lord were precious. The Lord gave wonderful weather all the way through and the attendance was very good from the first day. Sometimes the building would hardly hold the crowds. It was precious to see the dear saints coming together to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.

Ministers were here from several states and the Word of God went forth with power and anointing of the Holy Spirit. Souls were touched and hearts melted by the Spirit and sought help at an altar of prayer. The messages from God's Word were inspiring, edifying, and a challenge for a closer walk with God for all the saints.

May we each one live closer to God in this new year. Satan is doing all he can to take advantage of every soul.

Let us watch and pray, and live a careful, godly life for the "coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

This world is lost in sin and rushing down the broad way to eternal destruction. Sin is abounding on every hand. We are in perilous times, but as we near the end, may God help us as His church to shine more and more that every honest soul looking for help can find it. May our faith be increased, and with courage let us hold up the standard of truth once delivered to the saints. "God's church is alone triumphant, in holiness all complete, and all the dark powers of Satan she tramples beneath her feet." Thank God for His Church. —Ira D. Stover

## NOTICE

(Note: The publication of this notice in the "Faith and Victory" paper is a personal service of the staff to the saints in California and the publishers are in no way responsible for it. —Ostis B. Wilson)

The saints in the state of California have made application to the Corporation Commission of the State of California for a permit to issue a series of Church Building Notes to obtain money to complete and equip the Home for the aged members of the Church of God in this western area which is now being built on the Church of God campground in Pacoima, California. If the permit is granted, these notes will be issued and ready for sale in about thirty days. This is a non-mortgage loan and the notes are classified as "Unsecured Church Building Notes." The security back of them is the pledge and integrity of the church and its ability to pay them off which must be established with the Corporation Commission before they will grant a permit for the issue.

These notes bear interest at the rate of 7% payable every six months. They will retire serially over a period of twenty years. After the first year some of them will be paying off every six months. They will be issued in denominations of \$100.00, \$500.00, and \$1000.00.

These notes will be issued through the Western Church Finance Corporation. This company has a "Lay-away" plan on the \$500.00 and \$1000.00 notes whereby the purchaser can pay 10% down plus two monthly payments and then the church can draw the full amount of the bond to have for immediate use. The purchaser will then have 48 months to pay the note out. The purchaser will receive no interest on the note for the time he is paying it out and the note will be held by the company as collateral until it is paid out. Then it will be delivered to the purchaser and he will collect the interest on it from then on until the note retires.

The monthly payment on a \$500.00 note is \$9.71 and on a \$1000.00 note is \$19.42. This means that the down payment on a \$500.00 note plus the two monthly payments in advance at the time of purchase would be \$69.42 and on a \$1000.00 note the purchaser would pay at the time of purchase \$138.84.

Anyone who saves or invests money will find this rate of interest above that paid by banks and savings and loan institutions which will make this a good investment for the purchaser of a note while at the same time your money will be doing its work to help carry through this worthy project to its completion.

If it were possible, we would like to have all these notes on order by the time they are issued and ready for sale. If any reader of this paper is interested in this, you should contact me as soon as possible, letting me know what kind of note you would be interested in. I will be glad to furnish any further information to any interested persons.

—Ostis B. Wilson

12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, Calif. 91331

**HELP SPREAD THE GOSPEL IN THE HOMELAND**

Dear Saints scattered abroad: We send greetings of love to all the saints in the precious name of Jesus. Surely the Lord has been good to let His light of the gospel shine upon us. If it hadn't been for God's mercy and love toward us, we would still be groping in darkness.

It will soon be time that the weather will open up for the evangelistic tent equipment to be out, and we would like to hear from several that God could use in going as a company. The Lord is calling for workers in erecting the tent, arranging seats, house-to-house invitations, singing, praying, and preaching, and laboring in any needed way. There is a great field before us. We feel that the Lord would be pleased to have the gospel tent to go so that the poor may hear the gospel. Communism is reaching our poor folks, and the youth of today, and teaching them against all that is right and just. First, they poison their minds by making them think they are being mistreated, and doing all they can to get their sympathy, which blinds their minds and hearts. Oh, how we need to get the good news of salvation to them! Who will go?

Our hearts yearn to see more accomplished in the year of 1966. Are we going to say, "What is the use?" and not do our duty? Noah preached, and he didn't give up until God said it was enough. Can we come before the throne and say that we did what we could if we fail to heed the call?

Those who may not be able to go can send their means to support this great need, and have a part. The truck at the present time stands in much need of repairs. We desire to have it in readiness when the weather breaks. We feel it would be best to put a larger motor in it in order that it might be in better condition to carry the load. We have been having a lot of trouble because of lack of power. You ask the Lord what He would have you to do. We must be up and doing, for time is fast coming to a close.

Those of you who recently sent means to the Missionary Fund have no doubt received a blessing already. We would like to share a few excerpts from letters from ministers who were recipients of the fund. One brother wrote, "It was gratefully received in a time of need." Another brother wrote, "We were so glad to hear from you, and receive the offering [from the Missionary Fund]. It was truly of the Lord. Thank everyone who made it possible." We do want to say that we learned of the need even since, and feel the Lord will be pleased to do greater things for our brothers and sisters who labor in the gospel. One sister wrote thus: "We received the missionary check with much appreciation. We do pray that the dear Lord will bless each one that had a part in making it possible." We have several more letters that we could include, but I'm sure that you have already been blessed, and would be more so, if you knew the depth of the comfort it has brought to them, as one brother was very frail and weak because of serious illness, and was unable at this time to be out as he usually is. May each of your hearts be comforted by the Holy Spirit, and may He lead and direct you by His hand. Pray for us.

Let us hear from you who will be able to work in this missionary company. Can you, or will you pray, "Lord, here am I, qualify and send me"? Look upon the fields. They are white already for harvest.

