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Oneness—Unity

God the Father, Christ the Son,
Holy Spirit, Three in One;
May our hearts by love entwined
Be united, Lord, like Thine.

If Thy love in us abound,
And sweet peace with us is found,
The light will shine from day to day,
To guide the traveler on his way.

Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,
Prayed that believers might be one—
I in them, and Thou in Me,
That they be one the same as We.

One in mind, in perfect union,
One in sweet and blest communion,
So that all the world may know
That Thou hast planned it long ago.

Through Thy great love Thou sent One down
To break the power of sin that bound,
And gather all Thy flock in one,
That all Thy glory may be done.

Though many members, bond or free,
As Christ's body, so are we;
By one Spirit ushered in,
Cleansed and purified from sin.

Christ chose the Church to be His wife,
And for her love He give His life.
For His beloved and only Bride
The blood flowed freely from His side.

Not that we loved God, but He loved us,
And clothed us with His righteousness.
Now every nation, tongue and kin,
Through Jesus' blood are one in Him.

—Ulysses Phillips

The Home of the Soul

The bosom of God is the dwelling place of the soul. Only when one has fellowship and communion with God can there be true rest to the soul of man. As the writer in Psalm 90:1 says: "Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations." It is our privilege today in being saved from sin and evil to have the eternal God as our dwelling place and refuge. When a person is saved from all his sins and made a new creature, "all things are of God." His arms of safety, His wings of protection, His light and wisdom for guidance and counsel, His fellowship for love and pleasure, His peace for comfort and rest, His power and holiness for victory and success, His living Manna for food, and His promises and Word for security and hope—all these benefits and blessings are found in the home of the soul.

We need not join a church or society or lodge for security and hope of life after death. This so many are doing, vainly trusting in their membership to be a means of their acceptance with God. But this is a mistake. Man cannot open a door for you to find rest to your heart. You can join this church, and yoke up with this other organization, but it will not bring favor with God. In fact, it will drive you farther and farther away. Oh, can you not see this? Humble your heart and seek the living God with all your heart. There is so much doubt and unbelief in the world, and where is it taking mankind? On every hand we are faced with the same undeniable truth: Things are getting worse. People are forgetting God. And it is so sad when there is for them a real relationship with God who can satisfy every craving of their heart.

We have recorded in the Bible the account of a young man who was forced to flee his home from the wrath of his enraged brother whom he had wronged. After a long day's journey, and with a weary, sad heart he took of the stones and made a place to lay his head. There he slept, but in a dream the God of heaven offered to him His help unfailing. Upon awaking he said, "Surely the Lord is in this

place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." What a wonderful revelation! Jacob found God's house away out there on that barren plain. He took God right then and there for his habitation.

All through the Scriptures we see manifested the desire of God to enfold man in His bosom. And especially when the Saviour of men was born into the world do we see manifested the willingness of God to receive man again into His fellowship. Christ said in John 14:1-3 to His disciples: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." This is most generally applied to our home above, but let us remember that it is here in this world that we must enter our Father's house. So many of the religious world have many thoughts of Heaven as being the home of the soul, but they overlook the truth that "now are we the sons of God." Full salvation and deliverance from sin gives us entrance to the Father's house. The Saviour spoke these words the night before He was crucified. What was He crucified for? Was it not to secure for us an entrance into the favor of God? Surely it was. "In my Father's house are many mansions [abodes, Greek]." In our language we might say, "In my Father's house there is plenty of room for all."

Throughout the Psalms we find expressions of love for God's house. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." "One thing have I desired of the Lord, and that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in His temple." Then in Hebrews 3:6, Paul said: "But Christ as a Son over His own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." We thank God for the blessing of living our days in His great Household.

"We will enter no door that is opened by men
Who promise a home for the soul,
For in Christ we abide in the Church that will stand
While ages eternally roll."

—Leslie Busbee

"We ought to read devout and simple books as willingly as the high and profound. Let not the authority of the writer offend you, whether he be of great or small learning; but let the love of pure truth draw you to read (1 Cor. 2:4). Search not who spoke this or that, but mark what is spoken. Men pass away, but 'the truth of the Lord endureth forever' (Psa. 117:2). God speaks to us in sundry ways, without respect of persons (Romans 2:11; 10:12)."

Death Is on Your Trail

We are told that the most savage nations live in a constant horror of death. As soon as a child is born, death is following it. Death is following every person living in this world. Death is certain. Oh, but you say, you do not like to think about death? Whether you like to think about it or not, it is ahead of you and is waiting to claim you. You might push the thought of it out of your mind by constantly drowning your thoughts in the pleasures of this world, but when you are alone, then they return steadily as slow footsteps in some far-off hall. The thought of death creeps slowly but surely into your mind again. You might shudder and chills might run up your back, but there it is and you must face it. You will die.

Death might be a mystery to you. But death is what clips the last cable to your soul. Death is one of the mysteries that belongs to God. God has decreed that "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27. You might refuse to obey any other decree that God has made and say that you will refuse to let God order your life. God will permit you to do this, as He has given you the right of choice to serve Him and live with Him in eternity in heaven, or reject Him and be banished to eternal damnation with the devil and his angels, but this is one decree that you must obey. You must face death and the Judgment.

You have seen the wicked reject God's Word. One has written in the Bible, "So I saw the wicked [die and be] buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done; this is also vanity. Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. . . . I know that it shall be well with them that fear God." Ecc. 8:10-12.

Look squarely at life, and consider what it is. It is so changeable, short and solemn. Yes, there might be some gaiety sprinkled here and there, but it is so fleeting. We think of a light and thoughtless youth. Soon the beauty and brightness of his youth rapidly passes away. He meets disappointments; cravings that have no fulfillment, perhaps, more bitter when they are gratified than when they fail; struggle for a livelihood; the cares of a family; decline and failing of health; the deceitfulness of friendships, and then old age with no preparation to meet God. All the time death is on his trail.

Cheer up, there are better things for you. God has given us hope. Jesus left that beautiful home in heaven and came here to live a few years, and die on the cross and arise again that we might have eternal life, that we might have victory over the sting of death. "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin: and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15: 55-57.

Come to Christ and confess your sins. Forsake the ways of the world, turn to God and receive eternal life in your soul. You need not perish. You need not fear death. That event can be a beautiful gateway to greater and brighter glories that you never have seen. Death can be a release from this world of trouble and an entrance into a peaceful rest such as you have never experienced. The Apostle Paul spoke of longing to be with the Lord and "earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven." 2 Cor. 5:2. Life is made sweet with Jesus ruling and reigning. Death will lose its sting and the troubles of life can be cast upon our Lord and Saviour. —Sis. A. Marie Miles

The Supreme Sacrifice

As the time neared for the passage of an express train with its human cargo, the keeper of a turntable railroad bridge moved to his post to make sure the safety locks were set in readiness for the train's safe passage across the river. To his horror he found the lock fractured and the rails out of position. Unless something could be done immediately the oncoming train faced a terrible disaster.

Detecting the faint rumble of the engine's approach, he frantically threw himself to the ground beside the tracks and tugged with all his strength on the emergency bar that would bring the rails back into position. The lives of hundreds of passengers depended on his strength to keep the bar from moving while the train thundered over the crossing.

Just as he heard the speeding train signal for right-of-way on the bridge, he heard another sound which made his heart stop with fear. From the shadows came the voice of his little three-year-old son calling, "Daddy, where are you?"

Riveting his eyes on the darkness to his left, he distinguished the form of his only child toddling between the rails toward the bridge and directly in the path of the onrushing engine. Already the track trembled with the approach of the great train.

