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At evening time
it shall be light.
—ZECHARIAH 14:7

GOD IS
LOVE

YE SHINE AS LIGHTS
IN THE WORLD.
—PHILIPPIANS 2:15

JESUS
SAVES

Unto Him shall
the gathering of
the people be.
—GENESIS 99:10

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"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving." Ps. 95:2.

"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness." Ps. 65:11.

Hymn of Thanksgiving



We thank Thee, Father, great and wise
For all Thy boundless care:
The sun that shines down from the skies
That we are blest to share.

For air to breathe and strength to move,
For life, and health, and being,
All gifts bestowed by Thee to prove
The truth in all we're seeing.

We thank Thee for the fruitful field,
The crops and fruits that grow;
The harvest in her bounteous yield,
The oil and honey-flow;

For all good things that we enjoy
And things that make life sweet:
Our fam'lies, every girl and boy,
With love so pure, complete.

For all these things and many more
Our thanks we give to Thee,
But more important is the store
Of grace so full and free.

We thank Thee for Thy blessed Son
Who opened up the way
That we might have Thy will be done:
Our debt for us to pay.

We thank Thee for the story old
Of Jesus here below
That we like lambs into His fold
Might have the right to go.

We're thankful for His precious blood
He shed so graciously
And for His crowning brotherhood
And holy charity.

We thank Thee for His risen life
And hope forever more
When ended is this earthly strife
On that eternal shore.

—Bro. Leslie Busbee

The Basis of Thanksgiving

By C. W. Naylor

Why are we thankful? Why do the people meet together to give thanks to God? Is it a mere form? Is it only a matter of entertainment or of pretense? Or is there back of thanksgiving a substantial basis of reality? In other words, is there some good reason why we should be thankful and why we should manifest our thankfulness? Is the proclamation of our President and the Governors of the states merely the following of a custom which has no more reason than some of the customs we are following today that have come down to us from the past and which we can not tell why we observe? No, there is a reason for our thankfulness, a substantial reason, and one that should stir our hearts to real thankfulness so that our words should not be merely words without meaning, but words filled with the deepest sentiment of the soul.

There is a reason to be thankful to God. The reason is that we are dependent upon Him, and that of ourselves we are helpless. Our very lives depend upon His blessings. Our happiness all has its root in Him. Some people do not realize this. A man once spoke to another man of his duty to give thanks to God for his prosperity. His answer was, "I plowed the ground; I planted and cultivated the crops, and I harvested them. I have no one to be thankful to but myself." He had forgotten who put the fertility in the soil and the germinating power into the seed. He had forgotten who had sent the sunshine and the rain. So he thought he had only himself to thank.

Too often we forget God's part in our blessings. We labor and then reap what seems to be the fruit of our labor. We toil and then eat the products of our toil. But how many forget to look beyond their own labor and beyond the satisfaction of their own desires! Back of every blessing is the Blessor. Back of every creation is the Creator. Back of every product of life is the Author of life. "In Him we live, and move, and have our being." He gives life and breath and all things. We are wholly dependent upon Him. We can not make one grain of wheat grow. We can not make one luscious apple. Were it not for God working with us, our tables today would not be covered with good things, our bodies would not be clothed with comfortable clothing—in fact, we should have no homes, no comforts.

All things come from Him, and to Him is due the praise for all. And as we render to Him that praise on Thanksgiving Day, shall we see to it that our tribute is not mere lip service, and that the day is not merely a day for human enjoyment or for the pleasure of the sense, but that higher than our pleasure in eating and drinking is our joy in God,

and deeper than the satisfaction that comes from temporal things is the satisfaction of being in harmony with God and of lifting up our hearts to Him and giving to Him His due for our blessings.

Thanksgiving is based on appreciation. One of those terrible indictments that Paul brings against mankind is that they were not thankful. And one of the things that was to mark the days of falling away was that man should be unthankful. Appreciation is one thing that we need to cultivate, and the reason that we do not more keenly appreciate God's blessings is because appreciation comes from consideration, and too often we take the blessings from His hand without a second thought. We take them as a matter of course. We receive them as belonging to us, and not as the gifts of God.

We ought to receive nothing from His hand as a matter of course or as justly due to us. They are His gift. We ought to cultivate the habit of considering these things in their true relation. If we would "count our blessings" over as the song says, if we would stop to consider them "one by one," our hearts could not fail to appreciate the kindness of God to us, we would see a multitude of blessings every day. So many people spend their time complaining, worrying, wondering about the future, envying others, and bringing sorrow and discord into their lives instead of the joy and sweetness that might come to them if they would spend their time looking at God's blessings and the good and beautiful things that He sends into their lives.

The story is told of a man who on Thanksgiving morning sent his two sons out through the city with instructions to see what they could see, and then come back and tell him what they had to be thankful for. The first went his way, made his rounds, and returning, said to his father, "I do not see that I have anything to be thankful for." Then he went on to tell of those who were more fortunate than he. He told of the rich in their luxury, of the fortunate, and the famous. Then he spoke of how little he himself had and declared that he could see nothing for which to be thankful. The other son returned with his eyes shining and began to tell of the many things he had to be thankful for. "There is crippled John," he said, "who has to go on crutches; I saw him at the first corner, and I was thankful that I had two good limbs. And there is old Mother Gray, who had no relatives and is so

poor. I was thankful that I had such a pleasant home and such a kind father and mother and other relatives. I saw the poor newsboys in their rags, and I was thankful that I had good clothes. I saw poor little Johnny Gates who has to sit in a wheelchair all the time, and Oh Father! I saw so many that do not have things as good as we do, and I just thought, 'How many, many things we have to be thankful for.' " Which one of these boys have you been like during the past year?