Our love to all,  
—Bro. and Sis. Ralph M. Beisly  
407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas

(Editor's Note: Please send your contributions for home missionary and evangelistic tent work directly to Bro. Ralph M. Beisly at the above address, as he is the

treasurer for this particular fund. The evangelistic tent should by all means be in constant use over the country during the summer months.)

**GOSPEL WORK PROGRESSING IN INDIA**

A recent letter from Bro. V., the minister with whom Bro. Carver stayed while he was in India last autumn, reports that the gospel work is moving forward in spite of the obstacles which the enemy is throwing in his way. He had just answered a call from a new congregation in the jungles. In order to reach the place he had to walk alone eight miles through the jungle forest which is the haunt of wild elephants. The Lord took him through safely. There he conducted an ordinance service and about 25 precious souls took part in it. They also need a cemetery. (Some may not know, but the government requires that a congregation or place of worship must have land for a cemetery or burial place for their members.) Bro. V. requests the Church in America to pray without ceasing for these new congregations who face these problems.

Bro. V. has already translated a 24-page tract into their native language and we have sent him money to have it printed there for distribution. Money was also sent for him to make the trip to Assam and carry the Church of God message to the many congregations in that province.

At the place where Bro. V. lives they do not have a house of worship. He writes that he has set apart a portion of his land for a cemetery and would allot a site for a chapel. In answer to my question he estimated that an ordinary chapel building, 20 x 40 feet, with tiled roof would cost \$1000, and he says he could finish it in six months if the means are provided. When this is done, he states it would be a great encouragement to other believers in that area.

Shall we reach our hands and hearts to the hungry souls in heathen lands? As we sacrifice to carry the gospel message to the "regions beyond," we are but paying the debt that we owe.  
—Lawrence Pruitt

**SISTER MAY CARVER'S REPORT ON NIGERIA**

To the dear saints scattered abroad, we send greetings of love:

First of all, we want to thank you for your gifts of money which made our trip to Nigeria possible. In all our lives we had never thought it possible that we could make such a trip.

My husband, Cecil Carver, says that when mention was first made in the "Faith and Victory" paper that someone needed to go to Nigeria, he felt burdened to go. Then we heard that Bro. David Madden was going; afterwards that Bro. and Sis. Wilson were planning to go; but his burden never left him. When it was decided that someone else needed to go, he was ready to say, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

I had no burden to go as a missionary, for I do not preach, nor could I speak their language, and so felt there was little that I could do. But I did have a burden to go to help take care of him—to cook his food, boil the water, wash his clothes, and to help him take the precautions necessary to live in that unhealthful climate. And, so, against the advice of children, relatives, (some of whom thought I had lost my mind) and many of the saints, I made preparations to go. I suppose this was the hardest thing I ever did. When the saints at Monark, Mo. campmeeting bade us farewell, there was much weeping; also a short time later at Pacoima, Calif. campmeeting, the



saints there bade us farewell, and again there was much weeping. I can understand and appreciate their concern for us, as our first missionary to Nigeria, Bro. David Madden lived only a few days after his return to the United States. Then our dear Sister Opal Wilson died while in Nigeria. We hardly know how to express our appreciation for the love and concern of the saints for us, all unworthy though we be, and especially for your prayers which, we are told, went up for us day and night, and much fasting as well. We felt your prayers underneath us, lifting us up, and it seemed that with them and the everlasting arms of God underneath us, we had nothing to fear.

We found ourselves among a very sweet and warm-hearted people, eager to learn more about the word of God. When we went to the various missions, of which there were seventeen, we were welcomed with smiles and much appreciation, and were showered with gifts, which we felt was a great sacrifice to them. After the services, the women and children gathered around us, eager to touch our hands, as if we could bestow some blessing upon them. Many times we were brought to tears to see their eagerness to be near us. It rained almost every day we were there, but that did not keep them from coming to the services. They came through the rain with their little ones strapped to their backs, and an umbrella, or banana leaf, or a large "elephant ear" (caladium) over them.

Their church buildings, or missions as they call them, are built of upright bamboo canes with palm fronds woven between them, and mud or clay plastered over the walls inside and out. The rafters are made of large bamboo, with a thatched roof of palm fronds. The floors are dirt, or clay, packed down hard with some charcoal mixed in. The thatched roofs last about two years, as the rains and the white ants cause them to deteriorate, and they have to be replaced. The roof on the mission at Ukpom, where we lived, was replaced while we were there. There were many requests as we made our trips to the missions. Many were for new missions, where the mud walls were cracked, and they were in general dilapidation. Some congregations had outgrown their buildings and needed larger ones. Some requested zinc roofs which would not have to be replaced. There were other needs, also.

Some requested a place where the sick ones could be cared for, not a hospital in our sense of the word, but really a house of prayer, where the sick could stay while being prayed for. The sick were brought to the mission at Ukpom, where we lived, and lay on a mat on the floor or on the bare benches. There they stayed until the Lord healed them. There were several remarkable cases of healing while we were there. The bell (a brake drum beaten with a tire tool) rang around five o'clock in the morning, calling the congregation for prayer meeting, mainly to pray for the sick. They had meeting each night and stayed sometimes until 10 o'clock. The pastor, Bro. Sunday Udo Udo (Udo means "second son") was very faithful and others of his congregation in their devotions during the day, and praying for the sick. A girl, perhaps 14 years old, was brought there unconscious. Her mother was a heathen. She stayed there for many days. After a while she was able to walk around, but was led, because she was blind. One arm was paralyzed. Some time before we left, she had gone home well, but visited there almost every day. Another woman was brought there in a basket by her people who thought she was dead, and were ready to bury her. That night the drums beat louder, and we wondered what was happening. We were told about her the next morning. On the next day she was over at our house carrying her small baby around. Bro. Etuk's son, 11 years old, was brought there un-

conscious. While prayer was being offered he sat up. The fame of this mission has gone out over the country, and some are coming to be healed.

