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### "Steady As You Go"

While ploughing through the stormy deep  
 Upon a ship of massive size  
 A youthful sailor strove to keep  
 Upon the helm his weary eyes.

The instruments in keen array,  
 The veer to left, the pull to right  
 Held his attention while the fray  
 Of dashing winds increased their might.

Rocked then the gallant cutter's form  
 Above the turbid water's grasp  
 Against the raging of the storm  
 Sustained by his unwavering clasp.

Fear mounted, panic sought to lay  
 Upon his mind its icy woe  
 Until he heard his Captain say:  
 "Now steady, steady as you go!"

From his command post over all  
 The Captain spoke these words sublime,  
 No doubt his mem'ry did recall  
 The weathered storms of previous time.

Yes, through the storm they rode that night  
 Until its fury ebbed away  
 And in the east a tinge of light  
 Well meant the dawning of the day.

The years have passed, another sea  
 Now foams and dashes all around;  
 He sails toward eternity  
 Where everlasting joys are found.

He's living now the Christian life,  
 Embarked upon a course so true;  
 The waves of sorrow and of strife  
 Seek to prevent him going through.

But as before so earnestly  
 He rides the ocean's angry flow,  
 For Christ, his Captain, tenderly  
 Says, "Steady, steady as you go!"

—Leslie C. Busbee

### The Brethren

In the November issue of the *Faith and Victory*, I wrote a message on "The Brethren." Since printing that message, I have felt impressed to add some to it. The thought we want to deal with is *restoring our brother*.

*Restore* means to bring back to the original. When something has been lost, marred, or is not just exactly what it used to be, we restore, or bring it back to the original. In Galatians 6:1, it says, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." We are told here that for one to be able to restore or bring back somebody to the original, and help him to overcome his fault and see himself (his error), we first have to be a spiritual person ourself. If we are not spiritual, we will not deal with that one in mercy as we should. We need to put ourself in his shoes, so to speak. We need to consider if we were the one that was being admonished, and deal with them in the same spirit and attitude in which we would want them to come to us. That way, if we consider ourself, we will always give justice.

Matthew 18:15-17, says, "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church, but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." Sometimes brethren do trespass against each other—maybe not intentionally, but they do things that try our patience, and things that we are not able to understand. Too many times when a brother trespasses against us, we go and tell someone else, or we tell it to the church or the public. But the Bible said to "go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone." Many times things could be restored and overcome with just a good heart-to-heart talk. The Scripture went on to say if he would not hear you, to take one or two more with you. Get some more good spiritual brethren and take them with you and

try to reason the thing out. If you can't, then after ample time, you could take it to the church, the body of saints, and discuss the problem. Then if that person should neglect to hear the church and rejects admonition, we could let them be as a heathen and a publican; we don't have to have fellowship anymore. But this is not something that can be done overnight. It is something that takes a lot of patience, endurance, and longsuffering before we should let them be as a heathen and a publican.

Abraham set a good example. When he and Lot were unable to dwell together anymore because their substances were too great and their herdsmen could not get along, Abraham gave Lot a choice. If he would go one way, Abraham would go the other, and vice versa. Lot chose the rich, fertile valleys, the good grazing land, and pitched his tent toward Sodom. Lot made a bad mistake. After a time, the enemy took Lot, his family, and all of his possessions. When Abraham heard of it, he did something about it. He still remembered that brotherhood; he took all his armed soldiers and went and brought Lot and all his substance back. Now, reason could stand that Abraham could have said, "Lot, you should not have pitched your tent toward Sodom anyway. You shouldn't have chosen this rich land and let me have what was left over, so I'm not going to help you out." No, Abraham did not feel that way. Lot was still his brother and he loved him, and went and brought him back. Oh, we need such love for the brethren that we can reach out in compassion and love, and do our best to restore them and bring them back if possible.

Joseph often went to the field where his older brethren were taking care of the flocks. In Gen. 37:14, Jacob told Joseph, "Go, I pray thee, . . . again." Perhaps Joseph took some nice food to them, some good parched corn, maybe some butter, honey, and good bread. When he found them he would want to know how they were faring. You know, God wants us to check on our brother once in awhile; see how he's faring, how he's doing, see if you can give him a little encouragement, or if you can give him a little lift along the way. 1 John 3:17, says, "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" We need to have pity for our brothers and sisters in the Lord and check on them once in awhile to see if there's anything we can do to encourage them.

Now comes the sad part of this message. Sometimes the brethren do leave the Church; sometimes they do betray us and go astray, and follow after false doctrines. We have witnessed this thing and it is heartbreaking. Sometimes our brethren can be restored and brought back, and sometimes they can't. However, God wants us to do our best lest we fail.

There are some situations in which we go as far as we can and we cannot do any more. There was a certain situation that existed between a brother and me in which we disagreed on a certain thing. We

talked, and tried to get it out of the way, but we were not able to come to an agreement. God spoke to me and said, "You've said the last thing that I want you to say about the situation to this brother. You just leave it in my hands." Never again did I bring this subject up, and God did work it out later on, thank the Lord. Sometimes it is good to talk to a certain extent, or up to a certain point, but then we reach the place that we have done all we can, said all we are required to say; we will then just have to leave it in God's hands.

The Scripture says, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another." 1 John 1:7a. That's what brings this wonderful fellowship—both parties walking in all the light they have. But if I fail to walk in the light and you continue walking in the light, it will break our fellowship.

We know that there are false brethren, because the Apostle Paul said he was in perils of false brethren. Paul had them to contend with in his day and we still have false brethren today. There are still people who have a bad spirit and come in among us, try to be a saint dressed up in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravaging wolves. They cannot get by very long without the saints detecting what kind of spirit they are of.

In 2 Thessalonians 3:6, we are commanded to "withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us." Now to walk disorderly means more than just having a fault or making a mistake. It means someone that has gotten out of line; someone going off and teaching against the traditions of the Bible, bringing in other doctrines, and doing things that we know are contrary to the teaching of the Bible and the saints. After those people have been dealt with in the Bible manner and they will not hear, then we have to withdraw ourselves from them. This is a sad condition to think of—that we would have to withdraw our fellowship from anyone. Nevertheless, it does happen sometimes; however, it should be our last resort after every effort has been exhausted to try to restore and bring them back and convince them, after much prayer, maybe even fasting, much patience, longsuffering, and we have done everything we know to do. Then if they will not hear us we have to discontinue to fellowship them. This is not an easy thing to do. David mentioned that if it was someone that was our enemy, or a stranger that did us wrong, it would not be so bad; but it is those in whom we have had sweet counsel and sweet fellowship. Oh, how sad this is: sometimes, those that we had sweet counsel with, those we had sweet fellowship with, those that we toiled and labored with—now they are gone from the saints. They went their way; they are no more with us. Sometimes they return and sometimes they never return; nevertheless, let us be sure that we have done everything that we know to do before we pass judgment.

—Murphy Allen

## Where Do You Stand?

Saints, are you fully satisfied with where you stand before God? I feel that there are those of you out there who have gained salvation and yet you know that you haven't gone far enough. You cry out to Father to give you more of Himself, and yet you do not seem to get any closer to the Throne of Grace. Brethren, there are prerequisites to having a fulfilling relationship with our Savior.

Psalm 24:3-5 says: "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing of the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation." Meditate on this for a few moments: I am sure that your heart's desire is to live in the presence of God, but you will never be able to stand there if you have any blemish upon your soul.

Are you holding back from forgiving someone? This leaves such a coldness upon one's heart. Until you have consecrated to it, you will never be able to pray freely. Without unconstrained prayer, a soul is not able to live. This is exactly what the enemy wants. Are you harboring an attitude of self-righteousness inside of you? Do you fully understand what self-righteous means? Confident of one's *own* righteousness, especially smugly moralistic and intolerant of the opinions and behavior of others. It is imperative that we realize that we have NO righteousness of ourselves. Isaiah 64:6, says that "all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags."

