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Christ's Call



Hark the voice of Jesus crying,
Who will go and work today?
Fields are white, and harvest waiting,
Who will bear the sheaves away?
Loud and strong the Master calleth,
Rich reward He offers thee;
Who will answer gladly, saying,
"Here am I, send me, send me."

If you cannot cross the ocean
And the heathen lands explore,
You can find the heathen nearer,
You can help them at your door;
If you cannot give your thousands,
You can give the widow's mite:
And the least you do for Jesus
Will be precious in His sight.

If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say He died for all;
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the Judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Saviour's loving arms.

If you cannot be the watchman
Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Offering life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties,
You can do what heaven demands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophets' hands.

Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the souls of men are dying,
And the Master calls for you;
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be,
Answer quickly when He calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me."

—Selected

Remove Not the Ancient Landmarks

By Ostis B. Wilson

(Part I)

In Deuteronomy 19:14 we read, "Thou shalt not remove thy neighbor's landmark, which they of old time have set . . ." Again in Deut. 27:17 we read, "Cursed be he that removeth his neighbour's landmark." We read again in Job 24:2, "Some remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks, and feed thereof." Proverbs 22:28 says, "Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set." Proverbs 23:10 says again, "Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless." Verse 11 continues "For their redeemer is mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee."

In all these Scriptures we see that the original landmarks which were set in the time of laying out and allotting the land to the children of Israel when they received their inheritance was very important all the way through in maintaining proper identification of each person's land as the inheritance passed down from one generation to another. None were to remove the landmarks which they of old time had set. (Deut. 19:14) The ancient landmarks which had been set by their fathers were not to be removed. (Prov. 22:28). A curse was pronounced upon anyone who tampered with any of the original landmarks. (Deut. 27:17) The rightful inheritance of each one of the children of Israel could only be identified by reference to those ancient landmarks.

It is the same in maintaining proper land lines and boundaries now. When a surveyor runs a land line he must locate corner stones and run the lines according to them. I have known them to dig up a considerable area in an effort to locate a corner stone, and if it could not be located, they could not proceed with the survey until one was established. Neither was this done by arbitrary means. The surveyor did not just look around and decide on an arbitrary location as being the most likely or pretty close and run from there. Rather, he went to where he could clearly locate a corner stone in each direction from the corner to be established and measured in from those stones

and established a corner that tied in with the other established corners in the area. Sometimes they would have to go, maybe, as much as a mile and perhaps in some cases even farther and measure in from each direction to locate a given corner. But the survey could not proceed until that corner had been definitely established to correspond with the other established corners in the area.

Also in a survey, the line must be run according to where the original corner stones are found. If there are obstacles in the way and trees and brush, etc., which hinder him from seeing through to the other corner, he does not decide that the line cannot be established in that place and just move it over to another place. Instead, he will carefully measure over a certain number of feet from the corner stone at each end of the line to clear the obstacle and set up his flag at that point to shoot to and run the line through from there, bearing in mind all the time that the line he is shooting is so many feet off from the actual line. This becomes a matter of official record. When this is done and recorded legally, the adjacent land owners can just wrangle and fuss all they want to and sue each other in court over the property line, but it will be always settled by the legal record of that surveyor who made the survey and established those corners. Everything in a given area must correspond with everything around it and must be tied in with the general area.

Now let us come down to apply this thought to us and to our spiritual standards, etc. In 1 Cor. 10:18 we read, "Behold Israel after the flesh: . . ." But why behold Israel after the flesh? Because Israel after the flesh is a type of Israel after the spirit—spiritual Israel or the Church of God in this New Testament age of time. Those literal landmarks referred to in the above texts which were so important to the children of Israel in their inheritance, etc. were typical of those ancient landmarks of spiritual truths and standards which have been established by our fathers for the church. In the fifth chapter of Hosea, God was pronouncing judgment against the priests and princes and people of Israel for their rebellion against Him and their idolatry, etc. and in verse 10 said, "The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound: therefore I will pour out my wrath upon them like water."

From this we see that God considers a departure from established standards set in the scriptures and established for saints to go by as removing the ancient landmarks and His judgment is pronounced against it and His wrath poured out upon those who do such things. In Rev. 22:18, 19 we read, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." We see here that it is no light thing to tamper with God's Word and the standards and prin-

ciples it sets forth, to change them or remove them in any way.

Now returning to the thought that in a literal land line survey all must be definitely established to correspond with everything around it and must be tied in with the general area, this is also true in the over-all picture of spiritual things and in establishing true standards for the church to go by. Each individual part of that standard must be scripturally and spiritually established and must tie in with the general over-all standard of teaching of the church. In other words, if we see evil in a particular thing and oppose it as being not compatible with a holy life because of the evil influence of it, then we should oppose all things related to that in principle and every projection of that thing in other forms whereby its evil influence could be projected. As an illustration: if we oppose the movies in general as an element of evil influence, and I am sure that all of us do and the saints have stood against this thing from the time it first came in, then we should also oppose its off-spring, the television which projects that same evil influence from the theater right into our parlors and brings it right home to our children. As one said, "We took the night life off the streets and brought it to our homes."

In Isa. 62:10-12 we read, "Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken." In the above verses 10 and 12 we see that the people of God have a responsibility in lifting up a standard for the people. It did not say for them to set up a standard but to **LIFT** up a standard. Verse 11 speaks of Christ who is our salvation and He is declared to be the ensign or standard given to the people in Isaiah 11:12. Thus we see that the standard is already given and set up for the people in Christ and His teachings and our job is to lift up that standard in our lives and in our teachings for the people to go by. Let us not trail that banner in the dust, nor even hold it at half mast, but let us hold it high and clear and distinct so it can be seen and rallied to by the people—especially the people of God.

In Isaiah 11:12 we read, "And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth." Here we see that Christ was to set up an ensign for the nations and gather the people together to it. We are to lift up His standard also to which all who love holiness can be gathered. But take note that this standard was one to which the people would be gathered. It was something clear and distinct that the people could discern and gather to. We cannot expect to gather the people to anything if we set up arbitrary standards and diverse teachings and disagree on the standards of truth and what truth is. We must survey our en-

tire course from the landmarks established by our fathers and from the corner stones of truth from which they ran their land lines and the course we take now must be just a projection of the same lines they surveyed out for us. God has strongly attested to these principles by mighty signs and wonders being done in the name of the Holy Child, Jesus, so I consider these definitely established landmarks and safe lines to follow.

—Ostis B. Wilson

(Follow closely Part II in the next issue. —Editor.)

An Incorruptible Inheritance

An inheritance that is left by a person who has died creates a great interest for those who will receive it. Generally, it involves money or property. Many have been made happy through the inheritance that they have received, but sad to say, many have had great heartaches. They did not take care of their inheritance and soon their money was all gone. We have an example of such in the parable that Jesus told of the prodigal son who wasted his inheritance. These inheritances are corruptible. They pass away and are soon gone in most cases.

I want to call your attention to another kind of an inheritance. This inheritance is incorruptible. It will last forever. It will never decay or be destroyed. It is one that "fadeth not away." Let us read about it.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you [for us—margin]." 1 Pet. 1:3, 4. Thank God for that inheritance! It is not made of materials that will decay or can be destroyed. It is the greatest and best inheritance that it is possible to receive. It is eternal and will last forever. Words cannot describe its grandeur. It is something that is beyond our imagination or expectation. It is something that is worth striving for. It is for everyone who will meet the conditions and requirements, and are "begotten" by God, the Father of Jesus Christ.

An inheritance is generally not received until the death of the one who makes the will. Jesus wanted us to have an inheritance incorruptible, eternal in the heavens. But we could not have it until after His death and resurrection. Jesus became the mediator of the will or New Testament. Paul tells us about it in Heb. 9. "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he [Jesus] is the mediator of the new testament, that by the means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance."

Since Jesus died on the cross and we come to Him through repentance, accept Him as our Saviour, we are born into the family of God. We become children of God. "The Spirit itself beareth witness

with our spirit, that we are the children of God; and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." Romans 8:16, 17. Doesn't it make your heart rejoice just to think that you are in the wonderful family of God? Then just to think that we are joint-heirs with Christ makes us feel so humble and unworthy. Oh, how we ought to walk each day worthy of the high calling and high position that we have! We should take it seriously and seek God earnestly that we do not do anything to bring a reproach upon the family of God. This wonderful family is a family without spot or blemish upon it. It is heaven-bought and the blood of a pure and holy Saviour flows through its veins. There is no greater tie than the family ties of the family of God. The Holy Spirit is the guide in this wonderful family and He leads and directs it. God is the Father and Christ is the head of the family of God. No one can get into the family or come to God except through Christ.