Some asked for bicycles. There is no means of transportation out there except to walk or ride a bicycle. We did not see a horse, nor a donkey. Only Bro. Etuk has a car among the group that we visited. Some of the missions were 19 miles from where we lived. One request for a bicycle has been granted since we came home—to a young preacher who had to walk 13 miles to his mission.

There is little industry where we were. They gather the palm oil nuts and take them to market. Nearly every house has a small patch of "yams,"—a potato-like root which is their main diet, more like our Irish potato, but very large. They have "cassava," a root which when ground resembles coarse yellow corn meal. Then they eat the roots of the caladium (elephant ear) which they call "cocoa yam;" and one sees large patches of them. There seems to be many oranges and bananas in the markets, also papaya and pineapple. There are many chickens, and we saw lots of eggs at the markets. Peanuts also seem to be plentiful. There are many of these markets through the countryside, as well as in the towns, and hundreds of people gather there to buy and sell.

It is very hard for the children to get an education, as it costs more than the parents can pay to send them to school. However, we saw many schools, and lots of school children; but the poorer ones have little opportunity to go. We visited a mission where adult classes were held three times a week, to teach the young people and the older ones to read their Bibles in Efik. These classes were started while Bro. and Sis. Wilson were there.

We were visited by the elders of the local village, who welcomed us, and told us they appreciated our coming. The elders of Ukpom village gave the land for the mission there, and told us they would give more land if other buildings were needed. They also said the Church of God mission had been a help to the village.

Cecil took every opportunity he could to talk on the doctrines of the Bible. We were visited day after day by ministers and other workers of the missions. One afternoon all of the ministers came together to ask questions on the Bible. He also was able to bring a message at the missions we visited.

One of the greatest blessings of the trip was his visit to Benin City—214 miles away—to a group there who wanted to be in fellowship with the Church of God. After preaching to them on baptism, Cecil baptized the whole group, pastor and all. Then he preached on the ordinances, and they observed the Lord's Supper. They hadn't made enough preparations for feet-washing, but that would come later, they said.

We contacted another brother near us who promised to come out of the organization he was in, and take his stand with the Church of God. He has 52 missions scattered over an 80-mile area.

We have had good reports since we have been home. We left on Sat., Oct. 16 as our visa expired that day. The next day, which was Sunday, over 700 met at the central mission; over 60 took part in the Lord's Supper, and 117 were baptized. From some of the pastors we have heard that people are still getting saved.

Surely this is a great and needy field. The people seem to be hungry. The driver of the car which took Cecil, Bro. Etuk, Bro. Nse Umanah and Bro. Brownson Udemé to Benin City belonged to the Qua Iboe church, which has a large number of churches there. The car broke down (driving through the water so much had washed the grease out of the front wheel bearings and

they froze and locked the front wheels, first one and then the other) and they prayed much for the Lord to help them out. Seeing their faith, and how the Lord helped them out, he soon was converted into the church of God.

Bro. Ostis Wilson has been sending Bible lessons each month, perhaps several a month. The preachers come together, and these lessons are read and interpreted to them, so that they can go and teach them to their congregations. People are turning from worshiping idols to the worship of the living God. There was an idol-burning in a new convert's home while we were there. The whole group at Ukpom with bright lights and drums beating, marched singing down the road. We heard them coming back about midnight, after walking for miles. Only the next day did we know why they went.

I must tell you of the chorus groups who sang for us at the different missions, boys and girls from ten or twelve up. There were two groups of perhaps fifteen or twenty each, and they had good leaders and were well trained. On the day before we left Nigeria, one of these groups walked fourteen miles to sing for us, and walked fourteen miles home. I don't know how far the others walked. Our hearts were really touched, and how we wished for transportation for them.

We lived in one end of the house where Bro. Etuk and his family were living while we were there. They seemed real close to us and were always so kind and good to us. We were in tears when we said goodbye to them, knowing that we would probably never see their faces again. But we do want to be faithful and meet all of the saints around the great White Throne of God one of these days.

May God bless each and every one of you is our prayer.  
—May Carver

### LATEST NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Bro. B. U. Etuk, native minister of the Church of God mission in Nigeria, Africa, reports that the number of congregations connected with the mission has increased to 44. He reminds us also that this has caused an increase in financial obligations. "A shepherd needs to be placed in each flock." Since the last report a total of seven new workers have been added to care for the new stations. These are also expecting monthly allowances for support. May the Lord continue to prosper and expand the gospel work in Nigeria and supply every temporal and spiritual need. Resident missionaries from the church in America are desperately needed to teach these people. Who will hear the "Macedonian" call?

Bro. Etuk writes that he is 85% recovered from the stroke suffered last September, and desires continued prayer for a hundred per cent recovery.

Recent news reports indicate that there is political turmoil in Nigeria at present. Let us pray that these conditions will not adversely affect or hinder the mission and its members in the gospel work. —Lawrence Pruitt

### NOTICE

A SPECIAL INVITATION is extended to all the residents of the Hornersville, Mo. area to attend the services at the Church of God chapel in the Nesbitt Community, southeast of Senath, Mo. Signs are on Hwy. N and Y. Sunday School is held each Sunday at 10 a. m. except the first Sunday of the month, and the Sunday night service begins at 7 p. m. Everyone will receive a hearty welcome. For further information, contact Louie Marler, Route 1, Box 180, Senath, Mo. 63876.