Is there some bit of vanity hidden away, deep down in your heart that shows up once in a while? Oh, be ever so careful to recognize this evil thing. Vanity means excessive pride in one's appearance, qualities, achievements, etc. Job 35:13, says, "Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it." Perhaps the reason you don't have enough of God is because of this pride.

The opposite of vanity is humility—the greatest Christian virtue. J. W. Byers, in his book *Bible Humility* writes, "We are all seeking to be more useful in the hands of God and oftentimes we fail to find this place because it is down so low in the path of humility that to take such a path seems to lead us into complete uselessness and the qualifications we have sought become disqualifications. Now we must learn to become disqualified. This is what God wants to teach us. He can only work perfectly in us when we are wholly abandoned to Him."

Give up all of yourself to God. The enemy will certainly try to hinder you as you gain ground, but run, dear Christian, with your fingers in your ears crying, "Eternal life, eternal life!"

In these days of moral wickedness, the Church of God must be watchful. We must all search ourselves to see if we have picked up any worldly attitudes or compromised in any way. Destruction starts with something that seems small and petty, and ends up

in hell. We must each individually defeat the purposes of the devil.

Brethren, stand firm and deny ALL ungodliness.  
—Elizabeth Whittall

## Salvation or Religion?

We live in a society that would be considered by most to be made up of religious people. Religion is a system of beliefs and attitudes in respect to a higher power, or toward God. Beliefs can be taught to others until one person can accept a given religion through being taught and trained. There is nothing wrong with this; in fact, the Bible tells us to train up our children in the way they should go, and that it will be so instilled in them that as they grow older they will not depart from it.

There are various religions throughout the world. Many of these have good moral standards, and teach one how to live with his fellowman peaceably. The standard of the Christian religion is the Bible. Our country is filled with religious people pointing to the Bible as their standard. Many even have proper understanding of the Bible and have perhaps been taught its truth since childhood. They measure to everything they are capable of measuring to. Yet, with all their religion and being among God's people, some will find at the Judgment Day they are condemned to eternal death. "But," he may plead, "I attended church regularly. I had Bible devotions each day. I lived according to the standard the church taught." What was wrong? He had religion all right, but **he did not have salvation!**

God will look for salvation, and nothing short of it will stand. The Pharisees and Sadducees had religion, but by rejecting Christ, they rejected salvation. Religion can be learned, but salvation must be experienced; it is a gift from God. Salvation is deliverance from sin and its penalties. The **only** way to obtain salvation is through the blood of Jesus. We seek salvation through repentance. "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation . . ." (2 Cor. 7:10). Salvation brings release from sin and its bondage. With salvation we not only have the Bible to instruct us, but, also, the Holy Spirit. Religion does not bring the Holy Spirit, but salvation does.

Religion will **never** substitute for salvation, at the Judgment, or here in this life. Adhering to religion keeps one steady in good living, but salvation, thank the Lord, transforms the heart with a cleansing that bubbles over to the outward life. Salvation brings a peace and joy with which **nothing else can compare**. Through Jesus, salvation is available to **anyone** who recognizes his pitiable condition and through repentance gives himself humbly and wholly to God.

*"Salvation makes us happy here,  
Surpassing ALL that earth holds dear,  
And fills the drooping heart with cheer,  
It satisfies my soul."*

—Sandra Whitson

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## EDITORIALS



As the new year of 1983 dawns upon us, we send greetings of Christian love to each of you. In some ways it seems that it was only a few days ago that we were trying to become accustomed to saying and writing "1982." Now, 1982 is history. We trust this has been a year of bountiful blessings to each of you and that above all, you have grown spiritually and have been drawn much closer to the Lord.

Along with the year of 1982 came many trials and battles, but because of these, many victories were gained. Through the death of Christ on the cross and His resurrection from the dead, the devil became and still remains a conquered foe. All he can do is roar, bluff, and threaten us. If we are overcome it is not because the grace of God has failed; it is because in some way we have allowed our defences to become weakened. We find written in James 4:6-8a, "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." These Scriptures are for us today. Time changes many things, or maybe we should say that through the course of time man has changed many things, but God and His Word change not. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." 2 Tim. 2:19.

In the year of 1982 we saw many "soldiers of the cross" fight their last earthly battle, keeping the faith, and have now laid hold on eternal life. We hold many fond memories of their lives, the battles they fought, the victories they gained, and the examples of holiness and Godliness they set before us. These are stepping stones in our life as we think upon them, and they spur us on toward the hope that is set before us—that blessed hope of eternal life.

"Hope has brought us thro' the dangers and temptations of the past,

And we fear not those to come;  
By her blessings we'll go forward,  
while our mortal life shall last,  
Then we'll joyously go home."

Yes, by God's grace we will go forward; we will keep the victory; we will keep the faith; we will overcome!

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Sis. Maybelle Pruitt enjoyed visiting during the Thanksgiving holidays in the home of her son and his wife, Byron and Clarice, also with other relatives and saints who live in the Loranger, La., area.

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As in past years, this January issue of the *Faith and Victory* goes to press just prior to the Okla. State Assembly Meeting which begins Dec. 24. During the week of the meeting, the print shop workers will be

free from most of their duties here at the print shop; however, mail orders will be filled and mailed each day. We are looking forward to a profitable meeting in the Lord.

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Sis. Grace Lassche', one of our co-workers here at the Print Shop, departed by plane from Okla. City on Dec. 10, to spend a few days visiting with her parents and relatives at their home in Canada. She plans to return in time for most of the Assembly Meeting and to resume her duties here immediately following the meeting.

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Sis. Carrie Sheppard of Jena, La., spent several years during the 1960's as a missionary in Old Mexico. For several months Sis. Carrie has felt inspired to compile a small book of some letters and mission reports written to relatives and acquaintances during her stay in Mexico. These tell of many interesting experiences, answers to prayer, and of the culture and customs of the people in Old Mexico and Baja, Cfa., Mexico. The book will consist of 60 pages bound in a heavy paper cover, and will sell for 65¢, plus 65¢ for postage and handling (orders shipped outside the U. S. slightly higher). We plan to have a limited number of copies available by Jan. 15. The title of this book is *A Missionary's Experiences in Mexico*.

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By the 10th of January, we hope to have available bound volumes of the eleven issues of the *Faith and Victory* paper for the year of 1982. Price is \$1.00 each, plus 65¢ for postage and handling. Also available at that time will be the 1982 *Beautiful Way* books for Juniors (52 papers for the year) at \$1.00 each, plus 65¢ for postage and handling.

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#### At Press Time:

Word has just been received of the passing of Sis. Virginia Elwell Taylor. She was suddenly stricken with a severe pain in her head while at the home of her son, Bro. Charles Elwell, on Thanksgiving Day, and remained in critical condition until her passing. She testified that everything was clear between her and her God, and that she desired to go Home. We pray that the Lord will bless the family at this time with special strength, comfort, and grace from above. Mail may be addressed to the family in care of: Bro. Charles Elwell, 265 W. Dartmouth, Gladstone, Ore. 97027.

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As the darkness of sin and wickedness crowds in closer around the camp of the saints, may the light of our lives shine brighter and brighter. Christian, brighten the corner where you are! The light of your life may serve as a beacon to some poor soul struggling to know the right way to go.

—Randall Flynn

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The freedom that America offers should be held dear to our hearts. Think of what it would mean some Sunday morning to find the chapel doors locked by

the government. What a blow it would be! Unfortunately, our government is not incapable of this type of action. Some of the articles passed into legislation make it increasingly more difficult for one to exercise freedom of religious convictions.

In some states, citizens are no longer at liberty to determine the environment in which their children are educated. Many schools are required to be state-certified or may be forced to close. Parents who wish to trust God for the divine physical healing of their children are subject to trial and prosecution. The irony of this is that the government has condoned, legalized, and in some cases actually financed the murder of unborn children through abortion.

In a fairly recent city counsel meeting, the counsel gave support to the organization of Planned Parenthood. The organization offers the alternative of abortion to those who are unwilling to accept responsibility for what they have brought on themselves. At the same counsel meeting, a decision was delayed on whether or not dogs from the city pound should be donated to a college for research, because it was feared that such a measure would be inhumane.