Should he release the emergency bar, send the train to its doom in the swirling waters below and save the son he loved with all his heart, or should he sacrifice his only child and save the lives of hundreds of people who knew nothing of the fate awaiting them? There was but one choice he could make, and he made it. His decision was one of a moment. Seconds later the train passed on its way without the passengers realizing the supreme sacrifice that loving father made that they might live.

How much greater, though, is the sacrifice our Heavenly Father made through His Son, Jesus Christ? Yet we so often pass on our way—if not ignorant of, at least unwilling to acknowledge, His infinite sacrifice for you and me. Isn't it about time we did something to change that?

—Sel. by Bro. Egbert Allen

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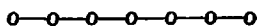
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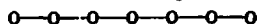
EDITORIALS



Greetings and best wishes to all our readers, which includes several thousand new recipients of this paper made possible through gift subscriptions from their friends. May this new year bring you many temporal and spiritual blessings. If the outlook is not bright, try the "uplook." Remember that Jesus never fails. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

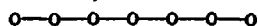


We are pleased to report to those readers who so faithfully co-operated in mailing us the special three month's subscriptions that a number of the new readers have already written expressing their appreciation for their first copy. Some have subscribed for a year or three years. Be encouraged to know that your labors of love are bearing fruit. If you sow the gospel seed "beside all waters," surely some will germinate and grow. We will never know in this world what is the final yield.



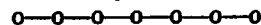
The 65th annual Oklahoma State Assembly meeting held here at Guthrie during the Christmas holidays closed with victory on Jan. 2. The Lord gave good weather for the most part, and the meeting was well attended by those from many states. The Holy Spirit anointed the preaching of His Word. Conviction rested on the unsaved, and a number found the joys of salvation. We were especially thankful that the Lord enabled Bro. Curtis Williams and some of his children to be at the meeting a few days, and the Lord gave him a stirring message. Throughout the meeting the messages were heart-searching in order to prepare and fortify the saints to face the perilous times in which we live and the worse ones to come. About 25 ministers were present at various times. The spirit of love, fellowship and harmony prevailed throughout the meeting in a very precious manner.

During the business meeting, plans were made to enlarge the present dining area and kitchen of the dining hall, and to relocate the bathrooms in order to accommodate the increased attendance at our State meetings. It is desired to have these facilities ready for use for our State campmeeting beginning May 26. This project will require much building material, plumbing, and electrical supplies, besides volunteer labor. All the congregations and saints of Oklahoma are directly involved in this building project, so please send your offerings for this purpose to the State Treasurer, Sister Frances Deforth, Rt. 5, Guthrie, Okla. 73044. Work will begin just as soon as the weather permits, and if you can help with the labor, contact Bro. O. C. Porter, Rt. 5, Guthrie, Okla. Phone number (area code 405) 282-3953.

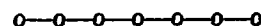


Sister Leola White, who has helped us part-time here at the office for many years, has been in failing health for some time and was not able to continue housekeeping for her husband and herself. Recently she went to the Golden Rule Home at Shawnee, Okla.

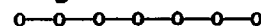
and now seems to be feeling better, for which we are very thankful. She is 75 years of age, and last Sept. 1st, she and her husband, Roy, observed their 50th wedding anniversary.



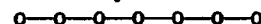
Reports from several sources indicate that the California State Assembly meeting at Pacoima during the holidays was real profitable. Unserved souls responded to the gospel invitation, and the saints drew closer to God, dedicating their lives more completely to His service.



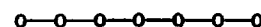
Just a word to remind our correspondents to please send in your meeting reports promptly at the close of meetings.



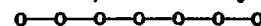
Congratulations to Bro. and Sister Willie McMakin of Shawnee, Okla. on their 50th wedding anniversary, an event of Jan. 21. May God add many more years.



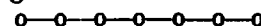
A long-time reader, Sister Mittie M. Sultzbaugh of Lincoln, Neb., departed this life on Jan. 1, 1972. She is at rest with the Lord after suffering several strokes, according to a letter from her daughter, Elizabeth.



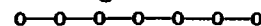
Correction: In the January issue, it was incorrectly stated that Bro. Alvin Mizell passed away near Poyner, Mo. It should have read that his passing was at Little Rock, Ark. Sorry for the error.



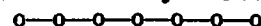
Sister Brenda Downer of Garden City, Mich., who came to help in the office work last autumn, returned to her home just before Christmas. If the Lord directs, she may return to the office later. May the Lord bless and guide her in His service.



Sister Joan McIntosh, one of our co-workers, came down with the flu near the close of the Assembly meeting, so her mother and sister who were attending the meeting took her to their home at Springfield, Mo., where she recuperated. Though weak from the ordeal, she is now back at the office work. May the Lord continue to strengthen her for His service.

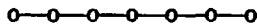


Sister Janice Allen, who has been faithfully working in the mailing and proof-reading departments for quite some time, feels the Lord has lifted her burden for this phase of His work, at least temporarily, and she will be leaving about Feb. 1st, to go with her father, Bro. Murphy Allen (minister), in the gospel work. May the Lord bless and reward her in a special way, and continue to make her a blessing in the work of the Lord. . . . Now whom will the Lord send to fill the vacancy? Can you type?

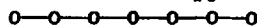


Up to this date, Bro. George Hammond of Illinois has been denied a missionary visa to Nigeria. Since he feels burdened to be engaged more fully in the work of the Lord, he and his wife sold out in Illinois, moved to Guthrie and is now giving his services here in the Lord's Printshop. Though he is not a printer,

yet he is adapting to the work nicely, helping with the tract folding, stitching and trimming. Likewise, Bro. Tom Melot of the Guthrie congregation has felt directed by the Lord to help in this gospel publishing work, and is busy wherever needed. We are grateful to the Lord for how He is answering prayer for more workers. Yet what is urgently needed is a competent offset printer and pressman. If such is not provided, we will be obliged to train some one, or ones, for this work. Our eyes are upon the Lord for divine wisdom and guidance. Continue to agree in prayer with us about this need.



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—Lawrence Pruitt

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OBITUARIES



Bonnie Wilson was born November 25, 1899 at Knoxville, Tennessee and departed this life from her home at Chehalis, Washington on November 29, 1971 at the age of 72 years and four days.

She was married to Nona Wilson and to this union eight children were born—five daughters and three sons. She was a resident of the Chehalis area for 45 years.

She was converted to Christ a number of years ago and embraced the truth as taught and practiced by the Church of God Evening Light Saints. She trusted God to the end and was faithful unto death and is now enjoying rest with Jesus.

Bonnie Wilson is survived by her husband, Nona; five daughters, Mrs. Richard Ruth, Chehalis, Wash., Mrs. Blaine Watkin, Elva, Wash., Mrs. Larry McConnell, Onalaska, Wash., Mrs. Lynn Kempf, Longview, Wash., and Mrs. James Hoffman; three sons, Nona (Jack) Wilson, Jr., Clyde Wilson and James G. Wilson, all of Chehalis, Wash.; one sister, Mrs. Enola Eldredge, Chehalis, Wash.; two brothers, Alvin Kennedy, Chehalis, Wash. and Clinton Kennedy, Salem, Ore.; 24 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Ostis Wilson at the Boone Chapel in Chehalis, Wash. on Dec. 2, 1971 with interment in the Salkum Cemetery.

Edward Robert McEndree, one of eleven children of Franklin Daniel and Mary Melissa Arnold McEndree, was born near Luray, Kansas on July 17, 1895 and de-

parted this life at his home in Lamar, Colo. on Dec. 25, 1971, at the age of 76 years, five months and eight days.

Ed filed on a claim in Colorado in 1917. Then on July 13, 1918, he was united in marriage with Miss Addie Rosilda Venn in Springfield, Colo. They made their home on his claim for several years. To this union were born six children.