### GOSPEL SINGING AT SAPULPA, OKLA.

The congregation of the Church of God at Sapulpa, Okla. cordially invites you to a gospel singing at their chapel on the fourth Friday night of February, which is Feb. 25. Location is on the old Sapulpa road between Sapulpa and Tulsa.  
—Bro. Richard Madden, Pastor

### MEXICO MISSION REPORT

Dear Saints of God everywhere, greetings of love in Jesus' dear name: "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1. This morning I am thinking of these two words together, justified and peace. How great and yet how simple is the plan of salvation! When one confesses and forsakes his own sins and pleads the merits of Jesus' blood for forgiveness, immediately he stands clear before God. Then properly making any and all restitutions, he or she stands clear before the entire world. Then what peace, peace, wonderful peace! "Great peace have they that love thy law; and nothing shall offend them." Psalm 119:165.

All of the Mexico missionaries were blessed to be in the Assembly meeting at Pacoima, California held Dec. 24—Jan. 2. Bro. Tomas Mendoza and family, and five more Mexicans were over for the meeting, also. Bro. Tomas gave some good exhortations through an interpreter. Several workers gave brief reports of the work. Two songs were sung in Spanish in one service.

There is a new addition to the missionary staff for which we are very grateful. Beatrice Sanchez, wife of Pedro Sanchez (he is a half-brother of Brother Tomas), was gloriously saved last summer at campmeeting in Pacoima, possibly the same night Pedro was asked if he didn't want to be saved. He said, "Yes, of course," but he didn't think he could because Beatrice had been married previously, which put them in adultery. He was encouraged to seek the Lord, repent and be saved, willing for God to direct his future—which he did. God wonderfully saved him that night. The workers have prayed and left their lives in God's hands. At this Assembly meeting Sister Beatrice revealed that God was calling her to the work in Santa Catarina; that she and Pedro were separating. She and their young daughter went with Sister Opal Kelly to Santa Catarina. Violet Cable previously said she was changing from Santa Catarina to Rosarito. It appeared that Sister Kelly was without a co-worker. She waited on God and before the week was out, she received word that Sister Beatrice was waiting to go with her. How wonderful to see God working and directing His church in the earth!

Please hold Bro. Pedro and Sister Beatrice up before the Lord in your prayers. They were a very devoted couple and it meant much for them to give each other up. May their example be a challenge to others who are living in double marriage to flee for their soul's sake. Continue to pray much for both work and workers. We need your help in every way. Surely we thank God and the saints for the offerings to carry on this work of faith.

Yours for souls,  
—Brother Harland Smith  
317 E. Cucamonga, Claremont, Calif.

Calif.—Dear Bro. Lawrence, Sister Marie, and all, greetings in the name of our dear Lord and Redeemer: We are so thankful that we have been privileged to be among the enlightened saints of the "evening light." When we realize how many are in deception and confusion, we surely can be thankful that God, in His great mercy, has dealt with us in such a manner as to lead us into

this great light and truth. Truly we feel so unworthy of all His blessings.

We were thankful to hear how the Lord has blessed in Nigeria and in India. We are also thankful for the work of the Lord in the print shop and how He has been blessing the printed word.

We feel God has led us back to work in Mexico. We do, above all, want to please God and be in His will, even though it means putting our plans and desires secondary. God has been blessing in the work at Rosarito in Mexico and there has been a good increase in the attendance and interest there.

Recently while meditating on the great need of workers and laborers and of the conditions in the world today, the Lord gave me this little poem:

### WHATEVER IS RIGHT, HE WILL PAY!

Why stand ye here idle all day?

Go ye! into the vineyard, right away.

The grapes spoil on the vine, ere they can be tread into wine;

For the laborers are so few and there's so much to do.

Now, whatever is right, He will pay.

Go ye! out on a mountain today,

Bring back that poor sheep gone astray.

It's out there in the cold, away from the fold;

But the shepherds are so few and there's so much to do,

Now, whatever is right, He will pay.

Oh, lift up your eyes to behold,

The ripe grain, all turned to gold

With heads bending down, it falls to the ground,

But the reapers are so few, and there's so much to do,

Now, whatever is right, He will pay.

Oh! the harvest truly is plenteous,

But the laborers are so few.

Why stand ye idle all day? If ye can't work, you can pray;

Oh! the laborers are so few and there's so much to do,

Now, whatever is right, He will pay.

Oh! Pray ye the Lord of the harvest

To send laborers into the field.

For reapers are so much needed, to gather in the yield,

Oh! the laborers are so few and there's so much to do,

Now, whatever is right, He will pay.

So why stand ye idle all day?

When there remains so much to be done.

Haste ye! gather the grain before the setting of the sun;

Oh! the laborers are so few, and there's so much to do,

Now, whatever is right, He will pay.

—Byron R. Wittenborn

### Prayer Requests

La.—Sister Marie Miles and all the saints everywhere: Tonight after reading the "Faith and Victory" paper, which I read often, I just put down everything to write.

The Lord has healed me many times, and tonight I am asking you and all the saints to pray for me. I have a growth on my neck which the doctor called a goiter, also I have an enlarged heart. Regardless of what, I know our God can heal. Please pray for my healing.

I have been reading this paper since 1954 or '55, and don't want to be without it.

Yours in Christ,

—Mrs. Hazel Brown

Texas—Dear Sister Marie and all the saints there: I wish to say how much we enjoyed the good Assembly

meeting at Guthrie. I received some good spiritual food that I was needing and feel very much encouraged to go on with God regardless of all that the devil puts in my way. It takes lots of patience but God blesses me.

God knows my heart that I'm grateful for all the good that has come my way. I thank Him that He has seen that I have had a good place to live and food and raiment. He has taken care of all the children and blessed them in their homes, and given many more blessings, more than I could write about. But my children are all without God and my companion, also. I surely desire the prayers of all the saints for these dear loved ones. My prayer is, as the good song says, "Wait a little longer, please, Jesus."