Now there are conditions that we have to meet before we can receive this inheritance, eternal in the heavens, that fadeth not away. First, we must be saved from sin and be sealed with the Spirit. Paul told the Ephesians that "after ye believed, ye were sealed with the holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest [or receipt] of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory." (Eph. 1:13, 14.) Anything that has an official seal upon it is authentic. When we have the seal of the Holy Spirit upon us, that makes us legal heirs of the incorruptible inheritance purchased for us by the death of our precious Saviour.

The Bible tells us about another condition we have to meet to become heirs with Christ: "If so be that we suffer with him." Now the little sufferings that we go through in this present world "are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Rom. 8:18. We have all heaven behind us in those sufferings. Jesus knows all about them because He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. (Heb. 4:15) He will help us. Then we read about how the Holy Spirit "helpeth our infirmities" or trials and "maketh intercessions for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" and gives us those things we need "according to the will of God." Rom. 8:26, 27. God has promised to not let us suffer more than we could bear but makes a way of escape so we can bear it. 1 Cor. 10:12. We are taking Christ's place in this world by sending forth the message of "good-will." We want others to get into this great family so they, too, can receive that incorruptible inheritance that is eternal in the heavens.

—Mrs. Marie Miles

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EDITORIALS

Greetings to our many readers in the holy name of Jesus who "loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood."

The campmeeting season, a time when special efforts are made to reach the unsaved and when the family of God gathers together in various areas for holy fellowship and edification, is rapidly coming to a close. Certainly this has been a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Reports coming in from all directions indicate that very profitable and soul-saving meetings were held. The Word of God was preached with rich anointing, and the Holy Spirit also did His office work of convicting sinners.

The National campmeeting at Neosho, (Monark Springs) Mo. was the largest gathering of God's people. They came from many states to enjoy the feast at Father's table. More than fifty ministers were present, and the Word was preached with power and authority. Hearts were pricked with deep conviction and the altars were filled with seekers time after time. The Lord was gracious to forgive, save and sanctify souls, and to heal bodies in answer to the prayer of faith. A number were baptized. A large group of happy saints observed the ordinances of the Lord's supper, and also experienced the meaning of Jesus' command, which is largely disregarded by the nominal Christian world: "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." John 13:14, 15, 17.

Quite a number had come to the National campmeeting for their first time, and they were favorably impressed. Some had known the truth of the "evening light" reformation many years ago and rejoiced to again hear it preached in its old-time purity and power. God is gathering His true scattered sheep from the pens of men, even from those groups calling themselves the Church of God but have long since compromised with the world. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27. The prophet Isaiah foretold that "the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Souls are pining to be free in the glorious liberty of the children of God.

It is unfortunate that many people do not know that God has preserved a "remnant" which did not follow the "landslide" compromise of 1910-14. Isolated saints have been found who had lost contact with the true Body of Christ, and they felt like Elijah of old when he said, "I am left alone, and they seek my life. But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace." Romans 11:3-5.

On the other hand, there are many people who have never seen the "house in her first glory." They came in contact with the various so-called Church of God groups after the apostasy from the precious truths that brought forth the "evening light" reformation. Therefore, they have very little knowledge or vision of the old-time gospel of holiness, purity, and simplicity. Consequently, in many cases they are not interested in returning all the way to the "ancient landmark which thy fathers have set." Prov. 22:28. However, we are thankful for every precious soul who is asking for the "old paths" and "the good way."

In this issue is the first of a series of articles by Bro. Ostis B. Wilson on the subject of the injunction: **"Remove not the ancient landmarks."** This is a very timely subject, and we would advise you to get every issue and read these articles carefully and prayerfully.

Bro. T. H. Coffey, pastor at Hammond, La. reported another good campmeeting there on the General Southern campground, the site of the annual campmeeting for about 60 years. A wonderful breakthrough came on Tuesday night, and the altar was filled with souls seeking help from God. The Lord was present to save, sanctify and heal. A number of outside ministers were there to preach the precious Word of God which was a real blessing to all those in attendance.

My sister, Marie Miles, minister and editor of the "Beautiful Way" paper, felt directed by the Lord to attend the campmeeting at Jefferson, Oregon. She made the trip to Oregon by bus, and reported a very profitable meeting with the saints and friends in that area. She was thankful to meet personally a number with whom she had only correspondence in the past.

Other co-workers from this office attending the Oregon meeting were Sister Sharon Watkins, Bro. and Sister Clifford Wilson and family. The Wilson family also attended the California State campmeeting at Pacoima which was held earlier in the season this year. All the workers returned to attend the National campmeeting at Neosho, Mo.

The Oklahoma State campmeeting here at Guthrie was well attended by saints and ministers. As many of you know, the tabernacle was dismantled last summer just after the campmeeting, followed in September by a major flood over the grounds, which "dampened" the plans to enlarge the chapel for the meeting this year. However, the present chapel was used for the meeting. Though it was quite crowded in some services, it accommodated the meeting better than it was expected. Further plans were laid to enlarge the chapel at the proper time for the two annual state meetings in Guthrie.

In answer to prayer the Lord again this year sent rain and cooled the weather for this meeting, and it was rather pleasant most of the time. The Lord blessed in the preaching of His Word. Souls

were saved, sanctified and many testified to physical healing. Several were baptized.

Toward the close of the Tulsa, Okla. campmeeting Bro. Ira Stover, who had been in affliction for some time, seemed to receive a healing touch to his body. Soon after, he and Sister Stover drove to California and remained for the campmeeting at Pacoima, then they returned and attended the National campmeeting, as well as the first half of the Guthrie campmeeting. In all these meetings he preached with usual anointing and vigor. Surely the Lord has done a special work for him, for which we praise our Great Physician. From the Guthrie meeting they drove back to California and attended the last two days of the campmeeting at Bakersfield. Now they are at Pacoima, Calif., taking care of the pastoral work and aiding in the supervision of the Senior Saints' Home for a while in the absence of Bro. Ostis Wilson who was here for the Guthrie campmeeting and plans to meet with other congregations in the East before returning to his pastorate at Pacoima.

After some years of planning and building, the new Saints' Home on the campground at Pacoima, Calif. will be opened for occupancy on August 22, Lord willing. This Home is now answering a long-felt need of the Church in that area, and we trust that it will continue to serve the saints in their declining years in the future.

Bro. and Sis. Darius Gibson attended the Myrtle, Mo. campmeeting and most of the National campmeeting. Though Bro. Gibson had passed through a long siege of affliction, he preached some at each meeting by the special help of the Lord. He remains very weak in body, and unable to attend any other campmeeting. Let us continue to take both of them often to the throne of grace in this fiery trial of affliction. Their decision is fixed to trust in God.

After 27 years as a secretary of the National campmeeting at Neosho, Mo. this writer resigned in favor of a younger person, Bro. Bob Stover of Tulsa, Okla. It has been a real pleasure to serve the saints over the years. We have witnessed the steady growth and effectiveness of the campmeeting ever since its inception in 1938, having attended every meeting.

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Sister Katherine Key, another minister of many years' service in the Church of God, has been called Home. Over the years she had been solid for the truth. Her bereaved husband, Bro. Ray Key, was

here at the Guthrie campmeeting, then went to West Texas to hold a meeting. Pray for him and all the bereaved family.

The machines have been rather quiet here at the Lord's Printshop during the campmeeting season, but now again the workers are all busy in their respective departments with renewed courage to get the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to many more precious souls by way of the printed page. The linotype machine is producing type for this paper and the press is now reprinting many tracts to replenish the supply which became exhausted during the summer.

As stated in the past, all persons connected with this gospel publishing work have volunteered their services freely as unto the Lord. They have answered the call of God like any other gospel worker, and their reward for faithful service will await them in heaven. The "white-winged" messengers of hope and salvation can reach far-away places on the globe which could not be reached by individuals in a life-time. In fact, with the tragic shortage of ministers, gospel workers and missionaries, it seems that the printed page is the only alternative or open door to reach the masses with the gospel of Christ. Pray for us and all these consecrated workers that we will be faithful in this field of labor.