Such is the society that we find ourselves facing. Values are misplaced and priorities confused. Let us make a renewed effort to earnestly and diligently pray for the leaders of our land. Pray for a general revival of traditional moral values and for a renewal of righteousness in the spirit of the people.

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We read in Luke 9:55, that Christ informed two of His disciples, James and John, that they knew not what manner of spirit they were of. Jesus had rebuked them for their impetuous desire to call down fire from heaven and destroy the Samaritans who had refused to entertain them because they were Jews. No doubt James and John felt their anger toward the inhospitable Samaritans was justified, for their refusing the Son of God and the truth. Yet Jesus rebuked His followers.

Some people of our present day are just as zealously defending their truth and are unaware of the spirit they are of. The Judgment Day will declare the condition of each spirit, so it would be well to take an investigative inventory now.

"For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." Heb. 4:12, 13. By this we know that God discerns our very intents. He, by His Word, can separate between soul and spirit.

Soul and spirit are one, yet may be separate. The soul is that part of us that will live eternally. It does and will always exist. There is no way to change certain set conditions of the soul. It is a set requisite for eternal life and is, in a sense, out of our jurisdiction. However, there is a part of our soul that we

can change. This is the spirit. Think of it this way. There are some characteristics about an individual that he can affect and some that he cannot. The shape of the nose and chin are inherited and there is little one can do to alter this. However, one can affect his appearance by personal grooming, manner of dress, etc. Our entire appearance makes an impression upon those with whom we come in contact, yet the impression can be altered by these things that are changeable.

As we live from day to day, the thoughts and attitudes that we form make up the kind of spirit that we have. The Bible speaks of a haughty spirit. Some think themselves of more worth than others. Those who have the Spirit of Christ will manifest a genuine humility.

In Romans it speaks of a spirit of slumber. There are some who have developed opinions with which they have walled themselves about until it is nearly impossible to penetrate their souls with the untainted gospel.

Let us take care how we shape our spirit. As God views our hearts and discerns the intents thereof, let's endeavor to display that which He will find pleasure in. "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning . . . but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." 1 Peter 3:3, 4.

—Wayne Murphey

Greetings to all our readers this New Year. We trust the Lord has blessed each one in special ways in 1982. Regardless of all the sad happenings of the past year, we feel blessed in many ways. God has been good to us.

Each one who has written to us and sent offerings to me personally, and also for the Lord's work, we deeply appreciate it. All the words of encouragement have meant much to us.

Your letters may not get answered very soon, but please bear with us; eventually we hope to answer by God's help.

We remember all in prayer.

—Maybelle Pruitt

**NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Those wishing to correspond with Sis. Maude Britt may do so by addressing cards and letters in care of: Senior Citizen Center, 1924 E. Perkins, Guthrie, Okla. 73044. Sis. Maude's address was previously listed in the *Faith and Victory* editorials in care of: 8997 W. 61st S., Tulsa, Okla., but due to family illness Sis. Maude now resides here in Guthrie.

Something about a real genuine experience of salvation causes one to enjoy being in the company of others who have the same experience. This is the automatic blending of the Spirit of God in one individual with the Spirit of God in another.

—Clifford Wilson

## Wonderful Peace

*(Dedicated in Memory of our Sis. Mary Lounds.)*

Far away in the depths of my spirit tonight,  
Rolls a melody sweeter than a psalm;  
In celestial like strains it unceasingly falls  
O'er my soul like an infinite calm.

What a treasure I have in this wonderful peace  
Buried deep in the heart of my soul;  
So secure that no power can mine it away,  
While the years of eternity roll.

I am resting tonight in this wonderful peace,  
Resting sweetly in Jesus' control;  
Here I'm kept from all danger by night and by day,  
And His glory is flooding my soul.

And I think when I rise to that City of Peace,  
Where the Author of peace I shall see;  
That one strain of the song which the ransomed will  
sing

In that heavenly Kingdom shall be:

"Peace, peace, wonderful peace,  
Coming down from the Father above;  
Sweep over my spirit forever I pray,  
In fathomless billows of love."

—Juanita Parks

## In Memory of Sister Geneva Ray

Our dear sister now has parted;  
She bore her suffering well,  
Her Master beckoned, "Come inside,"  
With Him to ever dwell.

Her memories will linger long;  
Her love of righteousness,  
Her faithfulness to God in prayer  
That He would others bless.

We'll hear her testimonies ring  
Throughout the years to come,  
Her purpose here: to serve the Lord  
'Til He should take her home.

The Print Shop knew her labors long,  
She loved the truth and lived it;  
Her fervency in prayer and work  
Her whole life did exhibit.

The rest she found in Jesus here  
Was just a bit of heaven  
That led her to her eternal home,  
To rest from labors given.

We shall not weep for saints who pass  
Though going surely grieves us,  
For they are home at last with God  
And His great love so gracious.

—Bro. George Hammond

The rays of light that proceed from the sun are as pure as the sun. The life that flows from God must be as free from imperfections as He.

—C. E. Orr

## FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

### MISSION LETTER FROM NIGERIAN PASTOR

Dear Bro. Hammond: Greetings of love to you and all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Thank you very much for your kind letter dated Oct. 2, 1982. The enclosures were noted with much appreciation. May God bless each donor.

We are praying God to send us someone to help preach the gospel to reach towns and villages in the River State. The main trouble is, we have no flyboat to reach the other towns and villages. So we are in need of your prayers that God may help us to get one. The evening light truths we have are not in every place here in River State Nigeria. So you may ask this prayer for us in the *Faith and Victory*: that God may open the way for us to get a flyboat.

May the blessings of the Lord rest on you and your labor.

Yours in Christ, —B. Ben Taylor

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### MISSION REPORT FROM SOUTH INDIA

So. India (Nov. 22)—Dear Brother Hammond, dear ones in the print shop, and the saints at Guthrie: Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus Christ. Thank you very much for your kind letter dated Nov. 2, 1982, and the enclosures were noted with much appreciation.

We had a nice ministers' meeting last week at Kanjiramattom which was a very blessed assembly. Also, we had a one-day service at Nadukkunnu where we visited about 75 houses, talking to the people in the homes about Christ, and distributing tracts. About fifteen people got saved as the result of that work.

Our 17th General Convention starts January 5, 1983, and continues for five days. Please pray for the blessings and needs of this convention. Here is a call again: Who is there ready to come over to India to participate in this convention and other local conventions? All saints in America are cordially invited. Please come and enjoy the Lord's blessings with us, which will be an encouragement to us. Glad to note that you would like to make a trip to India again. May God open the way for it.

Prayers and supports are urgently needed for the chapel buildings at Athani and Chalakudy. The works are just started, but no progress due to the financial insufficiency. It costs about \$2,000 to build one chapel.

Our prayers are for you all as you pray for us. Yours in Him, —John Varghese

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### PHILIPPINE MISSION REPORT

Dear Bro. Flynn and Bro. Murphey: Greetings of Christian love in the precious name of our wonderful Savior Jesus Christ. May the blessings and love of God overshadow you always in the Lord's print shop. May I express to you my sincere appreciation and

heartfelt thanks for your dedication to lead the work of the Faith Publishing House. . . . I praise and thank the Lord for you dear saints that with your dedicated lives, the work of the Faith Publishing House will continue to serve and help precious lost souls to find and maintain their way to heaven.

The Church of God (Evening Light) in the Philippines is very new and it needs spiritual nourishment to grow with the bread of life. We would be so grateful, dear saints, if you can continue to send us any printed matter which will be helpful to us in our service to the Lord.

We read your appeal in the November issue of the *Faith and Victory* about our need of a church building in San Jose City. We appreciate your kindness and concern for us in the Philippines. We are most in need of a church building and a vehicle for evangelism. Please continue to pray for these worthy needs. May your sacrifice for the mission work in the Philippines bring a bountiful harvest for the kingdom of God. May the Lord bless you with spiritual and financial blessings.