As before stated, thanksgiving is based on appreciation, and appreciation comes from consideration. If we will but open our eyes and look about us we shall find plenty of things for which to be thankful. Some things may be different from what we should like them to be. Perhaps we can think of many things that we should like to have different, but if we spend our time looking at these

things, we shall forget the good that we have, and our lives will seem impoverished. But if we will look away from these things that we should like to have different to the things that are as we like them, we can find many things for which to be thankful, and the expression of our thankfulness to God will bring His blessing upon us. For when we praise the Lord from appreciative hearts, it opens the fountain of joyfulness, and our souls are watered with heavenly blessings.

We have many things for which to be thankful. A plentiful harvest means food for all.

It is true that prices are high, but wages are also high, and the people are living in luxury. Across the sea millions of hungry people would be glad beyond our dreams of gladness if they could have what we have. Peace has come again to the war-torn nations, and for this blessing there should come into our hearts and then go out to God the deepest thanksgiving. Our nation is prosperous, and we are sharing in that prosperity.

We should be thankful for our friends, our brethren and sisters in the Lord, the literature we have to read, and our homes, though they may be humble.

Again, we have the church and the fellowship of God's saints. How different our situation might be if we were in a heathen land surrounded by the temples of idol worshipers! If what the church means to us were taken out of our lives, how much would be left? Then there are the blessings of

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Editorials

"And when he [Jehu] was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him: and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand. And he gave him his hand; . . ." II Kings 10:15.

The offering of one's hand to another holds a particular and deep significance. In our Western civilization it is easy to take this act for granted.

The bond that Jehu cemented with Jehonadab through the clasping of hands was only contingent upon having a common goal. This was also the motivation recorded in Galatians 2:9. "And when James, Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision." This is the thought that C. W. Naylor essayed to impart when he penned, "We reach our hand in fellowship to every blood-washed one." The main question we should ask is that of Jehu, "Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart?" This is an attitude that will reach the highest level of honesty before God on the part of both participants in an alliance of confidence.

A handshake is an expression of fellowship. In the business world it is often practiced as a show of having something in common. How much more should the saints be able to freely enter into it.

The handshake is a show of partnership. A pact is many times cemented with a clasping of hands. A common human goal falls far short of the entwining of hearts by Christians. God's love makes us one body and we all hold heaven as a mutual endeavor.

Offering the hand is a symbol of willingness to help. Our commitment to God pledges our strength to help all others make a successful ending of this life. Then surely a handshake among the saints is not only proper but significant.

In the past there have been those who have championed certain causes with the symbol of the clenched fist. This is just the opposite of the clasped hand. The clenched fist shows a militant attitude, and one of accomplishing a means by their own power. There is much more power in the unity of togetherness, and love will accomplish much more than a threatening posture.

A salutation among the armed forces is the salute. This shows respect, but it also signifies rank. Among Christians, we are all brothers, therefore the handshake is more befitting.

If this outward act so closely mirrors an in-

ward value, let us make sure our spirit is virtuous in bespeaking partnership, and our soul is strengthened in extending a helping hand.

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We would like to remind our readers of the different facets of the work here. Not only do we publish this monthly magazine, but we stock over 125 different titles of books which we sell. You will find a partial listing of these books in this issue. We also carry more than 300 different tracts. This literature is sold at reasonable prices, and a significant amount is given to worthy causes. We also publish Sunday school literature for both children and adults. A missionary fund is maintained through donations from which offerings are sent to foreign missionaries on a monthly basis. If the Lord should burden you to help in any phase of this printing ministry, or if any of our services can benefit you or others, we would appreciate hearing from you.

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We now have in stock and ready for sale 1992 wall calendars. The calendar has a colorful nature scene for each month, measures 7 1/4 X 13 1/2 inches, and sells for \$2.00 each. This includes postage and handling.

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On October 27, Sis. Elizabeth Lara arrived in Guthrie to help in the Print Shop. We are glad to welcome her to this work, and feel she will be able to make a significant contribution. Sis. Lara is a young sister, the daughter of Sis. Edith Lara, who along with her husband, Bro. Paulino, make frequent missionary trips into Mexico.

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Since we implemented desktop publishing in June of 1990, we have not been using the CompSet 500, a photo-typesetting machine, which it replaced. The CompSet 500 is still in working condition, but has little value in the printing market. Since we are in need of the space it occupies, if someone can use it for a worthy cause, we would be glad to donate it to them. Anyone interested should contact this office in the near future.

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The Church lost a dedicated worker when the Lord saw fit to take Bro. Herschell Hargrave, of Goulds, FL, to his eternal reward. Although he had suffered an ailment for some months, many have expressed that they were not prepared for God to call him home.

His wife, Sis. Mary, and the children at home who are left, will need God and the saints to stand by them in a very real way. If you would like to mail them a card of condolence, or be of assistance to them, their address is: 22345 S.W. 117th Place, Goulds, FL 33170.

—Wayne Murphey

Prayer Requests

IL—"Pray for James Robinson who has had a heart attack." —Sis. Margaret Whitecotton

MO—"Pray for me. I need a touch of healing." —Jane Briscoe

OH—Sis. Mary Vice has asked for prayer concerning problems she is having from a stroke.

KY—Sis. Mary Hughes desires prayer for an affliction.

OH—"Please pray for some very special unspoken requests." —Sis. Essie Abbott

AL—"Do remember our country. Remember us also." —Sis. Pearlene Gerald

CA—"Pray for my hands. They are not able to do much because of arthritis." —Rosalie Britton



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MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

WICHITA, KS MEETING REPORT

We are glad to report that God's Word is ever alive and powerful. During our meeting the Lord sent His Word to stir, convict, bless and encourage. We are thankful for His faithfulness. Sis. Theresa Gaines was the main minister who was able to stay from Sunday to Sunday. The Lord really blessed her with strength and some good, sound and timely messages. We truly appreciate her sacrifice and faithfulness in obeying God to be here.

Truly God is so good, and we again thank Him for His faithfulness unto men. As His children, we want to be faithful to Him in return.