The need for the gospel is so great that we desire to print more gospel literature than ever before, and we want to thank all our readers who have so faithfully co-operated with us by your prayers and offerings in the past. We solicit your continued prayers and co-operation in fulfilling at least in part the Great Commission which Jesus gave to His Church to carry the gospel to all nations and every creature.

Brother C. M. Verghese, native minister of the Church of God Mission in far-away India, writes under date of July 6 that the gospel work is advancing in spite of much opposition. New stations are being opened. The new permanent chapel under construction there is almost completed. The masons were plastering the walls and the carpenters were making shutters. Please pray on for the gospel work and workers in that sin-benighted land. —L. D. P.

OBITUARIES

Benjamin Harrison Eastin was born in Linn County, Missouri, June 3, 1885 and departed this life June 21, 1966 at the age of 81 years and 17 days.

He came to Oklahoma as a young man, and in 1907 he was united in holy matrimony to Pearl Elizabeth Weber near Fargo, Oklahoma. They moved to Wyoming in 1918 and returned to Oklahoma in 1924.

Bro. Eastin heard and embraced the teachings of this Evening Light Reformation when a young man, and he maintained a real respect and tenderness for it until his death. We miss him from our fellowship, but are so glad he can be at rest with the Lord.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Sister Pearl E. Eastin of Ramona, Oklahoma; five daughters, Laurel T. Eastin, Tulsa, Alma Radle, Okla. City, Sylvia Hagar,

Okla. City, Verdine Pugh, Ramona, Okla., and Opal King, Davenport, Iowa; one son, Ben H. Eastin, Jr., Ramona, Okla.; ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the Saints' chapel in Shawnee and a graveside service was held at the Steel Camp Cemetery near Oglesby, Oklahoma where interment was made. Services were conducted by Charles R. Smith.

Bro. Adolph Rabausch, born May 15, 1894, departed this life on June 18, 1966 at the age of 72 years in the state of Illinois.

For more than fifty years Bro. Rabausch "walked with God," it was reported.

His wife and a son preceded him in death more than a year ago.

The following is a poem that Bro. Rabausch wrote a short time before his passing from this life to his eternal reward:

My Greatest Need

Master, Thou knowest what I need,
Not fame nor friends, nor foes to bleed;
Not self, nor pleasure and the rest,
But, Oh, I need my soul well blest.

Others may pray for great success,
And 'tis a proper thing, I guess,
But, Lord, here is my heart's request:
Please, daily, keep my soul well blest.

Without Thy presence I am poor,
And trivial trials cannot endure:
But I can weather every test,
If Thou wilt keep my soul well blest.

Then, let the criticisms come,
Let friends deprive me of my home,
And let me be nobody's guest—
But, Spirit, kindly keep me blest.

—Submitted by his daughter, Mrs. Geo. Pike

Sister Katherine Key (nee Gubser) was born Nov. 13, 1892. She departed this life August 1, 1966, at the Golden Rule Home, Shawnee, Okla.

Sister Key was a faithful minister of the Church of God in this Evening Light Reformation. She traveled extensively in the work of God, especially in the east and middle west in the United States. She was loved by all who knew her, and was affectionately known as "Sister Katherine" by saints and sinners alike.

Sister Key was first married to Bro. Watson and lived at Midway, La. Later they came to live in the Oak Grove community near Loranger, La. After Bro. Watson's death she lived with Sister Sadie Orr at Hammond, La. Soon after, she married Bro. Ray Key of Ohio. They made their home in Hammond, where Sister Key took the oversight of the work. While pastor at Hammond she worked also with the saints at Kentwood and Loranger, La.

In 1956 Sister Key was stricken with typhoid fever. She was very sick for a number of weeks. She did not resort to medical aid but fully trusted the Lord, as she had through the years past. God honored her faith and the prayers of the saints and restored her to health. Not too long after this, she gave up the pastorate at Hammond, La., and moved to the Oak Grove community near Loranger, taking the pastorate of the work there. She gave up the work there shortly before her death to go to Senath, Mo. where she became ill. During her illness she was returned to Hammond, La. where she was cared

for by the saints until she went to the Golden Rule Home at Shawnee, Okla.

When Sister Key was about twenty years old she was given up to die by about thirteen doctors at a Denver, Colo. sanatorium. Shortly after this, she came in contact with the saints, accepted the truth, trusted the Lord and was healed.

She leaves behind to mourn her passing her husband, Bro. Ray Key of Hammond, La.; one brother, Joseph Gubser, Joplin, Mo.; four sisters, Mrs. Lena Nichols of California, Mrs. Ella Holloman of Colorado, Mrs. Anna Rolland of Oregon, and Mrs. Esther Ward of Utah, also many friends and the saints.

We feel that Sister Key's life and labors are a testimony of her sincere love for God. Her dedication to service, high standard of living and the example of her life before the people speak for her.

The funeral was conducted by Bro. M. F. Williamson, assisted by Bros. T. H. Coffey, Charles Smith, and C. C. Carver, at the Oak Grove chapel near Loranger, where also the interment was made to await the resurrection.

Texts used were Prov. 14:1; 24:3, 4; 1 Cor. 5:1, 4; Rom. 8:23; 1 Tim. 6:19. Mention was made of the many women of the Old and New Testaments, whom God used in His service and to His glory. —M. W.

Sister Josephine Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Carrol Dixon, was born Oct. 14, 1885 at Cuero, Texas and departed this life at Okmulgee, Okla. on Aug. 13, 1966 at the age of 80 years, eight months and 13 days.

In 1917 she was born into the Church of God, and remained true and faithful to the end—a real soldier of the cross of Christ.

In 1908, she married Rufus Bydwell. To this union four daughters were born. Her husband and two daughters preceded her in death. In 1916, she married Johnny Pinkney Coleman and moved to Oklahoma. To this union three daughters were born. In 1930, he preceded her in death. In 1933, she married Henry Jefferson Taylor who preceded her in death in 1940.

She leaves to mourn her passing five daughters, four brothers, one sister, five grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, three great, great grandchildren, one step-daughter, one step-son, other relatives, many friends and saints.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Woodrow Warren, assisted by Bros. Herman Kelley and Lewis Williams. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

DOVER, OKLA. CAMPMEETING NOTICE

The Church of God campmeeting at Dover, Okla. will be held on Sept. 2 to 11, 1966, Lord willing.

As usual, the meeting will be supported on the free-will offering plan. Sleeping quarters and dining hall are on the grounds. Ministers will be present to preach the Word. A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this campmeeting. For further information, contact Bro. Henry Caldwell, Rt. 1, Box 76, Dover, Okla.

Campmeeting Reports

MYRTLE, MO. CAMPMEETING REPORT

The Myrtle, Mo. campmeeting has come and gone. Truly we can say it was a wonderful meeting from the first to the last. There were a number of ministers who attended the meeting. The meeting was well attended by the saints from Missouri and eight other states. Every-

one seemed to enjoy and rejoice in the Word of God. The Word went forth uncompromised, with power and glory. The Holy Spirit richly anointed. Several sought and found help at the altar of prayer. Some received salvation, some sanctification, others a closer walk with Christ, while several received the blessing of healing to their bodies. Five precious souls followed the Lord in baptism. Forty-five took part in a precious ordinance service. The Church was greatly edified and strengthened. All needs were bountifully supplied and the Lord blessed in every needed way. We are looking forward to another good campmeeting next year if the Lord sees fit to let time go on that long.

Notice—Work Day

There will be a work day at Myrtle, Mo. on the first Saturday in October. There is some painting to be done, so please bring painting equipment. If possible, come prepared to stay for all day meeting on the first Sunday. Mark this date on your calendar.

—The Saints at Myrtle, Mo.

SOUTH CAROLINA CAMPMEETING REPORT

It brings joy to our hearts to send a report of our campmeeting at Holly Hill, S. C., which was held June 3 to 12. It was a glorious meeting, well attended, and the preaching was with the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Truly God was in every service. Some souls were saved, and others received spiritual help from the Lord.

Pray that these meetings will increase in effectiveness, and that many more souls will be won to the family of God.

Yours for lost souls,

—O'Neal Pratt

AKRON, OHIO CAMPMEETING REPORT

The campmeeting of 1966 at Akron, Ohio is history now. Yet, the results still linger. This meeting marked our third campmeeting here in Akron and at each one our Lord has given added blessings above the year previous. All glory to His dear name! By prayer and supplication the meeting was truly blessed of the Lord. The messages were anointed, souls were saved, baptized, sanctified, edified and healed. There were nine states represented. In this area there are many isolated, both saved and unsaved, who know about this truth, who had a chance to attend a campmeeting.