We will always remember you in our prayers. Love to all the Faith Publishing House workers. Greetings to your dear families and to all the saints of God in the U. S. A.

Your brother in the one body,

—Matias S. Tanganan

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### NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Nigeria (Nov. 10)—Dear Bro. Hammond, Sis. Pruitt, and the saints of the Great I AM: Greetings from us in Nigeria to all in the Kingdom of God's dear Son, in the glorious name of the Lord Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

We cannot adequately express the grief it has brought to receive a letter from Bro. George Hammond, dated October 10, 1982, to announce the passing away of a great saint, the beloved Bro. Lawrence Pruitt, who passed to be with the Lord on Oct. 4, 1982.

There was almost a reason for not saying anything of it at a prayer meeting of Oct. 27th, being aware of the flood of tears that would roll down the cheeks of all on announcing the passing of Bro. L. D. Pruitt, who forsook all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches to follow his Lord faithfully to the end of his earthly pilgrimage. Tears could not be controlled for sorrow of losing him. What appears to be the most remarkable virtue of Bro. Lawrence Pruitt was his humility. Bro. Pruitt came to possess a self-effacing humility enabling him to lose sight of himself in adoration of his Hero—the Lord Jesus. He was sound in business methods and gifted with his pen, yet surrendered to his Lord who had these faculties consecrated to a higher use. He was always ready to listen. He had none of the unfortunate vice of supposing that already he had reached all the truth he could ever know, and that there was nothing the future or anyone could bring. A man found



content in his position as divinely apportioned, who with sweetness and serenity of temper served his Master and brethren diligently. A man of fadeless spiritual beauty, a source of continuous encouragement to the saints in far away Africa. His character is well worthy of our most careful and prayerful meditation having left in duplicate a life from which to gain inspiration. What an impact the Church would make if only every member within her fold could be a "Lawrence."

We hereby convey our heart-felt sympathy to Sis. Maybelle Pruitt, the Pruitt family, all the workers at the Lord's Print Shop, and saints of the Church of God in the U.S.A.

We thank the Lord for receiving an offering from some of the saints in the U.S., which for sure would almost complete one major phase of work on the national chapel under construction at Kwale. We are examining our priorities to know to which this praise-worthy remittance should be directed. The Lord will bless above measure all who donated to this worthy cause. We are immensely indebted to you all for gratitude, and may the blessing of God rest upon you richly. Amen.

Yours for souls, \_\_\_\_\_ —Titus U. E. Enu

#### VISA RECEIVED FOR MISSION TO GHANA

Okla.—Dear Bro. Flynn, workers at the Print Shop, and all the saints scattered abroad: Seasons greetings to everyone in the blessed name of Jesus. I'm so glad that He came into the world to save His people from their sins.

Just a few lines to let everyone know that my visa to enter Ghana, West Africa, came through quicker than everyone thought it would. Unless something unforeseen should happen, I am scheduled to fly from Oklahoma City, Jan., 9, 1983, at 2:15 p.m. I should arrive in Accra, Ghana, Jan., 10, at 7:05 p.m. I want everyone to pray for me. So far my missionary ventures have been among people I know, the saints. For the first time I feel I am going "without the gate" in a foreign land. There is a difference.

The door is open wide, and preparations have been made for my coming. It is surely God's doings, and I count it a real privilege to be an ambassador for Christ to these precious souls for whom Christ died. If the Lord would have me to stay longer than the planned two weeks, I know it will work out to that end.

Yours for a harvest of souls in Ghana,  
\_\_\_\_\_ —Sis. Dorothy Keiser

Just because folks meet together in the same building and call each other Brother or Sister does not necessarily mean that there is fellowship flowing from heart to heart, but if the Spirit of God is working with free right-of-way in each heart there is no way to prevent a mutual blending.

\_\_\_\_\_ —Clifford Wilson

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## Prayer Requests

Miss.—"My memory is so bad. I forget so much. I ask you all to take me to God in prayer for healing."  
\_\_\_\_\_ —Viola Touchstone

Nigeria—"Requesting prayer for my healing from a dangerous sickness (epilepsy) which has lasted at least twenty calendar years."  
\_\_\_\_\_ —R. O. Williams

Okla.—Bro. Robert Benson has been seriously ill for several weeks. The Lord has answered prayer and he is feeling better. Pray for his complete recovery.

Calif.—"My eyesight is poor. Pray for me."  
\_\_\_\_\_ —H. P. Huskey

Ore.—Bro. Charles Elwell has not been well recently due to high blood pressure. Pray that the Lord will restore him to good health once again.

Ark.—Sis. Johnnie West and Sis. Pearl Steele both request special prayer of the saints.

Let us faithfully continue to hold our Brothers and Sisters up in prayer who have been in the valley of affliction for such a long time. Among these are Bros. Murphy Allen, Gene Harmon, Floyd Kennedy; Sisters Eva Lou Gaines, Evelyn McCoy, Maude Britt, Carmen Simpson, and, no doubt, many others. When the children of Israel were in battle against the Amalekites, they were winning the conflict as long as Moses held up his hands; but when his hands became heavy and he let them hang down, Israel started losing the battle. What happened? They brought a stone for Moses to sit on and then "Aaron and Hur, stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun." Exodus 17:12. Saints, as we stand on the Word of God, let us be faithful to help hold our brothers' and sisters' hands steady until the battle is over and the victory is won. This is our duty—let us be faithful.

\_\_\_\_\_ —Randall Flynn

## From the Mailbox . . .

Okla.—Dear Print Shop workers and other saints: Greetings in Christ Jesus, the Name above all other names. The time has come that the end of '82 is fast nearing a close. Surely we want to thank God and give Him all praise for each blessing He has let come our way. We thank Him for His protecting care every day we walk with the Lord. I am striving to please Him. I want to meet Him in peace when He calls. We never know when our call will come.

Pray for me that I will be true and faithful unto the end of the way.  
\_\_\_\_\_ —Sis. Verlene Williams

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Wisc.—Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Print Shop: It has been a long time since I've written, but I do enjoy the messages in the *Faith and Victory* paper. It means much in these days to have wholesome literature. Sin is so rampant and is being upheld in the schools where the children should be getting a good education; instead, they are being



taught evil as good. And it seems that many of the "churches" of our day are not doing anything to make things better.

I believe one of the biggest curses is that of mothers leaving their home. God's Word says they are to be keepers at home. How are mothers going to train their children when they are not with them? The Bible never says anything about babysitters training the children. A home is not complete without a mother. If God were the head of the home, Mother would be there. I believe one reason why many young people of today get on drugs and go out in sin, is because they do not have a normal home life that gives them a feeling of security, which every young person needs. In fact, we all need that.

A number of years ago I heard a couple of brothers-in-law talking and one mentioned of how it did something to a man when the wife would work away from home. Actually it takes man from his rightful position in the home as sole provider as God intended it to be. . . .

Sincerely, —Mrs. John LaVeau

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Md.—Dear Ones at the Faith Pub. House: Thank you for the *Faith and Victory* paper; I enjoy it very much. May God bless each one of you there and keep you in health, strength, and faith to keep on keeping on. There is very little faith in these last days. Will Jesus find any when He comes? . . .

Thank you for your prayers and interest in others. Pray for me, too, that God will have mercy and right of way in my life. I love the Lord, His people, His Word, and His Spirit.

God bless you all is my prayer.

—Marie E. Taylor

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Calif.—Dear ones: I am so thankful to be saved and very much encouraged to live for the Lord. We are living in perilous times and it behooves us to get closer to God. As the song says, "Closer, my child, to me, come closer." I am asking God to draw me closer to him every day.

Another year is almost gone. This one has been a source of encouragement to me.

Christian love, —Naomi Jennings

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La.—Dear Bro. Randall and all the workers in the print shop: Greetings of love in Jesus' name. Just a few lines to let you know we are doing all right here at West Monroe.

My wife and I are sending the offering for the work in the print shop.

Please pray for us here at West Monroe.