—Shirley Knight

TENT MEETING REPORT

By the help of the Lord, we held a tent meeting in Bartlesville, OK, Sept. 27-Oct. 4. Many obstacles had to be overcome as the Devil seemed determined to hinder, but we were determined too, as we felt definite leadings from the Holy Spirit to have this meeting. We thank the Lord for helping us to overcome the opposition.

There were 18 outsiders in attendance and many saints. We appreciate each one and pray the Lord will bless your efforts in supporting this meeting with your presence and prayers.

A 13-year-old girl came often and asked for prayer for spiritual needs. Please remember her when you pray. Also pray for other souls in that area which we have a burden to see saved.

We covet your prayers,

—Bro. and Sis. Gordon Humphrey

JEFFERSON, OR ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Annual Assembly Meeting of the Church of God at Jefferson, OR, will be held from Friday, Nov. 1 through Sunday, Nov. 10. The first service will be Friday night at 7:30. On both weekends there will be services at 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. During the week, Monday through Friday, there will be services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

We are praying for the Lord to send us ministerial help of His own choosing. We would appreciate earnest prayer for the meeting.

Anyone coming by public transportation, please contact us and we will meet you at the proper terminal. R.V. hook-ups are available on the grounds. Those needing further assistance, please call Bro. Clifford Wilson, (503) 362-4384, or Bro. Clifford Smith, (503) 581-4575.

SAPULPA, OK REVIVAL

Lord willing, Bro. Jerry Melot of Shreveport, LA, will be with the saints in Sapulpa, OK for a revival beginning Nov. 6th and going through the 10th. Services will be each evening at 7:00, as well as the regular services on Sunday.

Everyone is welcome to attend, and pray that the meeting will be profitable to all. For more information contact the pastor, Bro. Don McIntosh, 6553 S. 109th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133.

LORANGER, LA ASSEMBLY MEETING

Nov. 24-Dec. 1

This is a time not only for the gathering of the saints, but primarily for the needs of souls in the community and everywhere.

Everyone is invited to come. There is a dormitory for the sisters and one for the brothers. Power and water hookups are available for those with campers. Meals will be served and expenses met by freewill offerings.

From Loranger, go two miles south and 3 1/2 miles east on Hwy. 40. For those traveling I-55, the grounds are about 10 miles east of the Tickfaw exit (take Hwy. 442 east which runs into Hwy. 40).

For more information, contact Bro. Nelson Doolittle, Rt. 1, Box 192, Loranger, LA 70446, phone, (504) 878-6111. The chapel phone is: (504) 878-2788.

If you are unable to come, we covet your prayers at this time. —Bro. Nelson Doolittle

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The California State Assembly Meeting of the Church of God has been set for December 20-29, 1991, on the campground at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, CA. We are praying and expecting a blessed meeting. All are invited and welcome.

There will be all day services throughout the meeting; lodging and meals are provided. Please come praying and expecting to labor and receive a blessing. Phone numbers that can be called for more information are: Sunset Guest Home - (818) 899-2022; campgrounds - (818) 899-9021; Bro. James Pierro - (818) 896-5331.

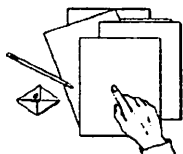
—Submitted by Sis. Wynema Clay

OKLAHOMA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The 85th annual Oklahoma State Assembly meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, at Guthrie, OK, on Dec. 20-29, 1991. A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this annual gathering of God's people.

For more information, contact the pastor, Bro. Charles Elwell, phone, (405) 282-0743.

From The Readers . . .



KS—Dear Bro. Murphey: I am glad to be able to report victory and continued satisfaction in my walk with God. It has truly been an exciting journey and I am anxious to see it right through to the end, and then go on to bigger and better things by living in heaven with my dear Father and Saviour forever. It is great and glorious to me to be able to serve and reverence such a great and magnificent God and follow in the footsteps of such a marvelous and wonderful One as Jesus Christ. It is such a precious privilege and I thank God with all of my heart that He has permitted me to be one of His children. It is just wonderful to be saved and I would not take anything for my journey, and neither will I exchange anything for my blessed salvation and great experience of living a godly and holy life. Oh, how wonderful it all is! Truly, I mean to go right on until the crown is won.

—Shirley Knight

CA—Dear Bro. Wayne and saints: Greetings in Jesus' name. I am thankful today for the joys of salvation, and for being able to praise the Lord and meditate on His mercies to me. For a long time, as my family was growing up, I longed for a time when I could have devotion with the Lord as long as I wished. Now I can truly say the Lord has granted my desire.

As I look back over my life I can see God's hand of mercy with me. In my greatest battles and conflicts, and when I could not see a possible way out, He was there all the time. The Lord has done the impossible for me. He lifted me up and out of a troublesome condition. God has done more for me than I could ever ask or think.

I am old now and looking forward to being with the Lord. I know my days here are short at the most, but I am so happy to see plainly how God has been tenderly caring for me through every sorrow, as well as through every joy.

Your sister in Christ, —Geneva K. Norling

OK—Dearest saints: Greetings to everyone in the dear name of Jesus. I am very grateful to be saved, sanctified, and encouraged to press on.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed me spiritually, physically, and in every way. I just want to give God all the glory! About three years ago in September, I suffered a heart attack. But praise

God, He has healed me, and I am very strong today. Jesus is so good to me.

I am so thankful to be in the Church of God. Jerry and I, and the girls, are very happy and blessed to be among God's people. Pray for us as we endeavor to draw nearer to Christ.

We love all the saints everywhere, and we are welcoming the day when we can see you again. If not in this life, we shall meet in heaven never to part again.

Pray for us, —Bro. Jerry and Sis. Marsha Corteway, Tammy, Jody, and Rhonda

WV—To all the dear saints at the Publishing House: I trust our Lord is blessing each one of you there for your faithfulness unto Him. He is able to keep and inspire us all the days of our lives. Surely our Lord will never forget your labors of love.