We had a call from a brother in W. Virginia, stating that the blessings that were received in this meeting were more than words could express, also the recordings he obtained of the sermons and singing of gospel songs had proved a blessing to those in his city where he is diligently endeavoring to plant some of the truths of the Bible. Let us pray for this brother. Although he is isolated, each time we hear from him, he is on victory's side.

There are some here under heavy conviction and they need our prayers continually.

Now to all other isolated saints or those desiring salvation in this state or adjoining area, write us or come to our chapel at 421 W. Thornton, Akron, Ohio.

—Sister Hazel Clark, Pastor

EVANGELISTIC TENT REPORT

Aug. 12—Dear Fellow Workers: We greet you in Jesus' dear name, the only name given whereby men shall be saved.

We want to give a little report of the tent meetings thus far. We can truly say the Lord has been with us

in every service. I don't remember any time when the Lord has felt so near as He has this summer. Our first meeting was in Charlestown, Ind. The Lord sent forth His Word with power. One precious soul was saved, and the devil was much stirred. Next we went to Thelma, Ky. This truth was new to that part of the country. We feel there was much good seed sown that will germinate and grow. We are in Altapass, N. C. now. The Lord is blessing in a wonderful way. We are looking for a number of souls to be saved here. Our next meeting will be in New Castle, Ind. Lord willing, the meeting will start there on August 22. The meeting will be on the southeast side of town on Cottage Ave. Then we plan our last meeting in Springfield, Ohio, sometime after the first of September.

We would like to thank those who have prayed for us and for your support in making it possible for us to have these meetings. Only the Lord will know how much good has been done. He said His Word would not return unto Him void. Pray for us, that we will ever be faithful in the service of the Master.

Christian love, —Bro. Mart Samons and workers
58 Erie St., Fairborn, Ohio 45324

NOTICE OF CHANGE

At the business meeting of the National campmeeting in July Bro. and Sister Ralph M. Beisly of Coffeyville, Kansas asked to be relieved of the obligation of secretary and treasurer of the National Missionary Fund which they have taken care of for a number of years. Their services have been satisfactory and much appreciated, so their resignation was reluctantly accepted. (However, Bro. Beisly will continue as business manager of the campmeeting with the assistance of Bro. Austin McMillian of Neosho, Mo.)

After some consultation, Bro. and Sister Louie Marler of Senath, Mo. accepted the responsibility of caring for the National Missionary Fund. We pray the Lord to bless them abundantly in performing this service for the Lord and the saints. (Sister Marler's maiden name was Evodna Thurman, a former faithful worker here at the office.)

From now on, you should send your offerings for the support of the evangelistic tent work and general home missionary work directly to Bro. and Sister Louie Marler, Route 1, Senath, Mo. 63876. —Editor.

Prayer Requests

Ill.—I read your magazine and enjoy it. I read all the articles on healing. I wish to ask for earnest prayer for my body. God knows all about it. I know God can heal. —M. L.

Okla.—I am still saved and much encouraged to live for the dear Lord. Truly He is good to us. I thank the Lord for how He blesses me from day to day.

I have an affliction on my body. I desire all of you to pray for me that the Lord will give me a complete healing. I am living to all that I know and understand. I truly mean to go to heaven at any cost. Pray that the Lord will give me a better understanding of His Word and save our children before it is too late.

Love, —Sister Fannie Taylor

Okla.—Please remember my little two-year-old grandson in prayer. The poor little baby has a terrible itch. He scratched and got his skin ugly and rough. He isn't talking very much, but he minds what we tell him to do.

We truly hope the Lord will get hold of his mother's heart and save her. (She is my daughter.) I believe God will heal him. God bless you. —Sister Thelma Fields

Minn.—Bro. Kirchner desires complete victory over depressions from the enemy. Pray often for him.

Ind.—I am in need of a couple sharing my home with me. —Edna Hammond. (If anyone is interested, write us and we will send you the address. —Editor.)

Miss.—Sister Dorothy Bridges fell and hurt her back and desires prayer.

Mich.—Bro. and Sister M. E. Parsons' son is better but needs complete healing.

Ind.—Please remember Bro. Lowell Wilson in prayer for healing of palsy.

Calif.—“Pray that I will get saved and be a right kind of mother to my children.”

Utah—Pray for a home that is about broken up.

Pa.—Pray for a man whose wife and children left him. He is desiring to please the Lord and is resisting the temptation of going back to the life of a drunkard. Pray also for the wife and children.

Va.—A man wants to be saved. He writes he is trying to repent and get back to God.

Okla.—Remember dear Sister Mary Whitmore, who fell and was badly hurt. She is at the Golden Rule Home. Her trust is fully in the Lord.

Mo.—Stomach trouble.—Sister Niswonger.

Calif.—Sister McKinney is expecting the Lord to remove a mole from her nose so she can wear her glasses.

Mich.—Sister Hines needs complete healing of a broken hip.

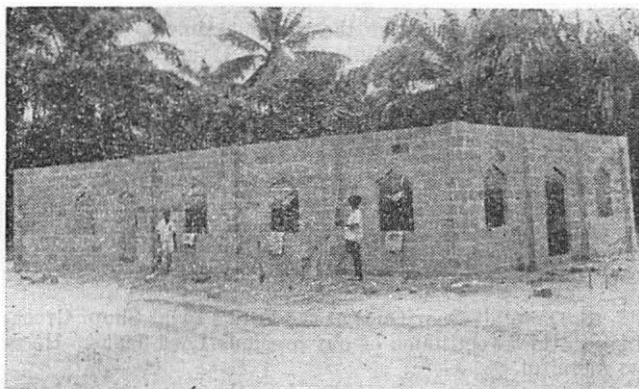
Pa.—Sister Campbell's arm and hand are still swollen. She is trusting and waiting on God for healing.

NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT



Pictured is the new HOUSE OF PRAYER or Infirmary which is almost completed at the Church of God mission station of Ukpom, Nigeria, West Africa where Bro. Sunday Udoh is the pastor.

A letter signed by Bros. B. E. A. Inyang, S. U. Udoh and B. U. Udemie and dated July 23 reports that this new permanent-type building is already in use. Numbers have come here to be prayed for, and the Lord is hearing and answering prayer for their healing in a marvelous way. The erection of this structure was financed almost entirely by funds relayed from the Missionary Fund at this office. Your offering to foreign missions has helped to complete this much-needed building, and the native gospel workers at this station have expressed their appreciation to the Church in America. May it ever be used in the work of the Lord for the benefit of the souls and bodies of the Nigerian people until Jesus comes.



This is the permanent mission chapel under construction at Minya Ntak, Nigeria. Surrounded by these walls is the thatched mud chapel, still in use for worship, where the late Sister Opal Wilson preached her last sermon entitled, "The Sower and the Seeds," which was printed in the December, 1964 issue of "Faith and Victory."

Just recently funds have been sent to complete this new building with a permanent metal roof.

Bro. B. U. Etuk has regularly forwarded to us the reports of the mission activities for the months of June and July written by the secretary, Bro. Use Umanah. These reports indicate that the work is progressing, or at least holding its own, but their constant plea in every letter is for resident missionaries from the Church in America to teach them the Bible truths more perfectly. Surely the Lord will not leave those prayers and pleadings unanswered. If the Church does not hear the plea and answer the call very soon, it is likely that enemy agents will lure them into deception. Then who will be responsible? Brother and sister, where is the deep consecration that characterized those in the early days of the church when they often risked their lives, many dying, for the gospel's sake? The challenge of the Great Commission to the Church still stands, and will stand until Christ leaves His mediatorial throne to judge the world. What are we going to do with this commission? Each must answer for himself at the Judgment. —L. D. Pruitt

MEXICO MISSION REPORT

Dear Readers of the "Faith and Victory": Greetings of love in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who hath redeemed us with His own blood and hath given us an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. Praise His holy and wonderful name!

It is with joy unspeakable and full of glory that I report personal victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil; and that only by the living grace of God.

The Mexico mission workers were privileged to attend one or more campmeetings in the States, following the Mexico campmeeting held July 1, 2, and 3, in El Alamo. They have and are returning to their respective stations to work harder than ever to reach souls for Christ and eternity.

Bro. Tomas Mendoza and family returned from the National Campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. just bubbling over with joy and blessing for what God is doing for His children. They were impressed well of the saints here in general. Pray much for them that God will continue to use them among their own people.