Your Bro. in the Church of God,

—N. P. Futch

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Ga.—Greetings to all saints: I hope these words of encouragement will draw you closer to our Father, as they have drawn me. I have been reminded to share God's words with you, because they are good, coming from anyone that is saved in Christ. "And we

know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Rom. 8:28

Saints, you know we have few laborers that are faithful to stand up for the Lord and live without sin. So, let us continue our daily encouragement to those that desire to stay clean with the Lord. . . .

Your brother, —John Silas Durham

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New York—I really appreciate your fine publications. Would you please continue to send them, and also, please pray for me. —Thomas Wall

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## Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

Okla.—Dear saints at the Print Shop: Greetings to you in Jesus' name. God is so good to us. I want to thank and praise Him forever!

I would like to testify to the glory of God. I am reminded of the Scripture, "They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever." Psalms 125:1. I was in an automobile accident on October 11, 1982. While driving down a busy street, suddenly another car came out from a side street, and plunged into my car, sending it sailing across the street into a tree. When the front of my car hit the tree, it gave my head a heavy blow from the windshield, causing bruises and bad cuts in my forehead. My legs were badly bruised, and the steering wheel jammed into my ribcage. The pain in my chest and side was so severe that I was gasping for breath. With every breath I found myself saying, "I trust in Jesus' blood; I trust in Jesus' blood." Praise God! This happened on Monday, Oct. 11. On Sunday, Oct. 10, I had testified to some saints that if ever I was unconscious, my son Norman Simpson and my daughter Mauntel Jones understood that I desired to trust the Lord even if it meant death. At the time I did not know that a test like this would happen so soon.

An emergency vehicle arrived and the attendants said they were forced by law to take me for X-rays to see how seriously I was injured. After the X-rays were taken, the doctor told me that I had six broken ribs. They thought my right leg was broken, but thank God it wasn't. The nurse said, "It is good that your lungs were not punctured." I said, "Thank God for that." I asked the doctor if I could be released. He said, "Yes, and we will give you some pain pills." I replied, "No, I don't trust them; I trust the Lord for my healing." He said, "I hope God hears you." I replied, "He has never failed!" My son and his family and my sister were standing by to take me home, and best of all, God was there all the time. Praise the Lord! The saints and my family took wonderful care of me until I was able to care for myself. I am so glad to belong to the family of God.

I was reminded of a message Bro. Curtis Williams preached at Monark Springs a few years ago, about how people like to see miracles happen,

but are not willing to be the one for God to use to perform the miracle. I have been thinking ever since, "Lord, how can you use me to perform a miracle?" I believe God allowed this to happen for various purposes. It has brought our family (brothers and sisters) closer together. Also, saints and sinners are testifying how God healed me without medicine or any kind of a doctor's care—just God's care and the saints', relatives', and neighbors' care.

I could write a book and never be able to tell all of the love of God. I thank the saints all over the country for their prayers, cards, gifts, and everything they did for me. I want my entire life to be pleasing to the Lord.

Your sister in Christ, —Mattie L. Simpson  
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Mo.—Dear Saints: Greetings in Jesus' Name! Praise the Lord today for a know-so salvation! Praise God for the beautiful Church of God and for every blood-washed, born-again child of God. The song says, "We reach our hand in fellowship to every blood-washed one, while love entwines about each heart in which God's will is done." Thank the Lord for the love and unity of God's children; I'm glad to be one of them.

I want to thank the Lord for another trial He has permitted me to go through. I had not felt well for several days and had some pain in my heart, but on Sunday (Oct. 31), just before noon I had severe pains and a tearing sensation in the area of my heart. My strength left me. Our daughter, Irma Gayle, was here with me and she called one of the saints and asked them to go to the chapel and get my husband and children. At this time I was not aware of all that was going on, but oh, what a peace and rest—I cannot describe it! I was ready to go on to be with the Lord or ready to stay, I could only whisper, "Lord, have your way."

How much time elapsed I do not know, but when service dismissed, the whole congregation must have come. There was such a travail of prayer and when I opened my eyes our house was full of saints all weeping and praying for me! The congregation here at Neosho is dear to our heart; they weren't worried about getting home to their lunch, but stayed until the pain let up and I could rest. I had such extreme soreness in my heart, but such rest and assurance that the Lord was going to do things just right. Two days later the Lord gave a minister brother a witness that He was going to heal me, but two or three hours before the minister came, I felt a definite touch and immediately strength came into my body. I began feeling so much better; I'm getting stronger every day. The Lord spared me for a purpose and I do want to know His will in my life; what He says I'll gladly do.

Dear saints, the Lord may permit a similar trial to come your way. I would urge you to live close to the Lord and when the trial comes, submit to God. Let Him have His way. If we contend for our way, God cannot have full control. But, oh, the rest to just let

go and let God . . . Take courage, dear ones. I'm glad today that the Lord is my Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Keeper. He's all I need!

Christian love, —Dora Doolittle  
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Ala.—Dear saints: I am happy to say, I am well and trusting in the Lord. In the fall several of us here took whooping cough. It was rough and a slow recovery. At times I didn't know if I would make it or not, but the Lord saw fit to heal all of us. It is good to know there is Someone we can always call on when we are sick. Our Great Doctor is always there. I give God the praise for healing me once again.

We appreciate the cards, phone calls, and most of all your prayers while we were sick. It helps to know others care and are praying.

God bless all of you.  
Christian love, —Betty Herron  
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Fla.—Dear Brethren: Greetings of love in the name of the Christ Child and Savior of all mankind. I am so thankful that God has saved me and kept me down through the years. He has permitted me to come to Florida again this winter, although the drive is getting to be a big chore for me. It is a tiresome drive and I am always worn out when I get here, but it is much cheaper for me down here than in Indiana as fuel oil is so expensive; it costs me more to heat my house up there than a month's rent down here. . . But God has promised to supply all our needs. I don't know what I would do without Him. He surely has provided everything I need and I am not looking to live in luxury in this world. I am looking for that mansion that Jesus promised He was going to prepare for us. Praise God!

I received the roll of *Faith and Victory* papers. I surely enjoy the good articles; being alone here and not around the saints, it's like getting letters from home. Keep up the good work and keep encouraged in God's work, and you will receive a crown of gold.

I am enclosing my check for the Lord's work. May the God of peace bless everyone there at the print shop this Christmas season.

Christian love, —Bro. Earl Bliss  
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Mo.—Dear saints at the Print Shop: Greetings of love to you, the saints scattered abroad, and to all the readers of the *Faith and Victory* paper. May God bless and be near all of you.

We appreciate so much the good work you are doing in printing the gospel and sending it forth. As others have expressed, it is precious to know that God has His hand on the work there, and that it continues to go on in its pure and wholesome teaching as it has in past years. I am sure that all heaven rejoices to have it so.

I feel I should give a report of some of the blessings of the Lord to our local congregation. He blessed us last spring by sending Bro. Mart Samons our way to hold a tent meeting at Granby, Mo. (which is near Neosho). The meeting was very good

and profitable. In the beginning of the meeting Bro. Samons exhorted us all to get all we could out of the meeting and to hide all the Word of God in our hearts that we could. Some of the truths still linger fresh in my mind today.

The Lord just recently favored us with another good meeting. Bro. Clifford Wilson, accompanied by his wife, held a week's meeting, which was very encouraging to the saints here. We appreciate all the good that was done, and the truths that were brought out. We are also glad for the ones that came from other places to be with us.

Following this meeting, the next two nights Bros. Tom Melot and Danny Layne were with us. We all enjoyed having them, and hearing Bro. Layne tell his testimony of his experiences and what God has done for him.

May the Lord bless all of these dear brethren that came to be with us, and reward them richly for their labor of love. Some souls were saved in each of these meetings, and several went to the altar for spiritual help.

Pray for us here. —Bro. T. V. McMillian

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Ore.—Greetings to all the dear saints: It has been a long time since I sent in a testimony. I feel I must tell what the Lord has done for me. Early in February I came down with bronchial flu. I suffered a lot for three months with congestion that really hindered my breathing. Many prayers were prayed for me. A sister in Union, Ore., took me to her home for 2 ½ weeks. I improved rapidly, and through the saints' prayers I was able to return home by bus.