In 1931, Ed accepted Christ as his personal Saviour in a revival meeting at the Rock Crossing Schoolhouse under the ministry of the late Elder Roland Tombleson and the late Elder Amos Filbeck. Ed continued to serve his Lord and lived a faithful and sincere Christian life to the very end. His home was always open to the ministers and his brothers and sisters in Christ.

Ed and his family moved to their home in Lamar, Colo., in July, 1944. He operated his own automotive garage from 1945 until 1955 when he retired.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and three sisters, one daughter, Juanita Marion, and one granddaughter.

Surviving him are his wife, Addie, of the home; a son, Dale McEndree, of Springfield, Mo.; four daughters, Evelyn Dean of Carson City, Mich., Audrey Kincade of Leadville, Colo., Darline Manly of Lamar, Colo., and Esther Mulaney of Lamar, Colo.; 13 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; one brother, James T. McEndree; one sister, Millie Ely, both of Springfield, Colo., and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Willie C. Murphey, assisted by others, on Dec. 29, 1971 at the Dolsen Mortuary in Lamar, Colo., and the interment was in the Fairmount Cemetery to await the general resurrection.

Don't weep for me when I am gone,

Or make a big commotion;

For when I have gone from this life

I've made a big promotion.

When I have crossed over the river

And through life's troubled sea,

I'll have no more pain or hurts—

There's no more misunderstandings for me.

I'll join my loved ones and friends,

The glories of heaven we'll share;

I have desired to make heaven

And take all of you there.

The joys of this heavenly Home

I desire to share with you.

May your tears be in repentance

That you can come to this Home, too.

REPORT OF GREEN PASTURES, OK. MEETING

Last November, the first revival meeting in the new chapel on the corner of N. E. 57th and Denver Streets in Green Pastures, Okla. was a glorious one. Conviction seemed to reign in the meeting from the beginning. Saints were burdened and prayed mightily for the success of the meeting and the salvation of loved ones.

On the first Saturday night, Brother Herman Kelly brought a very inspiring message on bearing a burden, exhorting the saints to travail in prayer for lost loved ones and the results would surely follow. The following day (Sunday) eight souls were saved, most of them very young people. Others were saved during the week, making a total of ten. We thank the Lord for each one, and we pray that they will hold to God's hand.

The Lord blessed in sending Holy Ghost-filled ministers to labor with us. Out-of-town ministers attend-

ing were: Bro. Lewis Williams, Bro. Woodrow Warren, Bro. and Sister O. C. Porter, Bro. James Huskey, Bro. Clifford Wilson, Bro. Mackey Francisco, Bro. Otis Francisco and Bro. M. D. Gaines.

We pray the Lord's blessings upon all who supported this meeting with their prayers, contributions and presence.

—Bro. Herman Kelly, Pastor
Sis. Icelee Tilman, Sec.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. MEETING NOTICE

The Bakersfield, Calif. winter revival will be held Feb. 11 to 20, 1972, Lord willing. We have scheduled the meeting two weeks later than usual in the hope that fog conditions may be lighter at that time.

All are cordially invited. Please pray for the success of the meeting. We are expecting a real blessing from the Lord.

For further information contact: Robert Mayes, 245 N St., ph. 325-2730, or A. W. Sherman, 201 L St., ph. 327-0411. The chapel is located at 1802 Virginia Ave., ph. 322-9314.

THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY

The New Year rings a joyful sound,
"The old has passed away!"
Proclaim the news the world around,
"The darkness turns to day!"

The resounding of its message
Is an echo of the past;
It retells a blessed story,
How a soul was saved at last.

In a world of sin and sorrow,
Tossed about on life's wild sea,
A soul was lost in dismal night,
'Twas blind and could not see.

Then out beyond the darkness,
The dawn began to rise;
Soon the sun began to lighten,
To reveal a promised prize.

I found new hope in Jesus,
A new life filled with peace;
A new and bright beginning,
A blessed sweet release.

The old life now has vanished;
I left it in the past.
The new is formed within me—
I'm satisfied at last.

When the trees survive the winter,
And bring forth their new display,
It re-echos, too, the story,
"The old has passed away."

The New Year in, the old year out;
The bells have tolled again.
Mercy's door is open still
To free men from their sin.

Eternity, one step beyond
The channels of decay,
Will bring my new and lasting song,
"The old has passed away."

—Donald Sharp

Prayer Requests



Ohio—Sis. Dovie Abbott needs healing to her body. She has severe pains from her hip to her feet. She can't lie down without it being worse. She is trusting the Lord.

Tenn.—"I have requested prayer many times for my sister and I still desire prayer for her. . . . Only God can heal cancer. She is in His hands." —Ottie Powell

Kansas—"Thank you for your prayers. I feel some better, but am not completely healed. I earnestly covet the saints' prayers." —Shairy Christian

Calif.—"Our baby is not developing as fast as he should. . . . God has healed him of an ear infection and a cold. . . . Pray for us that God will hold us up and give us power to stand. We have two other boys that are perfectly healthy and we thank God for all of His blessings. Pray for our baby." —Bro. and Sis. K. C. Rich

Calif.—"Pray for our daughter who had surgery for cancer but they could not get it all." —Mrs. R. L. Reavis

Ala.—"Pray for some serious trouble that has developed in my body . . . be agreed with me daily." —E. Mickens

Maryland—"I request prayer for my husband. He fell and is unable to sit up. I know God is able to make him able to walk again." —Mrs. J. I. Rambo

N. Car.—"We are both afflicted, and my sister and brother are both afflicted." —H. L. Lemmons

La.—Bro. Steve Henry is still looking to the Lord for complete healing.

Okl.—"I ask the saints who know how to get hold of God, to pray that my wife and children will be restored to me and that we will have a Christian home." —Tom Melot

Ky.—"Pray for the safety of one whose life is in danger."

Illinois—"Pray for Mrs. M. Hoffman who has heart trouble. I have heart and lung trouble." —V. B. Hubbard

There are a number who have the flu that we need to look to the Lord to heal. They are trusting completely in the Lord. God is also able to keep us well. One dear sister tells us about an epidemic of flu years ago and many were dying from it. She said she continually pled before the Lord to protect them from taking it and reminded the Lord of the promise, "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling." Ps. 91:10. She said none of her family took it, although she went to help care for the sick and dying around her.

There seems to be three different sources from which afflictions come to us. One is from natural causes. We read where Epaphroditus was sick "because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death." The Lord had mercy upon him and healed him. Phil. 2:25-30. Then we know that some, because of sin, bring sickness upon themselves. In James 5:16, we read what to do about this affliction. "Confess your faults one to another, . . . that ye may be healed." Also, there are contagious diseases that come to us, and we have a right to look to the Lord for healing.

Some afflictions come upon us from Satan, as in the case of Job. God let Satan afflict him, but he could not take his life. Job 1:12; 2:4-6. Then in Luke 13:16, we read of the woman that "Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years." Jesus loosed her. In the case of Satan

afflicting us, he needs to be rebuked in Jesus' name and the person be set free from the affliction.

Then some afflictions are permitted to come to us from God. Some are for various reasons. As in Job's case, it was to soften his heart and to show God's power. In John 9:3, we read about the man who was blind and the question was asked who had sinned. Jesus said that "neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents; but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." God will permit afflictions for punishment or for one to learn a lesson. In these times one needs to look to the Lord and yield to Him, knowing that He will bring us out if we hold our faith and confidence in the Lord. He wants us to love Him with all of our hearts. Much could be written on these subjects, but these are a few thoughts for you to think about. But remember, God has power to heal today as Jesus did when He was here on the earth. Our faith must be held steady in the Lord.