Some dear person sent me the *Faith and Victory* paper over 40 years ago, and through it and the good books we read from there, the Lord revealed to us the way of His people here on earth. I truly believe this was the means the Lord used to keep me from becoming sidetracked in some man-made religion. I have so much for which to be grateful. May our Lord continually bless the work there, now and in the future, as He has in the past.

I would like to be put on your prayer list as I have an affliction of which I desire the Lord to fully heal me. Also remember Sis. Sharon Fowler and Bro. Mack Buzzard in prayer.

—Bro. James White

OK—Dear *Faith and Victory*: I would like to thank you all for the tracts and also the paper. I would also like to ask if you would request the saints to pray for us here in the county jail. We need help here. . . . Please help to teach us about Jesus. I thank you very much. —Maurice King

MI—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: We send greetings of Christian love to you in Jesus' name, the Saviour of all mankind.

I am so thankful for His love which He has given us.

We thank you for being faithful to send us the *Faith and Victory* paper. We enjoy reading the articles. Many of the things written in it comes at the right time to give admonition and uplifting to the soul. May God continue to bless your work at the *Faith and Victory* Print Shop. . . .

We are so glad that God is a living God, an unchanging God, and a loving God. To think on these things blesses the soul.

Christian love,

—Bro. Milford and Sis. Dorothy Parsons

OR—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in Jesus' name! I enjoy getting the *Faith and Victory* and reading all the things going on around, and the good articles that are written in them.

I want to thank the Lord for His healing of some insect bites I had this summer. It seems I am allergic to them, as they have such a reaction on me.

I am still looking for God's help with a back problem I have been having.

May the Lord bless you all there in the work it takes to get the paper out.

Yours for His cause, —Sis. Mary Kroker

LA—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings this nice fall morning. I am so glad to be saved and encouraged in the service of the Lord. He is to be praised, worshiped and honored above all. We love Him with our whole heart.

The Lord has blessed us concerning the problem in my hands and arms, for which we praise His name. I am not altogether well, but much better. I am looking for complete healing. My dear husband is doing very well at the present. Some days he's better than others, but not suffering pain. How we thank the Lord for that. He is still weak and frail, and requires much help in getting about the house. We do praise the Lord for the daily strength He does give us both. What would we do without the help of our Lord?

We thank each one for their many prayers on our behalf, and trust the Lord's blessings will be with all.

May God bless the workers there at the Print Shop. —Sis. Lula Williamson

OH—Dear Brother and Sister Wayne Murphey: Christian greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ. He is so worthy of all our love and praises! I love Psalm 150: "Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

"It will be worth it all, when we see Jesus. Life's trials will seem so small, when we see Christ!" "One glimpse of His dear face. All sorrow will erase, so bravely run this race till we see Christ!"

May God's eternal love and blessings be upon you and all the faithful partners in Christ Jesus.

—Sister Agnes Moore

MO—Greetings to the dearest and the most precious family on earth, the family of God: This finds me much encouraged to press on in this beautiful way. I love the Lord and find living for Him a most satisfying life.

Yes, there have been battles, trials and tests, but my Heavenly Father has never failed once. His grace has always been sufficient for my asking.

In working with the public I have compared my way of life with those around me, and found most are so unhappy. Never have I wanted to change and be like them. If they could only realize the joy that salvation brings into our life, surely they would want to give their life to the Lord. "O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him." Ps. 34:8.

I desire the saints' prayers that I'll be true and faithful.

Christian love, —Wanda Atnip

SC—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Our fall meeting has come and gone. We thank the dear Lord we had a wonderful meeting. The Holy Spirit was there and souls were blessed.

I enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper. It blesses my soul. May God continue to bless the saints there at the Print Shop. You all are doing a good work.

We need your prayers for the sick saints at Holly Hill; Sis. Ada Pratt, Sis. Jeanine McHaney, Sis. Earlene Scott, my wife, Rosa Lee Platt, and Hudson Crummie.

Yours in Christ, —Utson Platt

OR—Dear Bro. Wayne and all at the Print Shop: Greetings in Jesus' name. We desire your prayers for a healing touch for Doris. She has incidents of pain in her shoulders, neck, and jaws, which are becoming quite frequent. We are trusting the Lord and know that any suffering He permits will work for our good if we are doing His will in all things. . . .

We pray every day for His blessings on all there and the work you are doing.

With Christian love, —Bill and Doris Busch

OR—Dear Bro. Wayne: I get such a blessing from the *Faith and Victory* paper each month. There is so much ungodliness around us that being with the children of God, reading His Word, and reading of how He is blessing those who trust Him, is a real haven.

I thank God for the inner peace the Holy Spirit gives us. I mean to live for Him until He calls me home. . . . —Betty Shamberger

CA—Dear Bro. Wayne: . . . We are yet saved and encouraged to live for the Lord. Remember my family in prayer.

Love to the saints,

—Bro. and Sis. John D. Matthews

IN—Dear Bro. Murphey: I was thinking about when I first retired, my niece and her husband wanted me to come out to California and spend the winter with them. . . .

Bro. Chandler was having a revival at his place and invited us over there. He invited me to his home for a turkey dinner as it was his daughter's birthday. Bro. Pat Huskey went with me and they treated us like royalty. His wife began telling us how wonderfully God had healed her. She said she didn't know what was the matter with her, but she couldn't walk. She said, Bro. Chandler came in one evening and she said, "Honey, get your bottle of oil and anoint me and pray for me." He said, "I have done that a dozen times or more." She replied, "I know, but I have done all I know to do, and I am not going to give up. I am not going to give up." He got the oil and knelt down in front of her and anointed her, then she said he prayed the nicest prayer. She put her arms on the armrests and got right up. She said, "Praise the Lord!" All he said was "Amen." She said she was going to dress and go to church, as there was a revival going on. As soon as she got on the pulpit three ladies came running and told her she shouldn't be out in the night air. Sis. Chandler said, "You miserable Job's comforters, go sit down. . . ." —Bro. Earl B. Bliss

KY—Dear Bro. Wayne and saints: We send greetings of Christian love in the precious name of Jesus. He is our "all in all" and we do love Him with our whole heart. Our greatest desire is to please Him with our lives. We have been in a long hard battle, but the Lord has been with us. . . .