Edith Cole is enduring very hot weather down in Patzcuaro, but is launching into a building expansion program for needed room as well as the ministerial duties.

Carrie Sheppard will re-join her soon, Lord willing. Geneva Hite has a new congregation added to the work in Ensenada, about five miles away from the original congregation. One service is held at 10:00 a. m., the other at 2:00 p. m. Pray much for these services. Pray that Sister Hite be given ample strength in body and soul to carry on this work in a town that could use a dozen or more workers. Julia and Brenda Cook have accompanied the Hites on several trips to Mexico and show an interest in the work there. Pray that God will raise up and qualify new missionaries for all the open doors.

The Huskeys have located in a trailer house at "La Mision" between Rosarito and Ensenada in a farming settlement. There is an orphanage there. Besides the orphanage, there is a group of people who have been worshipping there but seemingly are torn between different doctrines and/or teachers of different beliefs. Pray that God will lead them out into the plain truth of His Word and that a congregation be established there to the glory of God. Amen!

Sister Opal Kelly is nearly fully recovered from her severe fall from the pick-up she was loading in Santa Catarina. She was injured seriously (to what extent only God fully knows as there were no X-rays or examinations of any kind) but trusted God fully and many were blessed through her suffering and by the manifestation of God's healing power. She testified to many rich lessons from God through it all. She was brought to the campgrounds and was in Sister Vera Forbes' home during her recovery. She has the truck loaded again and with a "far-away" look in her eye, now plans to leave in about a week. Pray that God lead, guide, and direct her in His will for her future work. Bro. Tomas is burdened to move further south so it may be the Lord will shift some of the workers again. (We surely don't want man to try to do any moving of God's workers.)

Ruby Marken desires to know God's will concerning her place in His vineyard. Please pray to that end.

Sister Virginia Wittenborn received a definite healing in her body a few weeks ago. However, for some reason, her feet are still afflicted with a condition that causes pain almost continually and most nights gets no rest or relaxation until 2:00 a. m. to 4:00 a. m. Dear ones, God knows all about this. Will you please agree in prayer that His perfect will be done and that she will receive what God has for her in soul and body? That is her desire. Please remember her before the throne of mercy. She so desires to return to the field in Mexico. The congregation in Rosarito dearly love her and Brother Barney.

I ask your prayers that I be led of God each step of the way. I thank each one for your prayers and interest in the work. Thanks for the \$1,200.00 sent from all parts of the country to buy a camper for my "home on wheels" in Mexico. It is hoped that only \$800.00 will be needed for the camper, and if it meets everyone's approval, the rest will be used toward purchase of property and building new chapels as God provides. If I forgot to acknowledge some of your gifts, please forgive me.

May God bless each of you and make you a blessing in this needy world about us.

Yours, for the gleaning of precious souls, in behalf of all the workers,
—Harland Smith
317 E. Cucamonga, Claremont, Calif.

America has six million alcoholics and each one started as a moderate drinker. Read Proverbs 23:31.

The water will not reflect your image if it is troubled; neither does an agitated soul reflect the image of Jesus,
—C. E. Orr

TESTIMONIES



Oregon—Dear Brother Pruitt: I received your letter and was glad to hear from you. I am especially interested in one of the tracts which you enclosed and am sending \$1.00, and wish you would send me a big bunch of this tract, "From Babel to Pentecost."

For many years I was a victim of the so-called "tongues movement" and my experience was up and down, and even when backslidden I would oftentimes be walking home on the highway speaking in tongues as I went. I wanted to be a Christian but seemed that I just could not get free from this power, and I have known many others who were in the same mess that I was in. About two years ago I was drinking heavier than ever, and one night at my bedside, while home alone I called upon God and He wonderfully saved me. Praise His name! From that time I have been a new creature in Christ Jesus and have the joy of the Lord in my soul. Praise the Lord!

I was let down by these "tongues" people and found that most of them could not be depended upon, and many would not keep their word. I also found some who would not pay their debts, and were a hindrance to the church. For over a year when first saved I attended the Assembly of God church and found many who had the so-called tongues, and from the lives that most of them lived, it would be a great question of whether or not they were saved, and their experience was mostly up and down, and they did not live as born-again Christians should live.

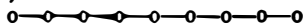
I have the peace of God, the joy of salvation within and awake in the night with praises to God for saving a poor sinner like me. I never speak in tongues any more. I have something so much better. How I do thank God for the precious blood of Jesus which cleansed me from my sins, and the night that I was sanctified, I knew it. Yet we find many of the "tongues" people who do not believe or teach sanctification, the second work of grace.

By God's grace I intend to make heaven my home.
Yours in Him, —Clyde Southwell



La.—Dear Saints: We desire to thank all the saints for their prayers and for the cards and expressions of love and concern during the illness of my wife. She is walking around some now and still has some pain, but we are trusting God to completely restore her to health.

Love to all, —M. F. Williamson



Kansas—Dear Bro. Lawrence and saints abroad: Greetings of love in the name of our Redeemer, the hope of the world, Jesus Christ. We praise Him for salvation that saves to the uttermost, and the grace of God that is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him against that day.

I am here in Fairborn, Ohio, visiting my mother, Sister Sharp. She still needs prayer for her body. The Lord has given her victory over the power of the enemy, victory that crowns the life of every faithful one. She has gone through many dark hours since the time of the auto accident. She hasn't been out to meeting for nine months. It was hard for her to resign to the condition since she loved to be in the service of the Lord. She is now a total invalid and has to be lifted on a hydraulic lift and be moved from the bed to the reclining chair. She is not able to eat anything but baby food and liquids. Pray for her, soul and body. She is now in the home of her grandson temporarily, until an extra room is built onto the house of her son, Earl.

Her new address at the present time is 142 North Diana Lane, Fairborn, Ohio 45324. If anyone wishes to write her it will be appreciated and add a blessing to her in her hours of need.

We appreciate how the Lord has blessed us since we moved to Coffeyville, Kansas. We desire the prayers of the saints that we will be faithful in our little service for the Lord. We want to thank all the saints who have helped us in our move. May God bless and reward everyone.

Yours in the service of the Lord, —Bro. Donald Sharp



S. Dakota—Dear Ones at the Lord's Print Shop: Greetings in the sweet name of our precious Lord Jesus. He is so merciful.

I am so sorry not to have had the privilege of being with you at the National Campmeeting to share the blessings of the manna from heaven to refresh my soul.

Thank you, Sister Pruitt, for your sweet encouraging letter, and for the agreement of all, in prayer in behalf of my grandchildren. I promised the Lord to send a testimony to "Faith and Victory" if my grandsons were healed.

My grandsons, Pat, aged two, and Don, aged nine, had come to stay with us on the farm until their mother returned from abroad where she was visiting her mother. Don had somehow contacted a contagious skin disease through a mosquito bite. It began to spread rapidly over his nose and face, and Pat seemed to have a trace of it. My son, before returning home, requested that ointment be applied to the affected parts, and if it did not clear up to take Don to a doctor. The ointment did not check the disease, and we decided, Don being in agreement, to trust the Lord for healing, and we began at once to pray and look to the Lord. I sent a request for prayer to the Lord's Print Shop, also to Bro. Senti and the saints in Minneapolis and to Bro. and Sister Gibson. The boys were to remain with me two weeks and I was concerned lest they be not healed before then. The Lord saw my incomplete trust and permitted the disease to appear upon my face also, but it was wonderful how He kept the disease clear of Pat's face. Don's face began to improve at once. By the end of the second week the disease had entirely disappeared from his face. It was marvelous how those ugly sores and scabs were seemingly washed away while he was taking a shower bath, leaving the skin clear and smooth. The Lord also healed my face and we thanked God and rejoiced together.

Please pray for all of us. I am praying for you and am so grateful for your prayers.

Lovingly, —Sister C. A. McFarling



Mo.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and saints everywhere, greetings in Jesus' dear name: We want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to everyone who shared the burden with us after our son, Jimmy, was injured in the car wreck on July 12. As many of you know, he was in critical condition for several days with a brain concussion and other injuries. We called different places for the saints to agree with us in prayer for him. And our hearts were touched so deeply with the concern and earnest prayers of all who knew about it. We feel that all those prayers that went up to God in his behalf were very effectual. All the prayers, phone calls, cards, letters, offerings and personal visits meant more to us than we can find words to express. Only God who can see the hearts knows how we felt and what it all meant to us. The Lord surely proved to us that He has a people who bear one another's burdens. We surely want to thank everyone for their love and concern.