I have been burdened so much since I returned home since I learned that my daughter is planning to marry a man who has a divorced wife and three children. This will cause her to be in double marriage and this is a very serious matter. Pray that God will block this marriage in His own way before she does this awful thing. I have tried to talk to her and showed her scriptures on it. But she won't accept it that way. Many others are getting trapped in this same thing. Pray that God will convict them of their sinful condition and save them, for they are all precious in His sight.

Do remember to pray for me that God will give me more grace and power to overcome the enemy of my soul. I love the dear Lord very much and truly intend to follow Him and take a stand for the right.

Your Sister in Christ, —Sister Frances McDonald

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Colo.—Dear Brother Pruitt and saints everywhere: My recent sickness has left my back affected until I have to be careful how I move or severe pain will follow. Please pray the Lord to heal me.

Your Brother in Christ, —Fred B. Allen

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Okl.—Dear Sister Anna Marie, greetings to you in Jesus' precious name: Truly the Lord has been good to us.

We have two heavy burdens that surely need your prayers. My poor mother has been in bed now since Jan. 3. Dad had the doctor come out with the agreement of no medical aid. She has sugar diabetes real bad and an infection on her right hip. As I looked on the terrible place after Dad said the doctor didn't think she would ever walk again, I thought, "Oh, what a responsibility is placed on us to be able to pray the prayer of faith for this serious case!" It is so pitiful. Also, our dear Dorothy Barton has a terrible place on her stomach—a spider bite or whatever it is. She looks so frail and is so weak. Surely our hearts have been touched. Do pray and request prayer in the paper. —Frances Perkins

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Mo.—My dear Sister Marie: I'll write you in Jesus' dear name. The Lord is a wonderful friend to me. He loves us all and is concerned about us.

I know that you had a wonderful Assembly meeting. I would like to have been there and heard all those good messages.

My mother isn't well. She needs prayer. I also want all the saints to pray for me. I have arthritis in my hands, arms, shoulders, and body.

May the Lord bless you.

—Lily Mae Glass

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### HOW MUCH AM I BETTER THAN HE?

Ah, sometimes when my heart  
With life's sorrow is torn,  
And I weep 'til I scarcely can see,  
Then I hear His dear voice  
As He speaks to my heart,  
"How much are you better than Me?"

#### Chorus:

How much am I better than He?  
My dear Saviour that hung on the tree.  
As He was dying there,  
On His lips this last prayer,  
"Forgive them, forgive them, my plea."

When my friends have forsaken,  
And I stand alone,  
And not one ray of light I can see,  
Then there comes this glad thought,  
I had almost forgot,  
How much am I better than He?

Men may climb to great fame,  
Others honor their name,  
They may gain the world's highest degree,  
But when they are compared to my dear loving Lord,  
How much are they better than He?

When I stand all alone by death's chilling stream,  
And I wonder why this has to be,  
Then comes this glad refrain, to forever remain,  
How much are you better than Me?

—By Grace Jones

### TESTIMONIES



Ark.—Dear Ones in the Lord, greetings in His precious name: It is the only name under heaven given whereby we must be saved. I am so thankful I have tasted and seen that the Lord is good. Surely His mercies endure forever. Praise His name!

I have been wanting to send in my testimony for some time of how the Lord healed me. It was in March that an awful pain came into my right leg and it got so bad I could hardly walk alone. My husband would help me so I could manage to cook and prepare a little food. Then the suffering went into the other side of my body. Bro. and Sister Albert Eck were here. They were so much help, and prayed for me. Then they had to go back to their place in Kansas for awhile. The day they left dear Sister Ruth Murphey came to carry on the gospel work at Grubbs, Ark. I kept getting worse so she came one evening and stayed all night. That surely did encourage me.

Sometimes I would feel better and could be up some but then the pains and suffering would be severe again. Dear Sister Ruth would pray for me. They called our children to come. I knew what they all thought but it didn't bother me. I just kept telling the Lord, "I am all on the altar, dear Lord. Deal with me as you see best." At times my mind wasn't clear but my whole trust was in God. Oh, how He did comfort my soul with His Holy Spirit, songs, and His Word! Dear ones, let us always be true to God and never doubt. He is faithful and able to do as He has promised if only we will be true to Him.

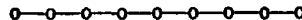
For some time I would have to be turned with a sheet. The pain in my neck was awful. I couldn't move my

body. One day Bro. Charles Smith came by. I will always believe the Lord sent him. His words were encouraging. While they were eating the noon meal, that pain came in my hip so severe I could hardly bear it. I called for prayer again. I told Bro. Smith I had been anointed and prayed for but I wanted to be anointed and prayed for again, and let the Lord have His own blessed way. Glory to God, while they prayed, the pain got easy, and the Lord took it all away. Oh, how I do praise Him! I can't remember a lot of what took place, but Sister Ruth would always pray, "Lord, put her back on her feet," and after some time, with much help, I could stand on my feet, but I had to learn to walk again. I stayed so weak and was so thin that people would tell me to eat and drink. But it's hard to eat when one just doesn't want food. I told them that my strength would have to come from the Lord.

One Sunday morning when I was able to be helped into the kitchen to fix breakfast, it was chilly. My husband started to light the heater and the match went out. He didn't turn the gas off. When he struck another match, the blaze went all up the arm of his flannel shirt and to the center of his back. I could do nothing to help. I called on God to help and the fire went out. How I did and still do praise God for how He helped protect us and the home. Oh, what a mighty God we serve! Now, for months, I have been able to do the house work and some outside work. I do thank all who prayed earnestly for me, for the many lovely cards and flowers. I pray God to bless everyone. I do pray God to reward dear Sister Ruth for her loving care and her prayers. On my birthday I was 77 and my husband is 80. Do remember us in prayer. I do want our lives to be a blessing for the glory of God. We still have trials, but I know God is near. Dear ones, let us be true to God at any cost so we can go to where Jesus is when we leave this world.