I can testify that the Lord surely has performed a miracle upon my body and I want to use my time and talents in His service. I covet your prayers.

—Sis. A. Marie Miles

Foreign Field Reports

REPORT FROM MEXICAN MISSIONARY

La Mision, B. Cfa., Mexico (Jan. 7)—My dear brothers in the Lord Jesus, we salute you all in the love that God has given each one of us.

I traded the Dodge panel for a 1960 Chevrolet wagon in fair condition. I have had the Chevrolet for 20 days and it has been a real blessing to us and the brethren here.

The electric lines are up and all we lack now in order to have electricity in the house is the installation and one pole for the meter.

We have the cement foundation made for our chapel. It is small, only 12 ft. by 22 ft., so we believe we can finish it soon.

Pray for us and the brethren here. A new family has shown interest and is coming to the services. And we are visiting another home where they show interest. Some are sick in this home, but have improved since we have been visiting. Pray for my wife, Alicia, as she is not well at times. Pray for Reynaldo. He has stopped his drinking. I have been going every day to visit him. We are praying for his salvation. Pray for me, as I would like to obtain my local pass so that I may arrange to go to some of the meetings in the States some time.

Your Brother,

—Miguel Gaspar

TESTIMONY FROM OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO

Dear Sister Marie and all: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. Recently, a strange man came to our house, hungry. He stayed four days and became violently ill. I thought he was dying. We saw one of the sisters passing so we asked her to take him to Ensenada to the hospital. She said she trusted fully in the Lord and would pray for him. He permitted her to pray. The Lord gave relief, and within two hours after much praying, he quit groaning in agony and in two days was sitting up with no pain at all. As soon as the Lord touched him, he was asked if he desired to be saved and he did. The Lord healed and saved him that same afternoon. It was a miracle. My husband says he is convinced I

am in the one true church. Recently, also, both of my children were healed instantly in answer to prayer. How I do thank the Lord for all! Pray for us and my sister who lives with us. She is saved but cannot read.

Your Sisters in Jesus, —Catalina Lopez de Andrade and Andrea Lopez Lopez.

MISSION REPORT FROM OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO

Ojos Negros, Mexico (Jan. 11)—Dear Ones: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I would like to add the latest developments here in Ojos Negros. Since I wrote Catalina's testimony as she told it, this man had opportunity to come to service, but the enemy cheated him out of it. Then again, another man who had never been to services either, said he would go and invite him and come with him, which he did. The men here need the Lord just the same as anyone else, and though until now there has seldom ever been a man in service, in answer to prayer, there were five men in service last Sunday, and about 45 other people, and we have thought of about 30 others who have come but couldn't come last Sunday. Now we aren't counting numbers except to thank the Lord for the way He is working now more than two years ago. At that time I was here alone, had no way to have service, and some telling me at the same time, why didn't I just go home, couldn't I see that the Lord didn't send me to Ojos Negros? Thank the Lord, I had a clear call, and no one could convince me that He didn't call me here. How I do thank Him for helping me through the rough places, and staying until this time when it is plain to see how He is working now. One of the men that came Sunday got saved. He is the husband of one of our faithful ladies who got saved last spring. One lady was saved the Sunday before, and one came up wanting to draw closer to the Lord.

Today, when we went to visit Catalina and her sister, they told us that her sister has had some attacks of epilepsy ever since she was twelve years old. Though she had taken pills for this all that time, she, through the suggestion of her sister, had quit taking them. She said she hadn't had an attack for a long time now, and that as she could always feel them coming on, she always begins to pray and the Lord just takes it all away. The Lord is honoring the faith of these babes in Christ. How we do praise His precious and holy name! Our cups are running over, and we felt we had to share this with all of you.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Opal Kelly

NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Southeast State, Nigeria (Dec. 16)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints, we greet you in the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, the King of kings.

Thank you, my brother, for your letter of Dec. 5, 1971 together with the enclosures which were a blessing to us. We ask our God to repay the contributors many fold.

We had a very profitable 10th annual convention in December which continued four days at Asana. Gospel workers turned out from every mission station in large numbers. We were well fed on the Word of God sent through God's chosen vessels. Souls were saved and the believers edified. The sick were healed and many spiritual blessings received. The converts numbering 89 were baptized on Sunday, Dec. 12, by Pastor J. U. Etuk. Pastor M. U. Ekpo preached a sermon on holiness. Pastor Ben

E. Udoka exhorted before passing the emblems of the Body and Blood of our Lord to the assembled believers. The enclosed five pictures were taken during the convention.

Pastor Titus U. E. Enu and another brother came to attend the meeting from Abbi congregation, which is in Midwest Nigeria, quite a distance from Asana. We were pleased to have them in the services. The next convention is set for Dec. 14-17, 1972, Lord willing.

We appeal for prayers for all of us as there is a widespread epidemic called "Apollo 12."

Wishing you a prosperous new year in the Lord's service, we remain your brothers in Christ,

—Ben E. Udoka and Nse B. Umanah

TESTIMONY FROM INDIA

S. India (Dec. 15)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the name of our great Physician, Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ: I was laid up in bed for three months because of severe diabetes and rheumatism. I hardly believed that I would remain in this world, but our good Lord gave me recovery from all my illness, and protected me and my family under the shadow of His precious wing.

I am now 65 years of age. How long the Lord intends to let me live in this world I cannot say, but this one thing is sure that I will labor and strive for Him as long as I live. Pray for me and my family.

Bro. John Varghese has visited us occasionally. May God bless that young man to work in His vineyard.

Again I inform you that our paramount need is a Prayer Hall which we always keep in our daily intercessions. Lord willing, this year we desire to conduct a convention in the Town Hall. We believers in India wish for a saint from America to come over here to visit and encourage us. I trust our heavenly Father will fulfill it at His appointed time.

Here the gospel activities are going on with great success by the grace of God. We move on with faith undaunted. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." Psalms 127:1.

Your Brother in Christ, —L. K. John

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Dec. 27)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and other beloved saints in the Printshop: Greetings of much love in the holy name of Jesus, the portrait of God's love.

Thank you very much for your good letter dated Dec. 5, 1971, and its enclosures were noted with much gratitude. Also, I am thankful for your second letter containing the gift and full of congratulations on our marriage which is to be on Dec. 30, 1971. I really appreciate all of your prayers and best wishes. I am 26 years old and my wife [to be] is 20. Neither of us has been married before.

From tomorrow onwards, believers from different parts will begin to flow to Karikkom to witness our marriage and participate in the convention. We still pray for a very blessed and profitable convention this year.

Yes, I admit that my faith must be changed from a passive to an active faith. I fully trust that God's promises are limitless, and I trust the Lord will open the way for the believers at Calicut and Avoor to have places of worship.

May God supply more workers in His Printshop for the publication of more gospel literature. My earnest prayers are for all of you.

Your younger Brother in Christ, —John Varghese

From The Mail Box . . .

N. Mex.—Dear sirs: Please send the following order to my address: . . .

Thanks for the first copy of "Faith and Victory." I don't know who had it sent.

Sincerely, —Mrs. Andrew Saxton

Kentucky—Dear Sister Marie: This leaves me encouraged and more determined than ever to live true to my Lord and Saviour until He says, "It is enough, come up higher." I want to make heaven my future home at any cost.

Since being so tormented with doubts for so many years, I am so thankful to God for leading me little by little, helping me to see my real condition and to understand how the devil works to keep one from the faith that he needs so badly in order to have a complete victorious life. . . .

I am so glad you are better and able to be at the office. . . .

Please remember me much in prayer that I may never give way to the doubting spirit again. I still know that Christ is mine and I am His. Praise His name!