We are in the process of buying, selling, and moving. This has been very hard on Curtis, although our children and the saints are taking care of the work and the business. We felt we needed to be closer to some of our children and the saints. Beverly is the closest to us, which is about 100 miles, and the little congregation at Junction City is about 130 miles. . . .

We still need your prayers for our dear companion's healing. His nerves are doing some better, but he suffers much from the other affliction. Our trust is in God and we know He won't fail us. May God bless each one of you for your prayers, love and kindness to us. We love and appreciate all the dear saints.

Christian love,

—Curtis and Burnice Williams

FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS



From the Philippines . . .

Oct. 11—Dear Brother and Sister Murphey: Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus. His name is the only name under heaven whereby man can be saved. When His name was pronounced by the apostles, the lame walked, the sick were cured, the dead were raised, and the evil spirits were afraid.

Living conditions are becoming harder in the Philippines. Many people are hungry and it is hard to find a job. Many Filipino workers from the Clark Air Force Base are now out of work. Hundreds of thousands of people suffered much by the eruption of Mount Pinatubo. Their source of living was lost, and many are dying in evacuation areas caused by epidemic. People from rural areas cannot concentrate to work on their farms because they are afraid of encounters between the N. P. A. (Communist army) and the government army. The communists are getting taxes from the people also, and if they fail to pay they will kill them. And if the military knows someone who is helping the communist soldiers, they will kill that person also. So the people have decided to go to live in the cities. This makes the living conditions very hard. Some of the saints have been coming and asking for food or money. My wife will cook what we have and let them eat, but we do not have a source of living since the public market was burned where wife was selling cooked foods. Also our land was destroyed by the July 16 killer earthquake. . . .

With much gratitude, —Matias S. Tangunan

From Mexico . . .

Oct. 11—Dear brethren: I greet you in the holy and precious name of our loving Saviour, Jesus Christ. I hope you are well in health and very encouraged in the Lord.

I write this letter with much love to all of you, thanking the Lord for His great blessings upon the work here. The Holy Spirit has manifested Himself in a wonderful way. Souls of this congregation are determined to serve the Lord. This is my joy, that they do not wish to be mediocre, but filled with the Holy Spirit.

We are having services in McFarland, CA which is about 350 miles from our home. The Lord is also working there. We are also going to Mexicali for services. In the last two months we have not had services there, but we thank the Lord for Sis.

Edith Lara, who is going every month to hold services there.

We have been praying for ministers who would preach the Word of truth, and today the Lord is opening the doors. There is a precious brother who had previously preached for a denomination. I have known him for three years and he couldn't see any difference between us, but he said he was praying over this whole matter. Finally he wrote telling me that the Lord had been speaking to him and that he wanted to come talk and know more about the Church of God. He had prayed that if it was the Lord's will for him to come God would provide the means. So the brethren of this congregation began to pray, and from the depths of their poverty abounded riches to help this brother. In five days he was with us saying he wanted to meet everyone and he was hungry to know more about the truth. He is very encouraged in serving God. Let us pray for him. His name is Lucas Sanchez Vazquez. He is married and has one child. He is a pastor and a teacher of a Bible school in Sinaloa. He is very simple, humble, and above all, very sincere. He may come to live near us. He is praying to know where God wants him to go and begin a work.

This congregation has two deacons, a treasurer, and also a secretary to carry everything in clear order, for which I wish to say, that since September they have full responsibility of knowing how to help the poorest of our congregation. They also send tracts that are requested. This announcement is for all the brethren, or congregations, who wish to help in the sending of literature, helping the poor, or for the ministry. Please continue to pray for this project and ministry.

I also would like to express through this means my gratitude to all the brethren who were with us in this year's camp meeting, which was a great blessing. All the saints from here were very happy with the visitors and especially with those who ministered and prayed.

Thank you very much for all this and for your love to the work here (in Mexico), and for your patience toward me and my family.

May we work more for the Lord. Amen.

—Mayarino Escobar and family, AP Postal #284, Ensenada, Baja CFA, Mexico

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Honduras, C. A. Trip . . .

Sept. 26—Dear saints: Greetings to you in Jesus' name. On Wednesday, September 18, 1991, a missionary company consisting of Bros. Louis Kimble, Keith Fuller, Toney Samons, and Chad Samons, left for Honduras. Arriving safely we

disembarked at Coxen Hole, Roatan, Honduras where we took a taxi to Sis. Dilbert's and conducted a profitable Bible study with several in attendance. We then took a taxi to Politilly where Sis. Sanders resides and where a three-day meeting commenced.

We resided in Politilly during most of our stay in Honduras. While at Politilly we conducted services from Thursday through Saturday. Several were present in these services, and the gospel was preached with authority and power. We also visited several villages on the island where we ministered in song, in prayer for the sick, in passing out tracts, and exhortation. Certainly the Bread was cast on the waters. On Saturday morning, a very profitable children's meeting was held with 30 or more children in attendance.

On Sunday morning, we were in services at the Church of God in Coxen Hole where we met a receptive crowd as the Word of God was preached in its fullness. After the services we caught a flight to La Ceiba on the Mainland, where we had a pleasant stay at Sis. Sanders father's home. We witnessed to him the gospel of God's grace and ended our stay there. As we prepared to head to Tela from La Ceiba, we passed out tracts in the town square of La Ceiba and found interest from several who received them.

In Tela, we spent Monday at Sis. Elsa's and conducted services there where the Word was preached with conviction. Several raised their hands for prayer at the end of the altar services. The next morning we left for San Pedro Sula where our flight was scheduled to return to the States on Wednesday, September 25.