Later, I stepped off a ladder and missed the last step. It injured my hip severely, and I had to use a cane for three months. I went to the Guthrie camp meeting, even though I had to be taken by wheelchair from one plane to another. I enjoyed the meeting. I was prayed for and had the ministers lay hands on me to rebuke the depression over which I could not get the victory. I soon got better when I came home and discarded my cane.

In July, I tried to close a sliding window at my sister's home and injured the ligaments in my arm. For several months I have had a very lame left arm and have suffered a lot with it. I was anointed and prayed for during our assembly meeting and it is much better. I feel it will soon be well.

We had a wonderful meeting. A lot of saints from Canada came and many young people. Some altar work was done and the saints were all encouraged and strengthened. I received much good to my soul.

May God bless all of you. I am on my way to that glorious land. I would appreciate your prayers.

—Sister Grace Jones

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Kans.—Greetings in the precious name of our loving Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I want to testify of the goodness and blessings of the Lord to my family and me. The Lord has been so merciful unto us!

I accepted the truth over fifty-two years ago. I was reared a Methodist and had always tried to do the right thing as far as I knew how. After marriage I joined the Lutheran church, for that was what my husband and his folks were in.

After one year of marriage our first baby was born. Just a little over a year later our second child arrived. About seven months after that I had a serious nervous breakdown. One day I was thinking, "What shall I do, oh, what shall I do?" The Lord spoke to me and said, "Go to your aunt's" (Mrs. W. B. Smoot of Okla. City). I soon went, and there I got saved. That was in the late summer of 1930.

We had eight children, and I had three nervous breakdowns during my childbearing years. I never went to a doctor, but trusted God through it all. The Lord helped my dear husband to bear with my weaknesses. He was so good and kind to the children and me.

During those years I did not live near a congregation of true saints, and I did not know much of what the Bible taught. When I read to "resist the devil," I wondered how one was to do that. I did know to "trust in God," and I was fully determined to do so. The Lord helped me to do it regardless of how weak or cast down I was, or how much I suffered from the accusations of Satan.

Oh, how good and merciful the Lord was to me. I can now see that many times the Lord just carried me in His bosom. How could I ever cease to love and praise Him? Truly, no one ever trusted God in vain. I have found it so true that He leads gently those that are with young. (Isa. 40:11)

My desire is to continue to trust God for whatever my remaining years may bring, to please God, to always do "as becometh saints," and to do God's will. Pray for my family and me.

A sister in Christ, —Mrs. Carl Tucker, Sr.

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Fl.—Dear saints: Greetings in the name of Jesus, and all praise unto Him for saving my soul. God's promises are all true. We are thankful for every one of His dealings in our lives unto this date. We can report the Lord has kept us, and is keeping us in the trials He has permitted to come our way.

About a year ago we were blessed to have our faith tested through our daughter Rachel's sickness and all the events that followed: the hospital, and the courtroom, with all the dark forebodings. The saints' presence, letters, and calls strengthened our hearts at many a dark hour, and the Lord hid us from the vile blasts of the enemy. We cannot but be encouraged as we see how the Lord displayed His arm, time and time again, unto His poor little ones.

The courtroom is quiet now, and has been for several months; the Lord has given us some relief. The hospital is quiet and we have relief from that, thank God. We report in writing unto the court, and are praying for full deliverance from this.

Rachel, being able to return to her full load at school, is a special blessing to each of us. She

continues to have real needs in her body, and we are holding on to the unchanging hand of our mighty God for her complete deliverance. The Lord continues to touch and keep my companion, who is not yet fully recovered from the different stresses that have surrounded this event. I keep going by the power of God and His precious mercies. Again we solicit the prayers and support of the saints as the battle turns, but it isn't fully over.

Bro. Leslie Busbee, with his two daughters, was a special blessing during the revival Nov. 29—Dec. 3. May God bless His truth to root and prosper in our hearts. Our prayers and desires unto God are that we might in some way be a blessing and an encouragement unto the saints abroad. Those that have gone on unto "the final perfection" and have left firm examples of faith and faithfulness, beckon us; "whose faith follow."

The standard never changes for us who are of like precious faith. "Holiness" is the highest quality of Christian living. Let us ever contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints. This world is not our home; we are only passing through it.

Earnestly contending,

—Bro. and Sis. H. H. Hargrave

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B.C. Canada—Dear Saints: We hope this finds you encouraged and pressing on to the hope we have awaiting us. We feel blessed and privileged to be a part of God's wonderful family.

The Lord has been teaching all of us here some valuable lessons, and our united desire and effort is to keep the love and humility of God in our hearts. We thank the Lord for giving us all a keen sense of awareness of the need of these two qualities; without them God could not use us, and we earnestly want to be used of Him in the furtherance of His Kingdom. The gospel seed has been planted in many hearts here in Chilliwack. Souls are being wonderfully saved and sanctified. Many more are still in the balance.

We appreciate all of the saints who have shared our burden by your prayers, finances, and by being here personally to help.

We were able to attend the Oregon assembly meeting in November. We received much good to our souls. Souls were saved and sanctified. Several were under conviction, but did not yield.

We want you all to know that we love you and we are so glad the Lord helped us to find you.

My husband has felt a burden to have the article "Who Will Go?" reprinted from the November 1973 issue of the *Faith and Victory*. . . .

Yours in Christ, —Ron and Anne Walter

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"Burying one's talents is a grave mistake."

"Praise starts with grateful hearts."

"God's 'specials' are His chosen vessels."

"Compassion never goes out of fashion."

"God's Word is left unsaid if the Bible isn't read."

"What faith is all about, is trust without a doubt."

"God's grace more than keeps pace with our needs."

## Who Will Go?



"Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And he said, Go. . . ." Isaiah 6:6-8, 9a.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. . . ." Matt. 28:19, 20. "And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges. . . ." Luke 14:23.

The question is, **Who will go?** Go where? How about a little place in the hills where a few have come out of sectism, taking their stand for the truth, where a number expressed they were tired of sectism, where at least a dozen men and women lifted their hands acknowledging they needed spiritual help? There is not much pay, but a lot of hard work. Who will go?

How about a place where there is a real nice group of new converts who are begging for someone to come and teach them? "But," you say, "I would have to leave my nice new home." Who will go?

How about down South where there is a large congregation pleading for someone to help them? "But," you say, "I don't like down South, and how would I live?" Who will go?

What about over in North Carolina where a little group has been trying to hold on for years? Some get discouraged and give up, then they will try again. "What we need," they say, "is a pastor." "But," you say, "I want to live where my children are." Who will go?

A number of other places are begging for help. Some ask, "Won't you just come by once a month, or every two months?" They say, "We don't know the way." Most of these people are not interested in which seal we are living, or what trumpet is blowing, or what date the 91st Psalm was written. They want to know how to live a holy life. Is it a sin for women to wear pants? How about birth control pills? Should we wear long sleeves? Is it wrong to wear rings or gold? What is sanctification? What do you mean by divine healing? **Who will go?**

You may say, "But I want to be around the saints. I want to be where I can go to the all-day meetings. I want to be in the camp meetings." Who will go? "I don't want to give up my good job. I have only a few more years until I retire." Who will go? "I don't want to leave the congregation where I am. I've been pastor here for years, even though I admit the work is going down and drying up right around me, but I'm settled here." Who will go?

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep; feed my lambs." I don't believe all His sheep and lambs are gathered up in a few places. He gave evangelists, pastors, and

teachers for the perfecting of the saints. That means everywhere.

I feel that if God calls someone to the ministry, He calls them for a special work. I know it is necessary to work with our hands sometimes, but the only reason Paul worked was to help support his ministry. A minister should never work just to get a finer car, or to send his children through college, but it should be to help him to be used more of God.