As ever your Sister, —Mrs. Wilbur F. Jarvis

Va.—My dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings of love to you and the co-workers at the Printshop: I am happy in the Lord, determined by His help to labor to live in this life as I wish to be found in death.

I love the saints. They are precious to me. The truth they preach, I love with all my heart. I only wish I could have met them sooner and gotten out of the mess I was in. . . . Thank God for deliverance from it all, and for the privilege of being with the true saints, where we don't have to eat the husks of Babylon but can be fed on Mt. Zion in green pastures. . . .

I hope that you are much improved in health. Pray for me.

In Christian love, —Wm. J. Preston

N. Mex.—Dear Brethren, greetings in the name of Jesus. I am very interested in the "Faith and Victory" paper and have taken it many years. My first memory of it was through Bro. John Strong of Chillicothe, Ohio about 50 years ago. I knew H. M. Riggle, C. E. Orr, E. E. Byrum, R. L. Berry, Wm. Schell, A. L. Byers, O. B. Wilson and many others. The above were a blessing to my Christian experience. . . . —Ray M. Martindale

Calif.—Dear Sister Miles, greetings in Jesus' dear name: This leaves us feeling very well. Thanks be to our dear Lord for His loving kindness and tender mercy to us. My husband is 91 years old and I am 88. We have much to be thankful for.

Enclosed is . . . offering for the mission field and the printshop.

With Christian love, —Sister Elizabeth Lima

Va.—Dear sir: We got the tracts and literature we ordered. We received a blessing out of reading them and everyone else has, too, that has read them. God's Word is always right. We're glad to know someone will

publish literature against the devil's playthings. Our church took a liking to these tracts and I suppose they will be ordering some from you. If anybody wants to see and read about the real hell, they should read the tract, "48 Hours in Hell." I believe these tracts explain it just like it is in the Bible. . . .

We love our Lord and want to do more to help others to find the right way before it is too late. He's coming back as a thief in the night.

We're sending you the sum of \$3.00 as a donation on the tracts. Keep the good work up. God said He would keep us even unto the end of the world.

May God bless you. —Bro. A. L. White

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W. Va.—Dear Marie: Just a few lines to let you know my husband, A. L. Bright, passed away on Dec. 22, 1971. We have been reading the "Faith and Victory" paper for over 30 years. He always looked forward to the little paper. He was ready to go. God had been good to us to give us a good long life together. He was 83 years old. I need your prayers. We met you in Charleston, W. Va. many years ago.

I would love to hear from you.

Your Sister, —Bertha Bright,

108 Hines Ave., Princeton, W. Va. 24740

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Wash.—Dear Sister Marie and all God's children, greetings of love in our dear Lord's name: We love the Lord, and are so thankful He came here to save us from our sins. I am thankful that He saved me. He put my feet on the solid Rock, Christ Jesus. He established my goings. Praise the Lord!

Sister Bea Spaur has been in my home for four and one half days. She had spent Christmas in Seattle with her family and stopped here on her way back to Jefferson, Ore. We surely had sweet fellowship together, and visited several people in nursing homes, etc.

We hope you folks there are all well, and hope you had a blessed Assembly meeting. We remember the work there in prayer and pray that God will give all the needed strength and encouragement. Pray for us.

Christian love, —Sister D. T. Thomas

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La.—Dear Ones at Faith Pub. House: We love the Lord today and are encouraged to press our way on for Him. As we begin this new year and look around at the confusion and trouble on every hand, it makes us really appreciate the Lord and the peace He gives to us. We often wonder what the future holds, especially for our younger children and grandchildren. Our hearts go out to the young folks today, for they surely have some things to face, but we know God will help them and care for them if they will let Him.

I know all of you are very busy now with the meeting just being ended. And we have prayed and trusted that the dear Lord might see fit to send someone to help in the office work there and felt perhaps someone might feel the call and stay after the meeting.

The saints are suffering much affliction these days, and it seems so much of it is on the ones who are so busy in the work of the Lord and need health and strength so badly. We take all the prayer requests that are in the paper and pray over them. There are so many things to pray about that none of us need be idle.

Pray for us. We need much help from God.

Much love, —Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

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Tenn.—Dear Sister Marie and all the friends at the Publishing House: I just received the January copy of

"Faith and Victory" paper. I really enjoyed everything in it. It is food for my soul. I read it through most of the time before I lay it down.

I want to request the prayers of all the saints for my daughter who lives in Illinois. She is sick so much and she is so far away from me. She surely does need the prayers of God's children who believe God can and does heal the sick.

Please find a check enclosed, for which please send me the book entitled, "The Christian Church: Its Rise and Progress" by H. M. Riggle. Please keep the remainder of the check for whatever need you see.

Please remember me in your prayers. I've not been very well. I will be 83 years old if I live until Feb. 27. The good Lord is good to me. I am able to take care of myself and do quite a bit of work.

I pray that God will continue to bless in your work there at the Publishing House. I have so many good books that you have put out.

Yours in Christian love, —Daisy M. Gossett

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Miss.—Dear Brother Pruitt and all workers at the Printshop: I can't find words to express what your little paper, "Faith and Victory," means to me. I don't want to be without it. I firmly believe in the old-time gospel, and it makes my heart sad to see those who profess to be members of the Church of God participating in so much worldliness and frivolity. . . .

I have a prayer request for my healing and that of my son, also. I know God has all power and He knows and understands our needs.

Enclosed is my offering. Extend my subscription to "Faith and Victory" and use the balance as you see fit.

—Mrs. Olen Williamson

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Ark.—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Lawrence and co-workers, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I am sorry I didn't get some new names sent to you in time, but no doubt you have heard of my husband's [Oliver Dotson] long illness and his passing away on Nov. 6, 1971. Poor Oliver suffered so much and so long. . . . I hope he is at rest with Jesus.

The dear Lord let us be together 71 years by the 18th of October. I sat by his bed on our 71st wedding anniversary. The Lord was so good to spare our lives together that long. He was 90 years old on the 10th of September, 1971. Now he is gone and it leaves us sad and lonely. . . .

May God bless all of you. We covet your prayers.

—Sister Kate Dotson and family,

P. O. Box 304, Huntsville, Ark. 72740

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Miss.—Dear people: I want to write and say that I do like to read the "Faith and Victory" paper. I have also read almost through the book, "God's Gracious Dealings." Thanks be to God for people like Brother Fred Pruitt. If only there had been more like him in years past! Sad to say, not many will pay the price as you faithful people.

John is doing well. Please remember us in your prayers.

—Rosa Watson

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Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in Jesus' precious name to you and all the saints everywhere: Surely I am praising my Redeemer for His great love that He would die that I might live. I praise Him because my sins are gone, and I have victory over them.

I hope everyone is fine at the printshop. We don't have anywhere here to go to services where they preach

and practice the truth. . . . If there ever was a time we needed to cry out against this awful wickedness, it is now!

I am sending a small offering to help get the truth out to lost souls. I do love the blessed truth.

Remember wife and me in your prayers for both body and soul.

Your Brother in the service of the King, a part of that One Body,
—Nathan Mobley

Testimonies and Answers To Prayer



Ark.—Greetings of love to all that work at the Printshop and to the saints abroad: I thank and praise the Lord for bringing me from the shadows of death back to life, and He is restoring me to health and strength again. Thanks and praise be to His holy name! If we only trust Him, He will manifest His love to and through us. I cannot describe in words what our wonderful Lord has done for me from December the 5th until now. He has worked double miracles in my life. . . .