We also thank the dear Lord for sparing our son's life when he was so low. During those days and nights of suffering, he was so calm and said if God wanted to take him, he was ready to go. His faith was steadfast, and he had it fixed to trust the Lord all the way. We are so glad that we have One we can trust in who is able to do all things. Several times when it looked like Jimmy was right up at death's door, the Lord would answer prayer and spare him. And when He saw that it was enough, He wonderfully touched his body, and in less than two weeks he was able to be up and around some. He was able to attend part of the campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. He has continued to improve and has gained back much of his strength.

We also appreciate the help of the saints here in this congregation at Neosho. Some stood right by us and helped in the care of Jimmy. They seemed so precious in our time of need.

We truly find it sweet to trust in Jesus. He is One who is faithful to those that are true to Him, and that is what we want to be.

Yours in Christ, —Bro. and Sister T. V. McMillian

Tenn.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in our dear Savior's name, Jesus Christ: I trust this finds you and all there at the Publishing House well and happy in the Lord. We are encouraged to follow the dear Lord wherever He leads.

I am still rejoicing over the good campmeeting we had in Hammond, La. I received much good to my soul and body. I was suffering in my body a few days before the campmeeting started. As I listened to Bro. Curtis Williams preaching on healing, the Holy Spirit inspired my faith in God and He healed me. Praise God!

My mother isn't well. Please pray for her.

We surely do want to see the end of a Christian life. We think of you and pray for all of you.

Much Christian love, —Nora Clayton

Oklahoma.—Dear Saints scattered abroad and readers: Many years have passed since writing to the "Faith and Victory" paper, years that have held trials, afflictions, and stumblings through hard places. But all of these God intends for our soul's good and causes us to lean heavier upon His loving bosom.

At the Tulsa campmeeting, Bro. Kelley from Oklahoma. City preached about the afflictions of the righteous and how God desires us to pray about the afflictions when they befall us and not just take a walk, phone, or go for visits, pushing them out of our minds. The afflictions are to bring us out into a wealthy place in our experience, deeper and higher.

On May 1, the Lord blessed us with a second son, Nathan Calvin, who appeared quite healthy. The day we were to be dismissed from the hospital, the pediatrician informed us of a blood cyst under the baby's tongue. He said that it had grown since his first examination and he wanted a plastic surgeon to check him before dismissal. Realizing that would also be Edward's desire, I consented but after checking, he learned the surgeon was out of town and he would advise us of his return so we could make an appointment.

When I first checked the cyst, it appeared about the size of a dime, bright red and protruding like a balloon. It was rather hard to check it as the baby wiggled a lot, naturally. After prayer, a day or two later, it turned blue with a clear area around that and changed into an oblong shape. It appeared to be long and connected to the underside of his tongue as well as lower jaw. I requested that Bro. Richard Madden come and anoint him,

so he and Sister Madden came Tuesday afternoon, when the baby was ten days old.

The cyst seemed to be smaller after anointing and praying for it. I noticed the baby chewing on it one day, otherwise it didn't appear to bother him. I told Edward about it and he phoned the pediatrician who said he didn't think it would hurt anything. The surgeon was still out of town, even though this was the second week. That was the only time I noticed the baby chewing on it.

Many times one wants to "look at the amount of faith" and hastily decide they don't have any. The enemy of our souls can convince us of anything as long as we are willing to listen. Faith cannot always be "felt" and besides, how does one measure it? When feelings and thoughts would arise in my mind, I would repeat this firm assurance: "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him."

On the last Sunday of the Tulsa campmeeting I showed it to Sister Ruby Stover. Sister Barton said that if the surgeon removed it, the way it looked to her, they would have to cut out part of his tongue. Some time between that Sunday and the following Thursday or Friday night the Lord completely removed it without a trace. I looked for it Thursday night but Nathan would neither hold still nor open his mouth enough to ascertain whether it was there or not. Since I didn't want to make him cry I waited till the next night and surely enough, it was gone! I was so happy that I was laughing and crying at the same time. I had to bow down in adoration and worship to our God, Most High! I felt that, had we a phone, every member in our congregations would have been bidden "rejoice with me."

A sign at one of the churches here in town proclaims: "Our God isn't dead! Sorry to hear about yours." And those are my sentiments, my God isn't dead. The dead cannot heal or deliver and if your God is dead, I offer my sympathy and pity, as each soul needs a living God.

—Mrs. Edward L. Robertson

Fla.—Dear Sister Marie and all the saints, Greetings in the name of our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins. I am so glad to report victory over sin and Satan. I am saved, sanctified, standing on His promises and trusting in His word.

Sister Marie, I received your sweet letter in June before leaving home. I am happy to say the Lord permitted me to attend the campmeeting in Holly Hill, South Carolina for a few days. I was very glad to be in services with the true saints of God once again. I enjoyed it very much as I found the saints worshipping God in the old-time way of the Church of God, singing praises out of the melodies of their hearts. Praise His sweet name! I rejoiced to join in. We had some wonderful times in the Lord. God sent messages to suit the occasion through His anointed ones. I was so glad to see the services being led by the Lord. One thing I regretted, I was not able to attend all the meeting.

I stopped in Durham, N. C. a few days with Sister Nelson and her congregation. I was glad to find them going on with the Lord.

I want to request prayer of all the saints that I have the Lord's approval on me. Especially pray for my daughter and her husband that they turn to the Lord and be saved from their sins and their broken family be restored. I talked with her by phone yesterday. She told me her husband came to a lady's house where she was visiting and cruelly mistreated her, threatening her if

she should call the law. Please pray for them that God will be able to get hold of their hearts. She seems to be very stubborn about taking warning from the Word of God. Pray that God will break down that will.

Pray for my son and family here that the Lord save them from sin.

I'm always so glad to hear from each of the saints. Since I've been home I've started a little Sunday School and Bible class on Wednesday evening for the children on this side. Pray that God will send or lead one of His anointed ministers to this place in the near future. Most people I talk with seem to be stirred but don't know what to do. Pray mightily for this condition, that the Lord draw them to Himself. Pray for me in His service.

—Mrs. M. B. Savage

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Florida—Dear People of God at the Faith Publishing House, greetings in Jesus' precious and holy name:

I just received a copy of your paper, "Faith and Victory" a few weeks ago and have enjoyed reading it very much, especially the testimonies, for it does my soul good to read where other children of God testify to the healing they receive by taking God at His Word and standing on His precious promises by faith. We know that faith has to come from God, for the Word says it is a gift of God, and we know He will give it to everyone who will accept it.

I thank God so much for the verse in His Word that says that Jesus was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed. I thank Him so much for opening my eyes so I could see His plan for His children and giving me the desire to learn more.

I am 58 years old and have been trusting the Lord since I was 18 years old and He has never failed me yet when I came to Him in earnest prayer for the things I needed.

He has healed me many times. The first incident that stands out so much in my memory is one night when I became ill with what I called colic but someone said it was acute indigestion. I felt that it was something that would take my life if I didn't get ease soon. Thanks be to Jesus for my knowing Him as my Savior, and I wasn't afraid. My husband and five children were asleep, but I didn't even call them. The old devil says, "Why don't you take something for relief?" I said, "No, I mean to trust the Lord, live or die, and if there is anything between Thee and me, please make it right." I could think of nothing and I said, "I want your will to be done in my life." It seems now that in a shorter time than it takes me to write it that I saw my Savior in a vision, standing at the foot of my bed, and it seems in just a few minutes I was easy. Praise His dear, holy name.

There was another time when I had the kidney colic, and I got my son to take me to the pastor's house which was a short distance from where we lived. It was ten o'clock at night, and I told my son to go back home and go to bed. Our pastor and his wife had gone to bed but they were always willing to get up and go pray for anybody any time of the night. (Thanks be to God for such men as he and Bro. E. E. Byrum and D. S. Warner and others.) Our pastor and his wife prayed for me many times, but it seemed I wasn't getting any better, but worse, and I knew I couldn't stand the pain much longer for it was so severe it was cutting my breath off. I said, "If it is your will, Lord, to take me instead of healing me, I'm ready to go." I asked them to pray again, and in a few minutes I got the victory. Praise His holy name.

I was lying on their couch and that was about one o'clock in the morning when I got easy. They went to bed and I went to sleep, but awoke at 4:00 a. m. feeling refreshed. Although that has been 15 or more years ago, I haven't forgotten how good that couch felt and how sweet that three hours of sleep was to me.