In Christian love,

—Mrs. N. E. Adams



South Carolina—Dear Saints scattered abroad, greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus. We are thankful that the little Baby that came to the earth, born of Mary, is our Lord and Saviour. He is more than a baby to us—He is our first love and Master.

We wish to thank all the saints who made it possible for us to attend the Guthrie, Okla. Assembly meeting. We will never forget this trip and what it has meant to us. Our hearts were overjoyed to meet so many of the saints, and to enjoy the fellowship with them. Will each of you, who made it possible for us, receive our humble thanksgiving, and may the good Lord bless each of you.

I (Bro. J. D. Winters) am 72 years old and have suffered four strokes and one heart seizure, but the Lord has been so good to me to enable me to make this trip of around 1,200 miles on the bus. We feel so grateful for all the blessings of the Lord.

Any of the saints coming to South Carolina, don't fail to come and see us in Summerville, at 512 Owens Drive. Pray for us that we will be faithful to the Lord until He calls us from labor to reward.

Yours in the Lord, —John D. and Minnie Winters



Calif.—Dear Sister Marie, Saints of God, and friends: All praise to our blessed Redeemer! Many have heard about my fall off my back steps as I started to prayer meeting on November 24. Only God knows all about what happened and how it happened. He permitted it for a cause. I was taken to an emergency hospital as the blood was gushing from the back of my head. It bled all night and part of the next day. There was also inward bleeding until my face looked horrid, I was told.

No one was able to care for me for about five days. Sister Lucille Elliott offered to care for me and I was taken home. Many times I called her in the night to pray for me as I was suffering. The Lord heard and answered and I would go to sleep. Praise His name! The Lord blessed me and I was able to attend the 10-day Assembly meeting at Pacoima, Calif. once or twice, nearly every day.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank each one for your prayers, get-well cards and Christmas wishes. My wish is that "thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 2.

Christian love, —Esther Dottie Henry

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Mo.—Dear Ones, greetings to you: It seemed we were there at the Guthrie Assembly meeting such a short time, but we truly did appreciate being there and we can say truly we did enjoy those messages of truth. They were food to our hungry souls. We had, as it were, a rake and just raked it right in. It didn't go too straight, and we mean to profit by it. We are encouraged in the Lord. He has done so much for us.

Now that God has spared us to see another year, we don't know what it holds in store for us, but our determination is to be true to Him and live holy lives. Whatever may come our way, we know God will only permit what is best. The past year of 1965 has been a busy one for us. There have been many battles, but also many victories.

We thank the Lord for salvation that saves from sin of every kind. We are so thankful that He called after us, saved us and placed us in the Body of Christ. He gave us a work to do for Him. There are no idlers in His vineyard. There is work for all to do. We truly need to be busy while we have time.

We need the prayers of all who know the worth of prayer.

In the Master's service, —Darius and Evelyn Gibson  
Route 3, Seymour, Mo. 65746

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Arkansas—Dear Saints and others who might be strengthened by our testimony:

I've felt impressed to write and tell how the Lord so marvelously heard and answered prayer at the time of the tragic happening to Johnny Bray, my six-year-old grandson on December 18. He was leading a horse up a small embankment of about twelve or fourteen inches high. Evidently when the horse lifted her hoof to step she struck Johnny's head about two inches above the right eye. He cried out, "Oh, I can't stand it." Dennis, being near, assisted in getting him up. By this time his mother heard and before she could get to him, he fell backwards. Pangs of grief and fear gripped her heart to see the side of his head dented in. No cuts were there. He did respond when talked to, but not consciously. They rushed him to the Medical Center in Rogers. X-rays showed he had a fractured skull. Leading from it were three or four cracks from 1½ to 3 inches long. From there he was rushed to Fort Smith to a bone specialist.

In the meantime telephone calls were made to our pastor, Bro. McMillian at Neosho, to the saints at Guthrie, Okla., Carterville, and Webb City, Mo. We truly were leaning on God and standing on His promises. Surgery was performed immediately, lifting a piece of skull from the brain the size of a fifty-cent piece. Not even a brain tissue was injured nor a blood clot. Both eyes were swollen and black, but thanks to the Lord, he didn't have to have one thing for pain. He played, colored, and sang in bed. It was almost unbelievable. A nurse told his mother, "Surely the Lord has smiled down on this case." One nurse said to Johnny, "Here you are supposed to be

the sickest one in the hospital and you are at the top." In about five days he seemingly had a degree of fever. Some X-rays were made of his chest and they showed a form of T. B. (The child had never been sick.) They tapped his spine and that wasn't good. The devil does hate to be defeated so all this was imposed upon us. We brought him home for Christmas but were to report back on Monday morning. We took a new and firmer grip on God and His promises. Calling the saints all over again, we trusted for good results. Monday morning, the parents, with heavy hearts, started to Fort Smith with Johnny. The surgeon had turned the case over to a pediatrician. After examining Johnny thoroughly, he found not one thing wrong and the degree of fever he was supposed to have had was normal and didn't count. He wondered why the other doctor had even wanted him to see Johnny. He was dismissed about 9:30 p. m.

About ten o'clock that morning I had such a serene feeling. The sweetest calmness filled my whole being. God was at work, praise His dear name! I told Johnny's mother that it would be so nice for Johnny to be brought back home that day. Truly it is just like Jesus to do all things perfect. Johnny is doing excellently. What a mighty God we serve!

Our thanks to all the saints for their prayers and concern for us. Pray that our tasks for the Lord will glorify Him in this place.