I request your prayers for my complete healing.
I remain yours in Christ,
—Cherry R. Alba



La.—Dear Sister Marie and all the saints, greetings in the name of Jesus: I am thankful for the beautiful sunshine this morning, but especially thankful for the Sun of Righteousness in our souls to give His light and warmth. How dark, cold and dreary it would be without Him!

We have stepped into a new year, and should the Lord spare us to see the end of it, I want to be able to look back and see where I had grown in the Lord, as I feel I have in the past year. Every day should find us drawing closer to our Saviour in our heart, and getting farther from the things of time, thus being closer to the Lord at the end of each year than at the beginning.

The Lord has been good to us through the past year and did many things for us, but I want to relate one special thing. About June or July of 1970 a little growth began coming on Husband's left temple and continued to grow. It didn't enlarge much around, but grew out like a stem. He was anointed and prayed for in early September. It continued to grow until it protruded more than one-half inch and looked like a little horn. Then it began getting hard, and dying on the tip. It gradually died back until in May of last year when it came off. Thank the Lord!

Enclosed is an offering for the work there at the Printshop. Use it as you have need.

With Christian love,
—Angus and Myrtis Flynn



Calif.—Dear Sister Marie, co-workers and saints: This leaves me saved, sanctified and much encouraged to press on for God. I surely do thank the dear Lord for all these many blessings to me.

First, I want to say that this is a testimony that should have been sent in July instead of December, but I'm thankful to be able to send it in at all. The latter part of June and the first part of July, I was very sick. The reason was because I'd failed to eat the right foods and ate mostly starches. I came back from town one day. I felt tired and lay down to rest, and I threw my right arm up over my head. When I awoke my arm and hand had not much feeling. I got up, shook it and worked with it until it started coming back to life, and then I sat down on a footstool in front of the fan. I don't re-

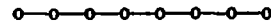
member anything else much until I heard daddy hollering at me. I had passed out like I'd gone to sleep. I had no dreams while out, but it was like a deep, peaceful dreamless sleep. Then daddy grabbed me, and raised me up and hollered. After I came to myself, it scared me and I had to sit still a little while to get my balance. The Lord was so good to me and helped me out. He broke the sickness and by the time campmeeting came later in the month, I was able to attend.

I'd promised the Lord, on my own accord, if He would heal me I'd send in my testimony to the paper.

I've been very sick, and although I've not passed out, I've had spells of nervousness and my breath was short at times. But through it all the Lord has been so good to me, for which I thank and praise His holy name.

I'm better than I was, and still looking for the dear Lord to clear up all the trouble in my body. I need your prayers, that I be true and faithful to the dear Lord.

Christian love and prayers, —Sis. Thomasene Taylor



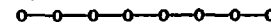
Kansas—Dear Bro. Lawrence, Sister Marie and all: I am happy to report that the beginning of a new year finds me still saved and very much encouraged and determined to fight the battle on.

Sister Marie, I was so glad to read in the paper that you are all right now. I thank the Lord for how He did heal you in answer to His children's pleas. May He grant you continued strength with better health than before. . . .

The prophecy of the last days is certainly being fulfilled before our eyes today because people are just like the Word said they would be—proud, high-minded, lovers of pleasures, etc. It just makes me more thankful to be in the Ark of Safety where there is joy, peace, love and grace in abundance. My testimony is, "I mean to go right on until the crown is won."

May God bless each one of the workers there. Bro. Lawrence, we are still praying for you that the Lord will heal you because we feel you are needed in God's work there. We appreciate your labors and pray that your reaping will be great.

Christian love,
—Shirley Knight

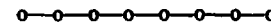


S. Dak.—Dear ones in the Lord: May the dear Lord bless you all for holding me up in your prayers during this trying time. "He shall deliver thee in six troubles; yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee." Job 5:19. Surely I felt the sweet presence of Jesus through it all. . . . Praise the dear Lord, I am healed of those dreadful itching, eczema-like sores that covered my body.

Oh, the Lord is so sweet and good to me. Poor, wretched worm that I am in His sight, yet He has adopted me into His precious family as His dear loving child. Praise the Lord!

I thank all of the dear saints there for praying for me.

Love,
—Sister C. A. McFarling



Mo.—Dear ones at the Printshop, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I surely have a lot to be thankful for, and I don't want to neglect to thank and praise the dear Lord.

I want to tell how the Lord so wonderfully healed our oldest son, age 6. Sis. Margaret Eck gave in a request at the Guthrie Assembly meeting for him. He was real sick, (we don't know what it was and we don't need to know), but he had a real high temperature all day Christmas eve and until about midnight that night. His tonsils were swollen almost together. The glands in the sides of his neck were swollen, and he was a very sick

child. We called Bro. and Sis. Eck and they came and anointed him and he was able to sleep, although his fever didn't break until around midnight. The temperature came back the next day and the next, but after she got to Guthrie and requested prayer, the Lord healed him and he hasn't had anymore temperature. He has been playing outside and doing anything a normal child can do.

Bro. Murphy Allen was gone at the time Danny was so sick and we were over at my folks at Myrtle, Mo. People may say God is dead, but I know He is alive and real to me and my family. Praise the dear Lord!

I have had a very serious condition on my body. The Lord has helped me, and I'm a lot better, for which I truly praise the dear Lord. I'm expecting complete healing. Also, Leslie has a growth on the top of his foot (quite large) and it bothers him quite a bit. We are looking to the Lord for healing. Our trust is in Him. Do pray for us that we will be true to God until the end comes.

Yours in Christ, —Eula and Leslie Adams and boys

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Oklahoma.—Dear saints: I am yet saved and encouraged to live for the dear Lord because He is doing so much for me. He just healed me of a very bad sore on my ankle. The devil would say that my leg would have to be taken off, but I kept my faith in the Lord and the saints prayed and the Lord healed me. Praise His dear name!

I am sending for one of the Christian wall calendars for 1972. I am enclosing \$1.00. You keep the change.

—Annie Bowen

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Calif.—Dear Sis. Marie, greetings to you and the co-workers: Praise the Lord for salvation and a life free from sin.

I am praising God for another marvelous healing of my body. I was afflicted with the flu over nine weeks. On New Year's night I was anointed and prayed for, and the Lord healed me, and I do thank Him for it. I thank Him for how He keeps me encouraged to press on.

Last Sunday, early in the morning, my very soul within me was singing the song, "It's Alright Now." I got out of bed praising the dear Lord. I love the Lord with all my heart.

Please pray for my unsaved children, and remember my sick husband in your prayers.

Christian love, —Sis. Essie Gibson

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Mo.—Dear saints: Enclosed is \$2.00 for a continuance of the "Faith and Victory." I appreciate the paper very much.

I do hope you, Sister Marie, and Bro. Lawrence are both better in body. It seems so many of the saints have afflictions. Perhaps that is one way the good Lord has of keeping us close to Him.

I have a goiter, and had a very bad weakness in my body which may have been caused by it. Sis. Carrick prayed for me Sunday morning at the service, and the Lord touched by body and took that away. I am 76 years old and cannot expect to be as spry as a young person, but I truly thank Him, that I feel so much better.

Sister Carrick has to be in a wheel chair and walks with a walker some. She comes to services when she can. She came Sunday morning, Dec. 26, and had some good scriptures for us.

It was fifty years ago last spring that the Lord chose me for Himself. I appreciate how He has borne with me. I am thankful for the peace, contentment and joy He gives me.

In Christian love,

—Sister Lula Caughron

Ark.—Greetings this beautiful morning to each one at the Printshop, in the great and powerful name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ: Oh, what a wonderful Saviour He is! He saves, and keeps us saved, gives the peace that the world can never give, and He heals us when we fully trust in Him. So let us be more alive and active for His glory. . . .

I am enclosing an offering for the Lord's work with prayers and faith for more help in the Lord's work.