Pray that the Lord will lay that live coal on our lips. I would like to stay home more sometime, too. In fact, we have been advised to stay home more—no use to go out in new fields to help folks out of sectism, or to help folks get saved. They say there is no one to care for them. But Jesus said, "Go!" The question is **Who will go?**

Your fellow-laborer, —Bro. Mart Samons  
Written 1973

[Let us look back to our forefathers who labored to spread these truths that we possess today. What kind of lifestyle did they have? Was it a life of ease and comfort and added luxuries? or a life of trying to fulfill their earthly goals? NO! I should say not. Theirs was a life of self-denial, crucifying the desires of the flesh, putting themselves on the altar daily, fasting and praying and continually striving to be better servants in the Kingdom of God. When they made their consecration of themselves and all they possessed, they made no reserves, they held NOTHING back from God.

Let us each examine our own consecration that we have made to God, and see if there could be a better and deeper consecration made, that we could be more useful servants for our Lord and Savior.

"... and ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price."

—Ron Walter]

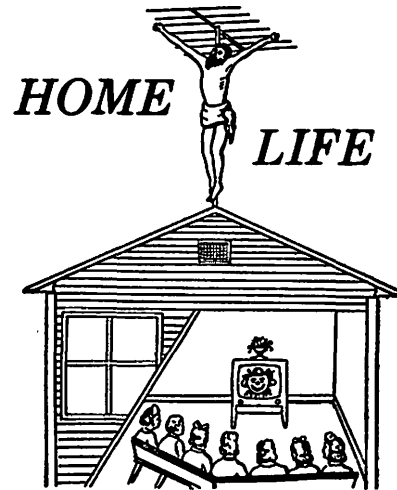
### I Am Your Tongue

I am an unruly member of your body. Sometimes I speak the truth; sometimes I lie. Sometimes I bring harmony; sometimes I inspire hatred. Sometimes I use the language of love, sometimes the language of selfishness. Sometimes my words are pure, sometimes vile. Sometimes I praise God, sometimes revile Him. The words that issue from me show me what you are, revealing the goodness or the baseness hidden within you.

Beware of how you use me, for though I am one of the smallest members of your body, I am yet one of the deadliest. I am able to set the world aflame with justice or with injustice. I am able to keep homes alive or to kill them. I am able to inspire or to discourage. I can knit loved ones together or be a sword cutting swiftly through the strongest bonds.

Put guards upon me and use me aright and I will become one of your strongest weapons for good. Misuse me and I will become the means of your destruction. Let me run wild without thought of consequences and I will tear down all that you hold dear.

—Selected



Hebrews 6:6

I thank God for my parents who walked in the truths of God's Word and who taught me many things about the Lord by their lives. I well remember the first time I heard my daddy pray. It was in the night and I listened until I knew it was Daddy praying. I remember when I first saw my parents after I was saved and I asked them to forgive me for my wrongs. That was a great day. A year after that, Daddy was called home. That was on the first day of July, 1942. Fourteen years later my dear mother went home to be with the Lord. I surely thank God for my parents, and by the grace of God I am going to meet them some day where God wipes all tears away.

I feel that the coming of our dear Lord is near at hand. America is experiencing the worst crime wave of teenage delinquency ever known in the history of the world. Crime is now increasing four times as fast as the population. Much of the cause can be laid at the door of movies, TV, and rotten literature. Every night thousands of precious girls lose their virtue because they are stimulated by the godless allurements on movies and TV. When you support TV you help to damn the souls of 200,000 girls who go astray each year. TV is the greatest crime builder we have in the world today. That cannot be denied by honest people.

Is it wrong to sit and watch adulterous men and women parade around half-naked and flaunt their bodies in the faces of your boys and girls? Is it wrong to encourage drinking, smoking, petting, sexual promiscuity, vulgarity, murder, robbery, dancing, gambling, rape, and worldliness? Yes, of course, **these things are wrong!** Any sound-minded person, whether a Christian or not, will have to admit that these things are wrong, and that thousands of other things on TV are wrong.

I am so happy today that I am not guilty of ever teaching my children the devil's works. Thank God, I love my family too much to poison their minds with the devil's propaganda. I believe we are to protect our family as much as we can from the devil.

Can you imagine the pure, holy, and righteous Son of God coming into your living room, sitting down and watching the devil's outfit perform? Jesus came to destroy sin out of the heart, not to encourage it.

Some Scriptures to read are Mark 8:34, and Matt. 5:48. These new ways instigated by the devil will not do to die by. We must meet the Lord, and to Him our life tell. Let us obey His every word.

—Nathan Mobley

[If there is anyone who has something that you would like to share with our readers in this column, feel free to write to us. If God has blessed you with something, or you have had an experience pertaining to bettering family life, not only will others get a blessing in reading it, but you will receive one in writing it.

—Wayne Murphey]

## Question and Answer Column

By Ostis B. Wilson

**Question:** What are some of the identifying signs of SELF and how does it manifest itself?

**Answer:** This is a follow-up of last month's article in this column. SELF is such an important fellow and so predominant in people's lives that I feel he deserves more attention than was given him in the one article last month. And, oh, how he loves that attention! SELF thrives on attention and will pay any price to get it—whether good or bad. Some times when things have been going rather smoothly for a time, a self-dominated person who has been starved of attention will "throw a spell" or "act up," and create a commotion, or act naughty in order to get the attention he craves.

Now I will identify SELF as a murderer and insurrectionist. He may not like that exactly, but he will pay that price, too, in order to draw attention to himself. Barabbas was a murderer and insurrectionist and he stands as a topnotch type of SELF. He stood directly opposed to Christ in Pilate's judgment hall that day. Pilate, in his effort to release Jesus and save Him that day, picked out the worst prisoner he had and set him up against Christ and said to the Jews, "Which one of these two shall I release unto you?" It would appear obvious, so Pilate thought, too, that the choice here would be an easy one—that the Jews would choose Christ rather than Barabbas. But they didn't. They said, "Crucify Jesus and give us Barabbas." In the anti-type of this, the SELF-LIFE stands directly opposed to the Christ life in the hearts and lives of many people. SELF will murder the Christ life in your soul. There is no possible grounds for coexistence of the two in the same heart. Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters." Matt. 6:24. Folks, when Jesus says a thing cannot be done, we should just as well accept it that it can't be done and quit trying. A choice must be made: We must in our hearts either say to give us SELF and let the Christ life die; or say to give us Christ and let the SELF-

LIFE die.

SELF is also an insurrectionist and will be continually and perpetually rising up in rebellion against the laws of the kingdom of God and the kingship of Jesus Christ. Jesus knew that no man could serve Him while SELF was prevalent in his life, so He just said for us to unload it at the start if we intended to follow Him. In Matt. 16:24, He said, "... if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Self denial is the first condition of discipleship.

We have another good example in type of SELF—the Gibeonites. They dealt wittingly and deceitfully with Joshua and the elders of Israel and tricked them into making a league with them. (9th chap. of Joshua) Joshua and the elders very soon learned that they had been tricked and deceived by the Gibeonites but because of the league between them they could not destroy them. But they were reduced to perpetual bondage and servitude to be hewers of wood and drawers of water for the Israelites. SELF must be put under. Paul expressed it this way: "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." 1 Cor. 9:27. Paul knew the destructive power of the self-life and of the flesh so he just put it down, kept it down, and never gave it a chance to assert itself at all. God help you and me to do the same thing with this pestilent fellow.

When a person actuated by SELF is hurt, he will go about seeking someone to tell his hurt to in order to receive their sympathy. Every person actuated by SELF relishes sympathy. They feed on it and are nurtured by it. But the sad part is that they will not shrink from destroying by slander and gossip the person nearest to them in order to get sympathy. The saddest part of all is that he is actually destroying himself while, at the same time, being deceived into thinking he is building himself up because of the sympathy he is receiving from another. This makes the one extending sympathy in such a case a contributor to the delinquency and destruction of the one seeking such sympathy.

This course of action is only feeding and nourishing that which one should be seeking to mutilate and destroy. God permits hurtful things to happen to us to give us an opportunity to further destroy the self-life out of us. If we cooperate with God at this point, humble our hearts and submit to Him, the desired end will be obtained. But if we resent, buck up against it, and go the sympathy seeking route, we will feed and nourish that self-life with all of its destructive powers within us and weaken ourselves to meet our problems in life.