There are so many more experiences I could tell, but it would take me a long time.

If you know of anyone who has the book, "Life Experiences of E. E. Byrum," will you please let me know. If I can't buy it, I would like to borrow it long enough to read and return it. I had one and loaned it to a friend and never could get it back. Even though these books are old, they seem new to us who are still trusting the Lord for both soul and body. There are such a few who are doing that today, but we know that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever, for His Word says so, and we have proved it many times.

I pray the Lord's richest blessings on you at the printing shop and the saints everywhere. Please pray for me that I will hold out faithful unto the end and be able to be of much service to my Lord. I do feel so unworthy of the many blessings He has blessed me with, and will never be able to do enough to thank Him for all.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Mrs. Rusha Millis

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Okla.—Dear Saints, today I feel I should write to one and all. This leaves us still pressing on to God's heaven.

We want to thank everyone for the love you showed to us. We are slow in answering in this way, but it seemed we were in shock for so long that we couldn't get out what we had wanted so much to tell you. Thanks for the love offerings and the flowers. We so appreciated them at the funeral of our loved one, Dorothy Barton. We surely miss her. She was a rose in my life, but God only transplanted her to His garden above. We feel God's way is best.

In October before Dorothy's passing, God alerted me that a change in our home was soon to take place. We dreaded for Christmas to come as that part of the year has been a nightmare to me since, when I was thirteen, death had come on December 26, 1906, and I was so young I never got over that. God was good to me in that. I thank Him for His love to me.

I did most of my weeping before Dorothy went away. She would say, "Mother, don't cry," but I had a heavy heart. Finally God gave me a picture of an anchor. I was sure that I had my anchor of faith grounded, so this is the picture God gave: There was a large ship crossing the ocean. A great storm struck, so they let the anchor down. That didn't stop the storm, but the anchor was holding and when the sun came out and the sea became calm, there was the ship, still anchored. So I clung to the anchor of faith to bring me through, and I came out with victory. God wiped my tears away and I have my anchor still on the bottom and I'm waiting for my change to come.

Husband isn't too well, but when the clouds get dark and the storms obscure my view, I just test the anchor line and soon the sunshine comes through. Do pray for us, for I'm striving to make heaven my home.

—Sister Sam Barton

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Mo.—Dear Ones, prayer was requested for my mother (Susie Hiebert Berg) in her illness last June and God came to her rescue and healed her, for which we are all so very thankful. Many got under the burden for her, and to God we give all glory. We wish to thank everyone for their concern in her behalf. How thankful I am that we can call upon One who hears and answers our prayers.

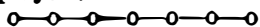
In our many times of need, we call on our Master, and He's ever mindful of our cares.

I have so often prayed that the Lord might grant long life to our dear mother. I think, how will I ever live without her, she means so much to us. We are fortunate to have had her with us this long. She will be 81 years of age August 22. How we do thank the good Lord for His mercy and goodness to us. A Christian mother is a priceless jewel. There are not sufficient words in any language which can ably express a child's love and appreciation for Christian parents.

When I think of a mother's love for her children, I compare it with God's love for His children. He can do more for us than our own mothers can, even though they would do anything humanly possible for their children. The Lord is our comfort, our healer, saves our souls and does so many things for us that we cannot tell it all.

We would like to thank each one personally for the love and prayers extended our mother, but must use this method of thanking all of you. The Lord has answered many prayers, but I still have some burdens on my heart and desire your prayers.

—Mrs. Delmer Severs



Okla.—Dear Saints everywhere, holy greetings in Jesus' dear name: Today I am still saved and much encouraged to live for the dear Lord. He is so good to us. We really can't give Him enough thanks and praises. If I had ten thousand lives in which to praise Him I could not enough my blessed Lord adore.

I would like to tell how the Lord blessed me in the month of April when fire from the stove blew out and burned me. I was lying down when I smelled gas in the house. I got up to test the stove and see if the oven had gas escaping. I didn't know the oven had that much gas in it but when I went to light it, the blaze jumped out and burned me on the face, burned my hair, my eye lashes, my feet, legs, and my right hand and arm up to my elbow. I called my husband to go and cut the gas off from the tank as the blaze was almost reaching the top of the house. How I do thank God for how He took care of me, as I could have been burned worse. As I was burning and hurting so badly, I prayed and asked the dear Lord to heal me and take the burning out and the Lord stopped the burning and healed me instantly. I have only the dark spots on my arms, but the burning stopped that very evening and didn't bother me any more. I surely did thank the Lord for healing me. I realize that I could have been burned to death, and the house and everything destroyed, but the dear Lord saw fit to spare us.

Pray for us that we will be all in this life God would have us to be and ever keep true to our blessed Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Clara Barnett

THE LAST LETTER

The telegram fluttered to the floor. But the words were indelibly stamped upon Nora's mind as she turned away from the door. Like a sleepwalker she found her way to the sofa and sank down, her hand pressed tightly against her mouth.

"Oh, God," she cried silently, "we trusted You to save Ted. We really trusted You. And now He's gone—our only son. He died a sinner—after all our prayers. Why, God, why?"

It was all over. There was nothing more she or Jim could do for their son. How had they failed the one they loved so dearly? Their attempts to

witness to him had only brought embarrassed silence or impatient replies. Once he laughed at his father, though he later apologized in an oddly subdued voice.

Nora and Jim had tried to show him the right way. They had prayed every night that their son might come to know the Savior. The piercing realization that these hours of intercession had been in vain was suddenly unendurable.

On a table across the room was the picture he had sent them—a smiling boy-man in an immaculate uniform. With this he had been quick to try to console them when he learned he must go halfway across the world to battle men he neither knew nor wanted to harm.

"My son, oh, my son!" Strangely no tears would come, though Nora's throat and heart ached almost unbearably. She went to the window and stared out. She must call Jim. From somewhere she must find courage to tell him this awful thing—his son would never speak to him again.

The postman was coming up the walk. Spying Nora at the window he smilingly held up a letter and waved it back and forth. Methodically she went to the door. She forced a smile on her face as the postman handed her the letter and asked how her fine young son was liking the soldier's life.

Nora made some sort of reply. It mattered not what the answer was, for at this very moment her son was lying still and cold.

Against her heart she held the letter with the familiar scrawl. How could she bear to open it—to almost hear his voice speak through these last words he had written?

Teddy, she thought in anguish, your death would be easier for us to accept if only we had the assurance you are now seeing Jesus' face.

At last, with trembling, uncertain hands she opened the envelope and began to read:

Dear Mom and Dad:

How are you this beautiful day? We are under orders to stick to the post, so I thought it would be a good opportunity to let you know everything is fine. Things are slowing down so we have more time for relaxation and recreation.

Oh, how could he think so lightly of his soul? Even in the heart of the battlefield, he could think only of his earthly need.

Mom and Dad, I have something to say that might come as a surprise to you. Almost every day I see someone die. It has set me thinking. First, I'm thankful for Christian parents, for I know you are praying for me every day. Next, I'm thankful for the little Bible you gave me. For a long time it went unopened, but the last day or two I've done some reading, and, yes, Mom, some praying, too.

Exactly 28 hours ago I gave my heart to the Lord and turned my life over to Him. Dad, remember how I laughed when you tried to tell me about God's peace? Well, I know now what you meant. Never in my life have I experienced more peace than in these last 28 hours.

Thank you, Mom and Dad, for having patience when I wouldn't listen, for loving me when I refused to do right, for setting a beautiful example when

I pretended not to notice, for praying for me when I was unworthy even to be mentioned to God. Thank you, Mom and Dad, for everything.

Well, we have more orders, I don't know the details yet, but this letter will have to do for now. I'm looking forward to coming home—if not to my earthly home, then to my heavenly one. We can have a grand reunion then, can't we?

Your loving son,
Ted

Clutching the letter in one hand, Nora went blindly to her knees. Tears flooded her eyes and ran down her cheeks.

"Oh, God," she whispered fervently, "I'm sorry I doubted. Thank you so much for answering prayer. And thank you, Lord, for this last, wonderful letter."

—M. S. North

A Psalm for Lovers of Television

The television is my delight; I shall not part with thee.

Thou maketh me to lie down at thy feet; thou leadeth me into the way of the wicked one.

Thou maketh lean my soul; I shall seek the paths of lust and deceit for thy sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall greatly fear; the thoughts of Hell shall torment me because thou hast deceived me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my friends; thou anointest my head with thoughts of evil; my cup of corruption is full.