Trusting, —Sister N. E. Adams

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Oregon.—Dear Sister Marie: I want to tell you of a very precious healing of my body since you were here in June. I am sure you noticed an ugly place on my forehead just above my left eye. God saw fit to cause it to come off piece by piece. There is only a slight scar left. Oh, how I praise my Lord! I have another one over my right eye almost as ugly, and I am looking to God to remove this one also. Praise God for His mercies toward me.

We do hope you and Bro. Lawrence are much better. We are so earnestly pleading God's healing for you both. Love,

—Sister King

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S. Carolina.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and Sister Marie, greetings to you and all the saints at the Printshop: Today finds me still building on the Rock, Jesus Christ, who is the Builder and the Founder of the Church. I am glad I found it before it was too late. Praise His name! We read in Eph. 2:19-22, "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are build together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Thank God, I am born into this one family of God.

A few weeks ago I had a bad case of gland trouble. I sent in a request to the saints to pray for my healing. Thank God, He heard and answered prayer and healed me completely. I give Him all the praise and not man. How sweet it is to put all our trust in Him for both soul and body!

I am glad to hear He healed Sister Marie. Praise the Lord!

I am sending a little offering to help in the printing of the papers, books and tracts. I am trying to get them in many homes where people don't know God. Pray much for me.

Your Brother in the One Body, —Eddie Driggers

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and all at the Printshop: For some time I have wanted to tell where my wife (Loretta) and I have been for the last ten months. I sold my home in Glendale, Calif., where I had lived for the last 50 years, making it hard to leave. We wanted to do some visiting.

We left home March 19, 1971. We stopped at Guthrie, Okla., and had two services with the saints, and were much refreshed by being with them. From there, we went to Shawnee, Okla., and visited with the aged saints and Brother Charles Smith, which was a blessing. Also, we had two services. From there, we went to Loranger, La., to our son and his family, staying several weeks. We had several services at Loranger, Hammond, Baton Rouge, and enjoyed our stay among the saints very much. We were tied up by a car wreck for two or three weeks, so had to change our plans and went to Guthrie,

Okla., campmeeting. From there, we went back to Shawnee, Okla., visiting the Home. Then back to Loran-ger, La. where my wife's son, Samuel, joined us. We then went to Lakeland, Florida, visiting some of Sis. Pat Huskey's family. Then to Bradenton, where wife has a sister. We then went back to Hammond, La. campmeeting. Then to Chattanooga, Tenn., where another sister of my wife lives; then to Athens, Tenn. where another sister lives. From there, we went back to Shawnee, Okla. again, visiting the Home and Bro. Smith. From there to Monark Springs, Mo. campmeeting, then to Myrtle, Mo., to campmeeting. Wife's son left us there to go to Michigan for awhile. Back to Shawnee, to Guthrie, to California, and visited wife's mother in Salem, Oregon, for two weeks.

We then decided to go to the minister's meeting at Guthrie, Okla. On our way, we went by San Diego, and stayed all night there with my youngest son. Then on to Guthrie for the meeting. There we picked up my wife's son, then back to Pacoima, Cal. Stayed in a cabin on the campground for some time until we found a place here at Orland, Calif., where we plan to stay. A small congregation is here where Bro. Pat Huskey lives. We have good meetings here, though there are only a few. I think we traveled about 10,000 miles.

It seems the most inspiring part of our trip was visiting the old saints in the Home. It was hard to get away from them. I feel that God blessed, especially in the evening services there.

We surely do appreciate and thank the Lord for making it possible that we could make this trip. We met many of God's people we never had met, and got to see some whom we had known for sometime. God's people are all dear to our hearts and we do appreciate being with them in their homes and in services together. It is wonderful how God puts His love in our hearts for each other and for a lost and dying world, but my heart cries out for more love and a closer walk with Him.

We are happy in our home here in Orland, Calif. The Lord is blessing us here. We have some unspoken requests.

May God bless you and all the saints there.

Christian love, —Bro. and Sis. A. E. Harmon

"The Cup . . . Shall I Not Drink It?"

"The cup which my Father has given me, shall I not drink it?" St. John 18:11.

The cup that was given our dear Saviour and Lord was the greatest cup of suffering that has ever been given. While we suffer just a small portion through this life, Jesus suffered for the sins of the whole world. All our sins lay heavily upon Him as He prayed in dark Gethsemane. His sweat was, as it were, great drops of blood. There He submitted to the Father's will to go all the way to death that you and I could escape eternal death. He, who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth, died that we could be saved from our sins. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. Jesus paid the price for our salvation if we will forsake our sins, repent of them and accept the plan God has made through His Son. If we do not accept His great salvation, then we will have to go to the awful place of torment that awaits all who reject the Saviour's love.

When Jesus came to years, He started preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing, and doing so many wonderful miracles. He raised the dead to life, the blind He made to see, the lame to walk, and the lepers were made whole. Water was turned to wine at His command. The storms ceased at His word. The fig tree dried up when He cursed it. The disciples caught fish when Jesus' command was obeyed. A piece of money was also provided as Peter obeyed the Lord. He went to the sea and took up the first fish and found it just as Jesus said. That was to pay their taxes. Thank God, Jesus was concerned about all who put their trust in Him and helped them with all problems, great or small. The dear woman who was bowed together eighteen years could in no wise lift herself up. Jesus made her well. The woman that had the issue of blood twelve years He made well, as she pressed through the crowd and touched the hem of His garment. Many hearts that were full of grief and disappointment were comforted by His tender touch. Circumstances were made altogether different.

But now let us look at the difference when He was nearing the end of His life. He still could have used the same power, but the time was close at hand when He must finish the work His Father had given Him to do.

As He went to the garden of Gethsemane, I suppose He came to the darkest hour of His life. He knew His own nation had not received Him. His friends had forsaken Him. He was mocked by those He loved. He suffered scorn from a cruel, hard-hearted people and He was facing death, a cruel death. As He prayed all alone (His disciples were there, but asleep), He prayed so earnestly, "Father, if thou wilt, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." Three times He prayed thus, then submitted to the Father's will and again accepted God's will, "The cup that my Father has given me, shall I not drink it?"

Now this was a greater miracle than all the other mighty things Jesus had been doing. Oh, dear ones, He completed the plan of redemption! Prophets and apostles could work wondrous miracles, but they could not always do and suffer the will of God. Neither have you and I always been perfect in suffering for Jesus. But, oh dear ones, the very thing that presses us most will bring us into His likeness, if we surrender to His will. It will be the best thing in God's hands to get us to heaven.

To do and suffer God's will to be done in your life is an example of great faith. To bear a great burden daily and see no way out, to have those you love turn against you, to be forsaken by loved ones and friends and all your good counsel to them ignored and it seems you are left alone in a cold, cruel world, and to be able to say then, "The cup my Father has given me, shall I not drink it?" I say again, this is great faith. To suffer an affliction for weeks, months, and years and still say as Job, "Though thou slay me, yet will I trust in thee," this is faith greater

than that displayed all the years in which we have talked of faith and enjoyed good health. This is the real works of faith.

Oh, dear child of God, can't we see that we must follow in Jesus' footsteps? Phil. 1:29 says, "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for his sake."

When we are young in the Lord, we have many happy victories. The dear Lord gives us many answers to our prayers, but sometime down the road the dear Lord permits us to come to a place where we have a long waiting for the answers, and maybe sometimes the Lord sees fit to leave some things in our path for some reason. Then we must, dear child of God, trust His wisdom as well as His power.