While we were busily engaged in preaching the gospel on this trip, part of the burden also was to prayerfully consider the possibilities of starting a Christian school at Politilly. Sis. Sanders has a ministry with the children in this area and the outcropping of this could be a day school for the children. Please agree in prayer with us concerning this, as God seems to be leading in this direction.

Finally, at the airport the Lord blessed our quartet to minister to the waiting passengers with the song, "I'm Taking a Flight." The Lord, we are sure, recognized the sincerity of our singing but allowed a misunderstanding to occur and we missed our flight. Later on, we caught a flight and arrived back in New Orleans at 8:30 p.m.

We want to thank each one who contributed to this effort. May the Lord bless and reward you. Continue to pray for the work in Honduras.

Yours for the full gospel,

—The Honduras Missionary Company

In Memoriam

Tora Mae Jensen was born to Samuel Thornton and Gertrude Walker in Muskogee, OK, on June 2, 1910, and departed this life on Sept. 25, 1991 in National City, CA, at 81 years, 3 months, and 3 weeks.

At a very tender age, her parents brought her to Tulsa, OK, where she lived for many years. While there she was taught the laws and doctrines of Jesus Christ. This teaching had a great influence on her throughout her life. Later in life, this was the means by which she was saved. While residing in Tulsa she received her formative education and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School. In 1928 her parents moved to Pasadena, CA. In 1930 she attended Pasadena Junior College. She was united in holy matrimony to Harold S. Jensen in 1936, and to his union no children were born. In the spring of 1955 she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour, and was a faithful member of the Church of God until she received the summons from the Lord.

As a child of God, she loved reading, studying, and meditating on the Word of God. She spent hours daily, reading religious material, papers, pamphlets, the *Faith and Victory*, etc. The Lord endowed her with many talents, some of which were reading for the ministers and finding the Scriptures quickly. She also taught the Junior and Senior classes and loved singing the songs of Zion, to name a few: "The Labor of Jesus," "There is a Fountain," and "That Wicked One Toucheth Him Not." In her later years, she began working and assisting the pastor, the late Bro. Alvin Lucas in the ministry. After his demise she worked alone for the next four years as a minister and then as the pastor of the church.

During the last year of her life her health began to fail, but her faith in God remained strong until the Lord saw fit in His wisdom to take her home to her eternal rest. She was loved and shall be missed by all.

She leaves to mourn her departure, a loving sister, Mrs. Flora B. Davis; a niece, Mrs. Evelyn Hendrix, Los Angeles, CA; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Mildred Walker Robinson, Sacramento, CA; nephews, Stafford Walker of Canada, Donald and Thelma Walker of San Jose, CA; niece, Sylvia Walker of Carson, CA, and a host of greatnieces and nephews, great-greatnieces and nephews, other relatives, saints, and friends who will miss her dearly.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Calvin Hobbs and Sis. Linda Roberts.

A TRIBUTE

... All the happiness we had together ... has ceased. The beautiful memories still linger on. So I'll go on singing with a heavy heart until God calls me home.

... There will be no more sad good-byes. This is not good-bye ... just farewell ... until we meet again, and are together, forever. ...

Your sister,

—Flora B. Davis

Herschell Henry Hargrave was born April 4, 1940 to Benson D. and Helen Elizabeth Hargrave in Xenia, OH, the third of 11 children, and passed from this life on Oct. 6 1991. He graduated from Xenia High School in 1958 and enlisted in the United States Air Force where he was trained as an aircraft mechanic and began a love affair with airplanes. His duty took him to many parts of the world: Okinawa, Japan, Turkey, Italy, the Philippines, and Vietnam. He was saved in 1964 and was discharged as a conscientious objector in 1967.

Bro. Hargrave found his sweetheart in Goulds, FL while stationed at Homestead, FL, and wed Miss Mary Ellen Plair, March 31, 1963. To this union were born eight children. His father and two children, Mark and Faith preceded him in death.

He graduated with a degree in accounting from Charron Williams Business College and earned credits at Miami Dade Jr. College in several counseling courses. He was director and head counselor at Riverside Halfway House in Miami. But from the time of his conversion and subsequent call of God in 1965, the great business of his life's work was Christian ministry.

He began preaching in the Reformation Church of God in Miami, and in 1969 entered into fellowship with the Church of God. His works there were enormous and potent. He was a dynamic, forceful evangelist, beginning what later became the Goulds, FL congregation by preaching in his backyard. He held street meetings, tent meetings, and revivals, and no sinner was too depraved and no night too late for him to give freely of his counseling and good works of every sort. He was ordained in Northport, AL in 1969, and ministered across the U.S., besides existing congregations in Davenport, Avon Park, and Live Oak, FL, Water Valley, MS, as well as the Cayman Islands and Honduras, and was the principal of the Path of Life School of Goulds, FL from 1980-87, which project was a major interest, and to which he gave his life.

He leaves behind to mourn, his wife, Mary, and children, Rachel, David, Crystal, Herschell Jr., Michael, and Jeremy, all of the home; his mother, Helen; brothers, James, Benson, Edward, and John; sisters, Marva, Priscilla, Janet, Lela, Linda, and Gaynelle; goddaughters, Terry Speight, and Glenda McPhail, both of his family; the saints, many friends and acquaintances.

Funeral services were conducted with Bros. Keith Fuller, Norman Simpson, Robert McIntrye, Louis Kimble, and Ed Wilson officiating. Burial was in the Dade South Cemetery.

TAPES AVAILABLE

A video tape consisting of the wake, funeral, and graveside service of Bro. Herschell Hargrave has been compiled by Sis. Lydia Bennett and friend. The price of the tape is \$10.00 which includes postage and handling. Anyone desiring to obtain a copy may do so by addressing her at: 1566 N. E. 191st. Street #227, N. Miami Beach, FL 33179, phone (305) 944-5670.