Surely wickedness and sin shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell with the damned forever.

Yours for all the truth, —H. P. Huskey

His Throne Is Prepared

"He hath prepared his throne for judgment," Psalm 9:7. "Thou satest in the throne judging right," Psalm 9:4. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" Hebrews 9:27. "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth and walk in the ways of thine heart and in the sight of thine eyes, but know thou for all these things God will bring thee into judgment" Eccl. 11:9.

We may get by in this life, but He, Christ, hath prepared his throne for Judgment. He will judge us. Lord, help us to live so we will be glad when the last judging day comes. It is coming for us all. Is our record grading "A"? We will face it by and by. Will we hear our Christ say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father," or hear the words, "Depart"? (Matt. 25). Are we living and doing unto others as we would have them do unto us? (Matt. 6:31.) Do we love people as we want them to love us, with Christian love? (John 13:34, 35.) After David repented, his prayer was, "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto

thee, and will look up." Psalm 5:3. If we will do this He will keep our heart and mind stayed on the Lord and through the storms of life we can see the sun shining behind the cloud. We can have the foretaste of heaven before we get there. Amen. It is so, thank the Lord!

—Mrs. Etta Sitzler

Tested, But Not Forsaken

Having once become possessed of spiritual life, we get abundant opportunities of testing the faithfulness of God. Every promise in God's Word becomes an opportunity to show the power, the immutability, the love, the faithfulness, and the gentleness of God.

You who always prosper, and enjoy good health, be thankful for it, and for the little round of promises that will fall to your lot; you who suffer in person, and are often sick, and go frequently to the graves of loved ones; you who are slandered, or whose lives are a daily battle, thank God for that enlarged range of promises which you can now test and try. You cannot see the stars now, but if you were to go down to the bottom of a well at high noon you could see the stars. God sometimes takes us down to the bottom of affliction that we may see His promises.

Many of the promises are written in sympathetic ink—a kind of ink that seems to leave no mark on the paper till you hold it to the fire; then the black lines stand out. There is much of God's Word that must be held to the fire of some fierce and trying affliction. Then you say to yourself, "I now understand the words, and I see that the Lord is good." You must be cast upon a certain island ere you can shake off the beast into the fire. (Acts 28:1-6). Or you must be banished to another certain island ere you can be in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and hear behind you the voice of the trumpet, and see the the majestic Being at whose feet ye shall fall as dead. (Rev. 1:8, 18). I say, be thankful for the trials when they come. Say to yourself, as the running wheels of trial come up to the door, here comes another wagon-load of gold; let me have the grace to receive it, and not to leave a particle of it without getting fresh proofs of the faithfulness of God, and learning that as my day, so shall my strength be. —Sel.

REAL PRAYER IS ANSWERED

I know not by what methods rare,
But I know God answers prayer.
I know that He has given His word
Which tells me true prayer is always heard,
And will be answered, soon or late,
And so I pray and calmly wait.

I know not if the blessing sought
Will come in just the way I thought,
But leave my prayers with Him alone,
Whose will is wiser than my own,
Assured that He will grant my quest,
Or send some answer far more blest.

—Mary McNeil

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SINCERITY OF SPEECH

Ex. 20:16; Prov. 26:18, 19; Matt. 12:33-37; Eph. 4:15, 29-31

Ex. 20:16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Prov. 26:18 As a mad man who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death,

19 So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?

Matt. 12:33 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.

34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Eph. 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

Memory Verse: Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Eph. 4:25.

Central Thought: Think before you speak. Remember that you will have to give an account to God for words.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Solomon teaches in a proverbial fashion how dangerous the tongue can be. If you are one who tells lies you are like a mad man that doesn't know how to handle his tongue and causes death. If you are one who is insincere in your speech you will also cause trouble and heartache. It is folly for a madman to handle firebrands or sparks, arrows, guns, knives, or anything that can cause trouble, heartache or death. We must be sober and careful with our words.

Jesus knew that it would take more for us to control our tongue than just good resolutions or good intentions. He strikes at the root of all the trouble that is caused by the tongue. He tells us that if our heart is right it will bring forth good words. Corrupt words come out of a corrupt heart. Lying, gossiping, slander, obscene or suggestive stories, come from a corrupt heart. Speak only those things that bring peace and that will edify or that ministers "grace unto the hearers."

Who is the father of lies? "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar and the father of it." John 8:44.

September 11, 1966

THE SIN OF COVETOUSNESS

Printed Portion Ex. 20:17; Luke 12:13-21; 29-31

Ex. 20:17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Luke 12:13 And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

14 And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?

15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Memory Verse: And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. Luke 12:15.

Central Thought: If you will always put God first in your life everything else will be right.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Covetousness or to covet, in the King James Version, has such meanings as "to desire for oneself;" "to fix the mind on;" "to be zealous for;" "to extend the arms for." It would be a person who has an immoderate desire for earthly things for themselves. Paul speaks of coveting in a good sense. "Covet earnestly the best gifts." (1 Cor. 12:31.) But coveting is generally used in a bad sense.

Jesus said, "Beware of covetousness." Money and the possessions of man are not the most important things in life. We brought nothing into this world and we will not take anything out. Our life here is so short and eternity never ends. Wisdom makes us know that we should prepare here in this short life to live in eternity. We should seek the highest values. Seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness. The nations of this world seek after power, money, material, and lands, but Jesus tells us what to seek after first and then He will add to us all the things we need.

Covetousness is a deadly sin. It causes many other sins to come into one's life and brings trouble and heartaches to the lives of all it touches. There is victory over this deadly sin in Christ who will give us the victory through repentance and turning to God.

September 18, 1966

STRONG DRINK AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Luke 21:34a; Eph. 5:15-18; Prov. 23:31-33; Deut. 5:16-21

Luke 21:34a And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life,

Eph. 5:15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Prov. 23:31 Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

Deut. 5:16 Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

17 Thou shalt not kill.

18 Neither shalt thou commit adultery.

19 Neither shalt thou steal.

20 Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour.

21 Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Memory Verse: And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. Luke 21:34.

Central Thought: Drinking alcohol has caused some to break all the commandments.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

There are two schools of thought in the world today about the drinking of alcohol by those who try to weigh out the problem. Some say use temperance in the use of alcoholic beverages. Temperance means "moderations; restraints." But I am convinced that this stems from the makers of these beverages. A drunkard and his trail of sins is a poor advertisement for the liquor companies, so they try to advertise a moderate course. I definitely believe that total abstinence from strong drinks is the only way we live pleasing in God's sight.

The first verse in our lesson teaches us to be on our guard or take heed that we be not "overcharged;" "burdened, overpowered, weighed down," which would mean with a hangover from previous drinking; drunken nausea or headache, and also with the "cares of this life." Thinking of only the body and its desires and comforts brings trouble and the loss of the soul's eternal life in heaven.

Verse 18 makes us know that in drunkenness there is excess. But to be filled with the Spirit we would have all the "fruit of the Spirit." Gal. 5:22, 23. We are to keep all the commandments of God and walk as wise men and not as fools. Those who walk as fools have wrecked lives, families in despair, little children suffering, and miserable thoughts. Let us be wise and go God's way which leads to salvation in this world and heaven in the end for all eternity.

September 25, 1966

CHRIST'S NEW COMMANDMENT

Printed Portion Matt. 5:17-20; John 13:34, 35; 15:10-14

Matt. 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

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

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

John 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

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

Central Thought: The more we love Jesus, the more we will love others.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We have been studying about the Ten Commandments that Moses gave to the Israelites from God. They tried to live up to them but they could not. They needed a change of heart and the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus came to fulfill the law and give them that power to keep the new covenant that He instituted through His death and resurrection. His death was prefigured in the sacrifices of the law and foretold by the prophets. The law taught not to murder, but Jesus taught not to hate. Hatred causes murder. Jesus gave power to have hatred destroyed out of the heart, therefore there was not any difficulty in keeping the law of not killing.

Jesus gave a new commandment and if it is kept, there will not be any trouble keeping all of the teachings of Jesus. We are to love one another as Jesus has loved us. How much does He love us? He loved us when we did not love Him. He loved us when we were His enemies. He proved His love for us by taking our sins to the cross and dying in our stead. As we believe on Him and accept Him as our Saviour, our sins are forgiven and washed away.

We are to love others and be willing to help them come to Jesus and be ready for heaven. We do not love people's sins but we love their souls. May the Lord help us to show our love to every person regardless of their position in life.

—A. Marie Miles