—Sister Lou Bray

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La.—My Beloved Brothers and Sisters, greetings of love to you each one in the precious name of Jesus: I do trust that this will find you well, happy and rejoicing in our great gift of salvation.

It has been many months since I last wrote a letter to all of you through the "Faith and Victory" but I have been waiting until I had definite news to report. Even though I have not written I still remember in prayer daily the family of God, of which I am so happy and joyful to be a part. He blesses and takes care of me each moment, and I know that He does the same for you.

There are several things to report, so let us now go to the news and bring everyone up to date on what has happened since my last letter. Possibly of major interest will be that as you read these words, I shall be back in the prison at Angola, La., but this time under much different circumstances than before. The State decided not to seek my death in another trial, but instead offered me a life sentence without capital punishment if I would plead guilty. My attorney came to see me with the official offer from the State, and after discussion about it all, we feel that it is of the Lord, and so decided to accept. A life sentence in the State of Louisiana is for ten years and six months and parole can be applied for after this period. I have already served over five years though, and we are in hopes that eventually the State Pardon Board will grant me some credit for these five years in reducing the ten and a half year total. I am allowed to petition the Board once a year, I believe, and it is also within their power to cut my sentence at any time. My court-appointed attorney said that he will continue to represent me until I am free from prison, so God has wonderfully blessed in all this and we feel that this is His will and from it will come glory and honor to His name. He will set me free at the time He desires and we wait upon Him.

On the 16th of December, 1965, I went to court and entered my plea of guilty. Sentencing was put off until the 6th of January, 1966 to allow me to remain at the Amite, La. jail over the holidays, and this I appreciated so very much because I wanted to spend the season near my loved ones. The Lord blessed me so much this

time that I can't thank Him enough. So many sent cards and remembrances and I can't begin to thank each one of you for your thoughts of me. May God bless all of you.

While I am at Angola, La. State prison my correspondence and writing will again be restricted, but not as much as was done on death row. But I believe that I shall be able to write now and then through the "Faith and Victory" so I shall attempt to send a report in as I am able, and if not myself, then others will do so for me.

In fact, the hardest time is now coming up. Angola will not be easy and I shall need much grace and strength to carry on for Christ to all in prison. The prayers of all of you I deeply desire, and I beg of you to remember me when you pray that I shall be all He would have me to be, and that I will ever be faithful and true even unto death.

In October my mother came down from Minnesota to visit me and with her came my four-year-old son, Gerald. I had seen him as a baby, but this was the first time for both of us to really get to know each other, and it was such a blessed time for all of us. The Lord opened the way to allow us to visit in a private cell several hours each day, and it was so thrilling to our hearts. Mother was just rejoicing over the royal treatment given them by the Hammond and Loranger saints. It truly was a time of thanksgiving and of praising God.

We truly thank God for all He has done for us. It is obvious that God has truly worked. All who have seen the happenings cannot help but see the workings of the Master. Were every detail to be known, I'm sure that many would say that it sounds too much like a fiction story—things just don't happen that way. Well, it is a story, a true story, a story that proves that with God all things are possible. Less than a year ago I was on death row waiting to die, and now I am beginning a prison term that I trust will in the future see me free.

My great desire is to attend the campmeetings, and I look forward to meeting you in person some day to praise and worship God together. The heart of your humble servant is indeed full, and there is much I could write, but time and space do not permit. To all of you who have prayed for me, I thank you with all my heart, and I ask you again to please keep on. I am counting on you. May God bless you each one, and until I write again, I remain, Yours in Christ, —Wayne Turner

(Editor's Note: Bro. Wayne Turner was marvelously converted in the parish jail at Amite, La. after he was indicted for the crime of murder on Oct. 7, 1960. His personal testimony of this wonderful experience may be had in tract form by addressing this office.)

Calif.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in the precious name of Jesus: I am glad that I can report victory in my soul over all the powers of the enemy. I thank the dear Lord for salvation by the way of the cross. I do not intend for His death to be in vain on my part, for by His grace I am standing for the defense of the whole gospel and the truth that makes us free. Bless the Lord!

I have intended in times past to send in my testimony that it may encourage someone to seek a closer walk with the Lord. He has and is doing so much for me, for which I am truly thankful.

Since the Guthrie meeting in the summer I have been having trouble with my eyes. At times it was very difficult for me to see unless I rub them. It seemed that there was something almost covering the pupil in my left eye. At times it felt like sand in my eye. I was anointed and I told the Lord when He healed my eyes I was going to testify through the "Faith and Victory"

paper so someone else would get help. At times it seems to be better and then bad again. I am going to claim my healing no matter how it feels, for healing comes by faith. Bless the Lord! It seemed that I was to send my testimony and look for the healing. God has healed me so many times in answer to prayer. I mean to trust Him to the end of my journey even if I don't get healed. I know He is a Healer. I have a burden for Mexico. Pray that I be led of the Lord.

Yours for souls,

—Melissa Greer

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La.—Dear Saints, greetings of love: On January 6, 1966 Bro. Wayne Turner was sentenced to life in the State prison at Angola, La. They moved him from Amite, La. jail on January 7. He will no longer be able to correspond with anyone other than those on an approved list, except at Christmas time, when he can receive cards. We pray that the Pardon Board will accept the five years and two months which he has already served, as part of his time.

We are continuing the Amite, La. jail services each Sunday afternoon and desire your earnest prayers in this work that souls will be reached and saved. I am still going to Angola and death row. I visited Bobby McAlister there just before Christmas. Pray for him.

Pray for each of us that we may ever live close to the Lord and do His will. Surely it has been a year of blessings and answered prayer in 1965. But those blessings are not sufficient for 1966. We desire this new year to be one of the very best in the Lord.