—Sis. Lydia Bennett



Question and Answer by Ostis B. Wilson

Note: This is article three of a series of articles on the subject of salvation from sin, including justification and sanctification, the need of sanctification and why it requires a second and separate work of Divine grace to accomplish it, etc.

Answer: We have had two articles teaching on the matter of inherited sin, sometimes referred to as "native depravity," "depraved nature," "sin principle," etc. We will now enter into the discussion of actual, willful sin which produces guilt and condemnation in the conscience, and why every individual experiences this condition.

When a child reaches the age of accountability before God and falls into willful disobedience to His law, becomes guilty of sin and a partaker of the sinful life, this is more than just the nature of sin, which in itself is not productive of guilt, but is the fruit of that nature, or the projection of it, into a way of life of actual sins committed. This is what brings guilt and condemnation on the soul. This, then, takes him a second step lower than the plane on which man was created. However, we must not confuse the hereditary sin, or seed of sin, or principle of sin, with sin acquired or committed.

Some find the idea of our inheriting the seed of sin objectionable on the grounds that they cannot conceive of an infant child just born into the world being a guilty sinner. What these folks are doing is confusing sin inherited with sin acquired or committed.

Inherited sin is never productive of guilt. Even though the infant child possesses within him the seed of sin from his first parent, Adam, he remains in a state of perfect innocence before God until he reaches an age of accountability to know right from wrong, and by an act of his own free will does the wrong thing.

This is covered by the principle laid down in Romans 7:9-11. "For I was alive [in a state of innocence before God] without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died [lost my innocence and became guilty before God]. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me." Also in I John 3:4 we read, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." Again in Romans 4:15 it is said, "Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression." Romans 5:13 says, "(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed where there is no law." James 4:17 says, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

All of the above Scriptures sum up to the fact that a person must have knowledge of the law or will of God, and know what is right to do and then fail to do it before it is imputed to him as sin, or charged against him as such, and he becomes guilty before God. What is sometimes called "sin inherited" is only a nature and is not productive of guilt. There must be a willful, knowing transgression of God's law to make one guilty of sin before God. This principle would be applicable to all, beginning with the infant who had no knowledge of moral principles on through persons of all ages who were innocently ignorant of God's will on any point and had not yet received light or knowledge on a given point. Romans. 4:6-8 says, "Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin."

I John 5:17 says, "All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death." I have already referred to Romans 7:9-11 but I wish to refer to it again here to pick up another point or two. In Romans 7:8-9 it says, "But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of

concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died." Here we have a reference to a sin that spawned sin, worked sin, wrought sin, produced sin. A tree can only grow on the root from which it sprang and can only live in the life which was in the seed that gave it its being. There must be a source from which any thing and every thing springs. Sin has a source from which it springs also and it is in this seed of sin, this native depravity or sin principle which has passed from Adam on down through all of his posterity. This is the sin within Paul which rose up and slew him and he died (spiritually) when he came to accountability before God through a knowledge of God's law. We need to understand the potentials of sin and its enormity. Sin is capable of immense expansion and evolution. In the most mild sin exists the potential of the most vicious sin which can be imagined. The fundamental principle of evolution is that that which is evolved must first have been involved. Hence, in some mysterious way all the properties of the fully developed, full grown oak tree existed in the acorn from which that tree grew. This is true of every thing which has life in it. It is also true of the principles of sin and righteousness.

The apparently mild sin of which Adam and Eve were guilty blossomed out in the murder of one of their children by his own brother not far down the line. Within 1500 to 1600 years, sin had ruined the entire race and the world that then was, was ready for destruction. Every hideous sin that is even beyond our imagination in the world of today, is all springing from the properties which existed in that inherent seed of sin. Although in itself it is not productive of guilt, it is blossoming out into the entire endless chain of sins which are engulfing the world in our time. This is what Paul referred to in Romans 7:8-9.

That sinful nature which is inherent in all of Adam's race lies dead or dormant—without power to produce guilt and condemnation—until the individual comes face to face with the commandment of God and a knowledge of God's will (receives light). Then that corrupt nature, indwelling sin, seed or principle of sin revives, becomes active to cause us to fall into willful acts of sin and produces guilt and condemnation of conscience because now the knowledge of the law has come to us. The following Scriptures confirm this fact. "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." John 3:19. "Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth." John 9:41. "If I

[Jesus] had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin, He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin; but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father." John 15:22-24.



Governmental Laws

By Myra Moaning

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3:5-6.

There are numerous campaigns that we may encounter. Associations or individuals may ask us to consider their issues, donate money, or work to spread the news concerning a problem or need. They may ask citizens to make phone calls, write letters or go out and vote in a certain way. We should never forget our first duty to stop and pray. We need the Lord to direct our paths. Although ideas may sound wonderful and speeches sincere, remember, Satan can come like a wolf in sheep's clothing. The apostle Paul in II Corinthians 11:14, tells us that Satan has the ability to transform himself into an angel of light. Jesus Himself stated that false prophets would, if it were possible, deceive the very elect. (Matt. 24:24).

Some movements are started with noble ideas. The first phase of the plan sounds so logical and appears to be so needful. They then proceed to gradually slip the true agenda in.

We can unknowingly become involved in systematic schemes to desensitize the consciousness of our nation. We, in our own wisdom, can embrace a deceptive movement that will harm souls in serious ways. Groups seeking to influence us may ultimately be working against the plan of God.

Would you support:

If:

1. Mandatory health education for grades Kindergarten—12.

It contained units designed by homosexual organizations, with the aim of destroying the values parents have tried to instill, while breaking down children's inhibitions toward premarital relationships and against the alternative (gay) lifestyles?

2. School-based free health clinics.

The project promotes promiscuity by promoting birth control products and making referrals to abortion clinics without parental approval? (School officials must have your permission before your child is given aspirin, but abortions, in some districts, can be arranged without your consent.)