He wants a tried people, and as we grow older we must realize we can't always do as we have done when we were young. We must give place for young ministers and lay members. Be glad and rejoice to see the Lord answering our prayers in sending more labourers into His harvest. There will still be many things we can do even though we can't be as active in the work as we once were. We must also realize God has not put us here to stay forever. Jesus was young in life when He gave His life for us. May God help us not to charge Him foolishly when He sees best to take one at a young age. It is appointed unto man once to die. We know not the hour, day, week, month, or year, but Jesus tells us to be ready. Jesus knew His time, and submitted His all unto the hands of the Father. While we may have friends and loved ones to stand by us and help all they can, Jesus was left alone to die on the cross with wicked men mocking and saying, "He saved others, himself he cannot save." He was drinking the bitter cup. Shall we partake of His suffering by drinking the bitter cup? Shall we not partake of His suffering by drinking of the cup that He has permitted to come in our path? Do we realize that when we partake of the Lord's supper, this is an emblem of His suffering? When we sup the juice of the vine, it represents the spilled blood of our dear Saviour and as we eat the bread, it represents His broken body. How much, oh, how much did He suffer for you and me! Shall we again say, "The cup that my Father has given me, shall I not drink it?"

We read in Psa. 16:5, "The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot." Yes, dear child of God, He knows our lot. He keepeth watch over us while we are drinking some bitter cup and will not suffer us to bear more than we are able.

God has chosen us to go the way of suffering. 1 Peter 4:12 says, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you; but rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's suffering that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." We read in Rev. 1:9, "I John, who also am your brother and companion in tribulation." In Rev. 7:13, 14, we read, "And one of the elders answered, saying unto me,

what are these that are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest, and he said unto me, these are they which came out of great tribulations and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

In the day of judgment all our suffering will be turned into everlasting victory, if we will be faithful to the end. We read in 2 Cor. 4:17, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." Paul says in Romans 8:18, "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Also in 2 Cor. 4:8-11, we read, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh."

So dear child of God, the whole purpose in God choosing us in the furnace of affliction is to let the suffering and life of Jesus be made manifest to the world and to cause us to be ready to meet Him in peace. Jesus is no more in the world in the flesh, but He dwells in His children through His spirit. We pray, "Lord, help us to be able to set a perfect example of our dear Saviour." There may be times that it seems your heart is breaking beneath the load you are carrying, but remember that Jesus will never leave you, nor forsake you.

There may be times in your life and mine that we come to a place as Jesus did when He felt that God the Father had forsaken Him, but, dear one, let us remember that this was part of the bitter cup. Right at the last as He was drinking the last drop of bitterness, He was close to the end of it, and eternal victory was just a little ahead when He would arise to a glorious victory over death, hell and the grave. So with us, we may be misunderstood at times until all we do will not help matters. Then we just have to back off and suffer all the reproaches for Jesus' sake. We may come to where it seems we are alone and our prayers are not answered, but all the while God is working for our eternal welfare. Oh, for faith to stand firm under every circumstance when it seems God has forsaken us. The enemies of Jesus surely must have misunderstood Him. But He gave His life's blood for all that would believe on Him. Thus He drank the cup that His Father gave Him and became the Saviour of the world to all those that will look to Him and be saved.

—Lottie Porter

"Blessed is he who always has the hour of his death before his eyes (Eccl. 7:1), and daily prepares himself to die. If at any time you have seen another man die, remember you must also pass the same way."

A Spirit-filled Ministry

After Jesus gave His disciples the commission to go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15), He commanded them to tarry at Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high (Luke 24:49). He also told them that they should receive power after that the Holy Ghost had come upon them. (Acts 1:8). This they did just as Jesus had commanded them, and in Acts 2:1-4 we read what they received. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

In the apostolic church only Spirit-filled men and women were used as preachers, and beloved, I am persuaded that if God had His way, only such would preach today. In the ministry there is nothing so necessary as being filled with the Spirit. The world is tired of dead, formal preaching but many are ready to receive the old-time salvation when it is presented in the power and demonstration of the Spirit.

Simply to have a knowledge of the Word of God and a good degree of natural ability is not sufficient. God is able to take a dish-washer, a chambermaid, a plowboy, or a blacksmith that is filled with the power of God, and use such a one much more to His glory, than the highly educated or talented man void of the Spirit.

A preacher filled with the Holy Ghost will never willingly compromise the Word of God. He will neither let down, nor let up; he will neither be too narrow, nor too broad; he will neither be too loose, nor too exacting. There is nothing that so tends to keep us well balanced and in the middle of the road as the endowment of the Spirit. Just now we are passing between two great dangers—fanaticism on one side and worldly conformity on the other. Both of these are the result of formality, and the best and only sure protection is to have more of God's Spirit in our hearts. With it, we will not go far to the right nor to the left until we will hear a voice behind us, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it."

We need more wisdom, but we must be sure it is the kind that comes down from heaven, the kind that will make us wise as serpents and harmless as doves. We need to lay aside everything in our preaching that hinders souls from receiving gospel truth, and preach only the pure unadulterated gospel truth with Holy Ghost power that will melt the hearts of the hearers. The world is no more a friend to genuine salvation now than it was in the apostles' days.

I, for one, have decided to preach nothing for which I do not have a "thus saith the Lord." Beloved, the Holy Ghost will put His seal on every sentence of truth that He would have us to present. And such preaching will never make division among the people of God.

God wants us to do our duty in preaching the Word. If we will not do our duty, precious souls

will be hindered from getting saved. The truth will never be overthrown. The truth has come to stay. The sun shall go down no more; the darkness has passed. The world once more sees the gospel truth that was hidden for ages. But if we are not careful, individually, we will lose our spirituality, become cold and formal, and while this glorious reformation goes on to eternal victory, we will be left behind. We need to get more knowledge and wisdom. We need to get nearer to each other, and nearer to our fellowman; but above all, as ministers of God, we need to get closer to Him and be filled more with the Holy Ghost.

—Murphy Allen

THE PATH OF SUFFERING

I walked the path of suffering—I thought I was alone;
But soon I found that others had heartaches like my own.
A legion came to join me—an understanding throng,
To share and bear my burdens; heal suffering with a song.
I felt courage in their handclasp, I found healing in their balm;

I found hope in faith's assurance, I found patience in their calm.

I'm not alone in suffering—I'm not alone in tears;
For those who weep with those who weep can banish all my fears,

And, too, when sore affliction comes—A dreary, rainy day;

I look inside my heart and find rich blessings stored away.
I take them from a treasure chest and count them o'er and o'er;

And think how good God's been to men—why don't we trust Him more?

If all were sun and sunshine, if clouds could never weep;
Would little flowers lift up their heads? Would sowers ever reap?

The valley's down below us, but emphasize the height,
Low-hanging clouds about us are pierced with shafts of light.

If sickness never hindered, and pain ne'er racked our frame;

Would days of health be cherished if suffering never came?

In depths of life's great ocean, may suffering be pearled;
And in the day of reck'ning be a gem from heaven's world.

—H. C. Williams

Christian joy in life is like oil in a lamp. When the oil gets low, the wick is consumed, emitting a black vapor, and sending forth only a lurid glow, which does not give light. A life without joy passes away unprofitably, shedding around it only gloom and sorrow.

If every morning in a simple prayer . . . we opened our hearts to God, as we open our windows to the sun and air, God would fill it with that calm, sweet joy which elevates the soul, prevents it feeling the weight of troubles, and makes it overflow with benevolence.

Joy, with us is like a lever, by which we lift the weights that without its help would crush us.

A workman once said: "If I were to leave off singing, I should be quite unequal to my business." Then sing always; let your heart sing as in its earliest years. The refrain of the heart, which perhaps never passes the lips, but which echoes in heaven, is this sentence:—"I love and I am beloved!"

—Sel.