I desire prayer for my complete healing.

Our love and prayers,

—E. B. Pinkerton

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Texas—I received my first issue of "Faith and Victory." It is truly a great inspiration to me, and I enjoy it so very much. Thank you most sincerely for having it sent to me.

—Ora Nell D.

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Colo.—Please send me three books of "Trials and Triumphs of Eva Grant" by Effie Williams.

She was our pastor when she died, and lived next door to us in the little town in Kentucky. —Geo. Franklin

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La.—Dear Christian people: May the good Lord ever bless and keep you is my prayer.

I enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper, tracts and books very much.

God has really blessed us in so many ways. I have sent in requests for prayer several times lately and God surely did hear and answer prayer. I have a son who still needs prayer very much. My daughter, Betty, is back in school and doing well now. The Lord healed her eyes.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

—Beulah Johnson

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## BIBLE STUDY

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February 6, 1966

### GOD IS A LIVING SPIRIT

Printed Portion John 16:7-11; Acts 2:1-4; Romans 8:9-14

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:



9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;  
 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Rom. 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his,

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Memory Verse: Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. 1 John 4:13.

Practical Truth: The Holy Spirit ever seeks to enter your heart.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

There are three in the Trinity: God, the Father; Jesus, the Son; and the Holy Spirit. The three are one. The Holy Spirit is a person. Our lesson plainly calls the Holy Spirit "He." Jesus told the disciples that he had finished his work. He went away and the Holy Spirit came. The work of the Holy Spirit is to reprove men, women, boys and girls of sin. Then the Spirit points them to Christ who will forgive them of that sin if they repent. "No man can come to me [Christ], except the Father ... draw him." John 6:44. God, the Father, is a Spirit, and through His Spirit He draws man to Christ. After a man comes to Christ, asking forgiveness and forsaking sin, he is now ready for the Holy Spirit to come in and take up His abode in that heart. All volitive sins have been forgiven and washed away in the blood. Just as the 120 on the day of Pentecost were filled, we, too, ask God to fill us with His Holy Spirit. Then we, too, can have boldness as Peter did after Pentecost, to witness for God.

On the day of Pentecost, the Church of God was set in motion. She has been in existence ever since. Today she is shining bright and clear, without spot.

February 13, 1966

#### GOD MADE MAN

Printed Portion Gen. 1:26, 27; Matt. 12:9-14; Heb. 2:5-9

Gen. 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the

fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Matt. 12:9 And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue:

10 And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.

11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.

13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

14 Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

Heb. 2:5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.

6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Memory Verse: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Genesis 1:27.

Practical Truth: Man is kin to God, rather than the animals.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

God did so much for man. He created him on a holy plane. He placed the whole world at his disposal. He gave him rule over all the creeping things in the world, the fish and the fowls. Man was ungrateful and sinned against such a wonderful God. But still God loved man. No wonder the writer said, "What is man that thou art mindful of him?" His love is matchless.

Our lesson points out the fact clearly that man is much, much higher than the animals. In the account of Jesus healing the man with the withered hand we read where Jesus asks the question, "How much then is a man better than a sheep?" God put some of Himself in man. He gave him a soul that will live forever. Animals die and go back to dust. "Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?" Eccl. 3:20.

God sent His Son to this world to visit man. Thank God for that precious Lamb that shed His blood on Calvary that we might have everlasting life. He was made lower than the angels in the likeness of man so He could taste death for every man.

February 20, 1966

## MAN IS A SINNER

Printed Portion Mark 7:20-23; Rom. 1:18-21; 1 John 1:5-10

Mark 7:20 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.

21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

Rom. 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

1 John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Memory Verse: If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared. Psalm 130:3, 4.

Practical Truth: Sin separates man from God.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson names over 13 sins. These sins come from the heart of a person who is a sinner. The last part of our lesson teaches us that Jesus has come that through His blood we might be cleansed from sin and be forgiven. If any person says he has never sinned, the Bible says that he is a liar. The Bible says that "all have sinned." Rom. 5:12. Thank God, there is a deliverance from sin. Our lesson tells us that "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." If our sins are forgiven, then we do not have sin. We are "freed from sin." Rom. 6:7. We then become the "servants of righteousness." Rom. 6:18. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." 1 John 3:9.

We have heard it preached, practiced, and seen it written that a Christian must daily ask God to forgive him of his sins. But dear ones, that is contrary to the Bible. The Bible plainly says, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; . . . For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8) out of our hearts. Thank God through Christ, He forgives us of our sins that we can live each day without sinning. "That wicked one toucheth him not." 2 John 5:18.

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## MAN REDEEMED

Printed Portion Rom. 8:1-4; 1 Pet. 1:18-21; Eph. 2:4-10

Rom. 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

1 Pet. 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

Eph. 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Memory Verse: But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8.

Practical Truth: Through faith in the blood of Christ we can be saved from our sins.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

When we walked after the flesh we were under condemnation. We were under the law of sin and death. We were guilty of wrongdoing and the knowledge of that wrongdoing weighed heavily upon our souls. God gave the law to Moses but it was weak. Man still had to come every year and offer a sacrifice for sins. Silver and gold could not buy us that peace nor lift that condemnation from our souls. We were helpless to help ourselves out of the pit of sin.

But thank God, He did not leave us in this helpless state, but while we were yet sinners, His mercy was rich toward us. His great love which He had for us before the foundation of the world was manifested to us through His sending His precious Son, Jesus Christ, to this world to live, die, and be resurrected for our salvation and deliverance from sin. Through faith in that precious blood of Christ, which was without blemish or spot, we can be saved from our sins. It is nothing we have done but it is the gift of God. We have nothing to boast of but can only humbly thank God for His great love and walk humbly before Him each day. —(Mrs.) A. Marie Miles