(Home-based program for preschool children)

from the classroom, and are now choosing textbooks that restrict the mention of God's role in the development of the greatness of this nation, are now working to come into homes with child development information available from libraries. Their approach leaves parents feeling inadequate and ignorant. Although they may tell you to consider them your friends, they are instructed to call the child abuse hot-line if state approved child-rearing policies are not followed, or any other "problems" are observed.

3. Earth day celebrations.

After your children were asked to recycle and clean up their environment, they were told that it is our duty to protect our dwindling natural resources and that the best way to do this is to slow population explosions by setting mandatory limits on family size, especially, they will say, in poor countries?

4. Lowering the age at which children must enter school.

You were told that the goal is to remove children from families before principles and values from past generations are instilled in them?

5. The Children's Rights Treaty

Article 14, freedom of thought, conscience, and religion; article 15, freedom of association; article 16, the right to privacy; article 17, the right of access to the media, or any of the other provisions in this treaty, could be interpreted by the authorities, to mean biblical child-rearing practices are a violation of the law.

6. P-A-T Parents as Teachers

The same people who helped remove prayer

There are many worthy causes Christians should support in prayers and deeds. However, be sure to earnestly seek God for guidance in all areas of life. An innocent movement can be taken over by forces working to put souls in bondage. They may propose laws to assist in accomplishing this very thing. Remember II Corinthians 3:17, "... Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." We should never forget to pray for all who are in authority, that we might live a quiet and peaceable life. (I Tim. 2:1-2).



The Basis of Thanksgiving

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hope, joy, peace, and love—enough to keep our tongues busy in thanksgiving through every day. But greatest of all is the gift of God's dear Son, and the salvation that this gift has brought to us. This ought to stir our hearts continually with praises.

Besides these greater blessings, how many other things have come to us in the last year to enrich our lives! How much of kindness has been shown us by others! How many smiles have we received! How many marks of affection! How we have been blessed by friend and stranger!—for these things we ought to give thanks.

Not only should we be thankful for what we have received of positive blessings, but we should be thankful for another cause. We should be thankful for what we have not done. Think of what

sinners about you have done during the past year, how many crimes have been committed, how many evil deeds have been done, and you have done none of them. Why is this? Because you were better than they? You do not know what you might have done had you been in sin, for the same forces would have worked upon you that worked upon them. How do you know that had it not been for God's mercy, but what you might now be a murderer filling a felon's cell? Or that you might, not have been guilty of some other crime or deed that would have brought sorrow and remorse and bitterness to your soul? But it has not happened. Give God thanks.

How many about you have suffered as you have not suffered? You are of dust the same as they. Can you not be thankful today that your lot has been more fortunate? Think of the many sins and vanities and heartaches and home troubles you have been kept from through the mercy of God. Think of the tears and sorrows, and fears that have not come to you, because God shielded you from the things that brought them to others. Think of the hatred, malice, envy, strife, jealousy, and such things that God has kept you from during this year. Look upon the lives of others where these are manifested and see the fruits of them in their tears and griefs, and then think of how much you owe to God that these things have not come into your life. Or, if you have suffered from some such things, think how much worse it might have been. Take a look about you and look into your own heart, then look upward to God. Does your heart need further encouragement? Pour out to Him a rich tribute of praise and thanksgiving that shall reach to the highest heaven and stir rejoicing in the hearts of the angels. "In every thing give thanks." (1 Thess. 5:18).

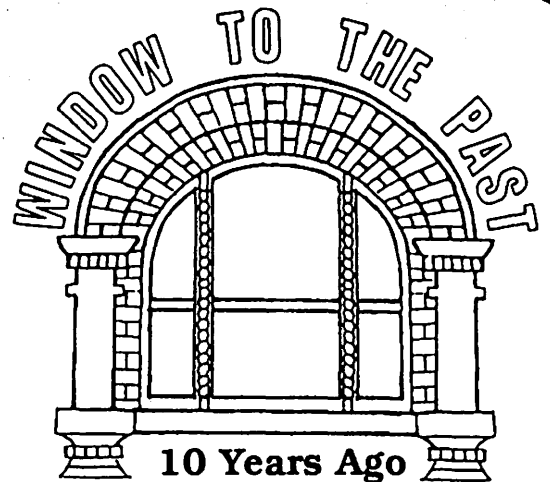


Oh, let me be an instrument of Love,
Controlled by the Master's hand,
Strengthened by His great power and might,
But only as He commands.

He sees our need far deeper yet
In mind, in spirit and soul,
He answers prayer, in ways unknown,
To bring us in His control.

Sweet and tender, His hand on us
Yet firm in fulfilling His will,
Through suffering and trial He leads us on,
And we learn by His love to be still.

With a mind in sweet submission to God;
Leaving all for Him to plan;
Knowing true rest in spirit and soul;
Under the Master's hand. —Selected



Excerpts Taken From Nov., 1981 *Faith and Victory*

"Our hearts are full of praises and gratitude to God for all He has done for us in Springfield, Mo. Our new chapel and school building here is nearly completed, and it has been wonderful to see how God has blessed and helped us."
—Ed Johnston

"On Sept. 25, 1981 I sent an application for a visa to enter India again this winter. One week later, on Oct. 2nd, I received a Tourist Visa for a three-month stay there. This is the fulfillment of a two-year trial of faith, and I am very happy for the privilege of returning to India again."
—Sis. Dorothy Keiser

"In our house to house witnessing, a lady by the name of Alice Odili, aged 31, greatly vexed with unclean spirits, was discovered abandoned in a small, dusty, dark room with her leg chained to the trunk of a tree to restrict her movements, as she posed a threat to life, chasing people about with a matchet and being destructive to property. . . . The evil spirits were commanded in Jesus' name to move out of Alice forthwith, and they obeyed! Praise the Lord! To God be the glory for the mighty work being done in His name."
—Titus U. E. Enu

"In a flower garden we sometimes see flowers of many different shades and colors, but yet they all belong to the same species of flowers. So it is in the Christian life—we see many different graces, but they all spring from one heavenly plan of love."
—J. B. Branam