The course we should follow in such cases are these: (1) When you are hurt and feel starved for sympathy and feel you must get to some certain individual as soon as possible to talk things over with him, just remain separate and aloof from him and refuse to discuss your problem even if you are with him. (2) When you feel that you just have to say something and if you don't say something you will

burst, that is the best time in the world to just keep quiet and say nothing. (3) When you feel strongly inclined to pout, just get more talkative and more involved than usual in the activities going on around. (4) When you feel that you just want to give someone a good "letting alone," just get closer to him and become more conversant and friendly with him than ordinarily. By these means and more we are cooperating with God in those times to destroy the self-life and increase the Christ life within us.

We are told by the experts that self preservation is the first law of nature. The Bible verifies this, too. In Job 2:4, we read, "All that a man hath will he give for his life." Therefore, I conclude that if you could only see the power of SELF to destroy your health and happiness here and your eternal life hereafter, you would be inclined to resent, reject, and stoutly resist it by every effective means available to you.

## Eternal and Temporal Things

The things we see are temporal, or passing. The things we cannot see are eternal, or everlasting. God is eternal, having neither beginning nor end. Rev. 22:13, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." The Word of God is eternal. John 1:1-5: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." John 1:14, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." Psalms 119:89, "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." Matt. 24:35, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." In Christ is eternal life. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Heaven is eternal. Rev. 22:5, "And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."

Now let us consider some things that are not eternal. This life and the things that pertain to it are passing. Sometimes a night may seem so long that we feel it will never end, but it will. Perhaps we get sick, or know of someone who has been sick for a long time. It seems the sickness will last forever, but it won't; it will come to an end—either with healing or in death. We may have a good job, a nice house, a devoted wife or husband, and a dear little family. Maybe we think we will just take it easy and enjoy our secure lives. We can for awhile; but it will end. Children grow up and leave the nest. One by one each of the family will die. You will bury them and perhaps remember them a few years by carrying

flowers to their graves. But after a time that person's affect on our life gradually fades. If we want to never be forgotten, let us come to Christ and get to know Him and Him to know us. God will never forget us, nor leave us. John 14:16: "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever." No end to this abiding!

Sometimes there are things in life that men seem to think will last. There was once a ship which cost almost ten million dollars to build. It was the *Titanic*. She had been referred to as "unsinkable." On the night of April 14, 1915, on her first actual voyage, the *Titanic* was sailing smoothly across the North Atlantic. No one on the ship dreamed of how near death he was. They had been told the ship was unsinkable; therefore, there was no reason for worry or anxiety. The ship was not eternal; it came to an end—a quick end. Practically head on the ship hit an iceberg. The submerged portion of the iceberg ripped open a 300 ft. gash below the ship's waterline. Within a couple of hours fifteen hundred lives were lost when the ship went down.

We should never put our confidence in the flesh, or material things, for they will come to an end. Let us grasp the things that are eternal—the true and living God and the salvation He has to offer. Let us be sober, watch, and pray, and put more value in eternal things than in temporal things.

—Sis. Pearlene Whitson

## Jesus Saves To The Uttermost

I wish to speak of a certain class of sinners—those who have bartered away that priceless jewel—virtue. Especially do I wish to refer to the women who may be found in this sad condition. I was taught to look upon this sin as one of the worst committed by mankind, and truly it is. I regarded such characters with extreme contempt and thought it was only just to shun their society. I was led to believe by the spirit of the world that men have greater liberties in some ways than women, therefore, my contempt for men of like character was not so great. I often pondered over that perplexing problem, wondering why it was that a man could commit most any sinful act and yet he could appear in what was supposed to be the best society and be treated courteously and respectfully, especially if he made any effort toward reform, while a poor woman could hardly ever regain the respect of her fellow-creatures, no matter how much she repented or how hard she tried to reform. But when I came in contact with the true children of God and became a Christian in deed and in truth, God revealed his character to me through his Spirit and Word, and I learned he is verily no respecter of persons and grants no greater liberties to men in the way of sin than to women. Both are alike guilty in his sight and will be punished accordingly. "He that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons." Col. 3:25.



Since the creation of mankind, the devil has directed his fiercest attacks against woman, knowing that thereby he can also destroy man; hence the spirit of the world is decidedly against her. But, thank God, there is a way of escape from the power of the evil one through the precious blood of Jesus who saves to the uttermost.

Many people regard some sins as much more loathsome and degrading than others. For instance a liar is treated with greater respect than one who has been guilty of adultery, but God is just as lenient and just as severe with one as with the other. In Rev. 21:8, we read, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolators, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." From this scripture we learn that the liar and unbelieving will share the same punishment throughout eternity as the whoremonger and murderer. God makes no difference.

In John 8:3-11, we see how willing Jesus was to forgive the woman guilty of adultery. To her accusers Jesus said, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her," (stoning being the manner of punishment for such sin under the law of Moses). But they, "convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one . . . and Jesus was left alone and the woman standing in the midst," to whom he said, "Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more." Behold Jesus talking with the woman at the well, a woman undoubtedly of ill repute, yet Jesus took as much interest in her and explained the things of God as freely to her as if she were one of the most highly esteemed characters, while his disciples, not yet knowing the true character of Jesus and his mission on earth, " marvelled that he talked with the woman." She believed on him and hastened away to the city to tell of this wonderful Jesus and bid others come and see him. John 4:7-30.

Dear reader, should you be bound by the fetters of sin, I plead with you to hasten to Jesus who is loving and kind, and yearns for the opportunity to forgive and rescue you. "For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18.

How different is the reasoning of Satan with those who have wandered far from God on the cold mountains of sin, hungering and thirsting for that which God alone can give. He whispers, "Now you know you are low and vile, you have committed awful deeds and you knew they were wrong when you did them; therefore you have sinned against light and truth and there is no pardon for you, for God hates sin and will not hear sinners." To others he says,

"Your sins are now known and you are a forsaken outcast, no longer respected by humanity or esteemed by those who once loved you. You may as well drink deep of the pleasures of this world in whatever way you can, for there is no pardon for you; or, better still, you may as well end your life at once and be free from the scoffs and scorn of this unfriendly world." And thus he disheartens, and discourages precious souls in sin, for whom Christ gave His life on the cross, and He now yearns to draw them unto Him and make them whiter than the snow.

Oh, hasten to this wonderful Savior and let Him lift you above the clouds of sadness and gloom, and flood your soul with glory. Forsake your sins. Fear not what the world may say, for God can make even your enemies to be at peace with you. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

—Pina Winters

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### Why the Theory of Evolution is Evil

Claiming that man evolved by chance from the lowest forms of life would separate man from his Creator. It would cut him off from responsibility to God. If God were not our Maker, He would not be our Master and would have no right of authority over us. This theory contradicts the Bible account. This theory would leave the human race orphans with no one to answer to but themselves, a picture as repugnant as it is blasphemous and evil. This evil theory is responsible for much of the lawlessness among adults and young people today. This teaching is sending souls to hell by the millions. This theory brings depression and misery to the souls of those who believe it. Only through Christ can we have peace and hope. Believe and accept the teachings of the Son of God who came in the flesh to show us the way to heaven and through Him we can have authority over the devil to live without sin and be ready to meet our God in peace at death.

Jesus told those around Him, "For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?" John 5: 46, 47. This proves to us that Jesus believed the Old Testament and read Moses' words. Jesus believed in the creation truths because He was there to help create all things. How precious it is to us to know that the Bible is true and what a comfort it is to know that we can find peace to our souls through obeying it! —Sis. Marie Miles

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Now is the time many people make "New Year's resolutions," only to stash them away in the "discard file" within a few months. Why not make a "life-time commitment" to God. You may have wasted, marred, and spoiled all your years to this time. But this is a new day, a new year, and can be a new life in Christ. Your life this year may decide your eternal destiny.

—Sandra Whitson