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The Quiet, Hoping Heart

Whate'er my God ordains is right,
His will is ever just;
Howe'er He orders now my cause
I will be still and trust.
He is my God,
Though dark my road,
He holds me that I shall not fall,
Wherefore to Him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right,
He never will deceive;
He leads me by the proper path,
And so to Him I cleave,
And take content
What He hath sent;
His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right,
Though I the cup must drink
That bitter seems to my faint heart,
I will not fear nor shrink;
Tears pass away
With dawn of day,
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right,
Here will I take my stand;
Though sorrow, need, or death make earth
For me a desert land,
My Father's care
Is around me there,
He holds me that I shall not fall,
And so to Him I leave it all.

—S. Rodigast, 1675
(From *Hymns of the Ages*)

Working With A Wound in Your Heart

By John Varghese

It is important to have the power to turn the worst into the best. If we learn this secret, we will know how to live. If we don't learn it, then we will fumble this business of living. It is simply impossible, in reference to suffering, to always know why, but while you cannot explain the why, you can learn the how; the how of victory over it and through it and around it. Cease worrying over the why and get to the how!

Look at the picture in Matthew 14:12-21. Jesus had just heard that John the Baptist, His cousin and forerunner, and beloved friend, had been beheaded, and the account continues: "When Jesus heard it, he withdrew by boat to a desert place in private." He wanted to be alone to let the wound in His heart heal a bit. "But the crowds heard of it and followed him on foot from the towns." They broke up His plans. "So when he disembarked, he saw a large crowd, and out of pity for them he healed their sick folks." And then He fed the multitude. He worked for others with a wound in His own heart. Many of us have to go through life working with a wound. But this wound in Jesus, instead of making Him bitter against the injustice of John's beheading, made Him more tender with others. "Out of pity for them he healed their sick" and fed their hungry. If you work with a wound in your side, remember, that wound will be healing to others—your very hunger for consolation can feed others.

I remember one incident. Just before he was to preach in a meeting in India, a missionary

received a cable that his father had died. He said nothing to his friends before the service, but went on and preached a tenderly beautiful message. Many were moved by that message. Only after the service did he tell his friends that he had received the cable. He worked with a wound—and that wound was healing to others. Praise the Lord!



Who is Jesus Christ?

By Jody Corteway

Our family and I were coming back from Wichita, KS where we had attended a gospel service, and we stopped at Long John Silvers to get something to eat. There was a young girl in the restaurant who asked us if we had just come back from church. She told us that for the last couple of nights some people had come in there from a church that was having a play about the Christ, and that it had real donkeys, chickens, and roosters.

I asked her if it was an Easter play, and she said, "It had something to do with Easter and a Christ."

I was so touched. By the way she talked about "a Christ" I knew that she did not really know who He was. About everybody I know and have association with knows who Jesus Christ is, but there are many other people who do **not** know who He is.

I was very stirred about how this young girl talked about "a Christ." Jesus Christ means so much to me, and I just don't know how I would feel if I did not know Him and have Him to help me in my problems.

I began thinking of how I would tell someone so spiritually blind just who Jesus Christ really is. Then I thought of the Scripture in John 4:25-26. Jesus was talking to the woman at the well, and she said, "I know that the Messiah cometh, which is called Christ." Then Jesus said to her, "I that speak unto thee am he." The woman at the well was one of the first persons who heard that Jesus was the Christ.

In Matthew 16:13-17 Jesus asked His disciples, "But whom say ye that I am?" Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." The Bible is really clear on who Jesus Christ is. He is the Son of the Living God. Out in the world, Christ means very little, if anything to people. They have heard about Him a few times, but that is about all. We

ought to be very thankful that we know who Christ is.

I am sure we all realize that we are very blessed to know who Jesus Christ is, but what good is a head knowledge if he is not our personal Saviour? May the Lord help us to use the knowledge we have to show others who Christ really is and what He means to us.



How to be Happy

J. Grant Anderson

The true Christian is, of course, a happy person because his sins have been forgiven; but happiness can be increased by learning the principles from which true happiness springs. To the extent that we cease to please self and endeavor to make others comfortable and happy, we create a greater capacity to both labor and enjoy.

Love is an active principle and is always busy. Only when love ceases to exist does it cease to act, and it always acts the same, namely, seeking the happiness of others. When I hear people complaining of long days and nothing in particular to do, I quickly conclude that they are unhappy. Nothing will drive away gloom so quickly as to go on an errand of love and try to lighten the load of another. It is one of the laws of our being that by seeking the interests and happiness of others rather than by seeking pleasure for self, we can best encounter and combat the difficulties of life.

The apostle gave a charge to them that were rich, lest they fall into a snare; i.e., a wrong habit of trying to be happy. When we go in pursuit of pleasure we are almost always disappointed, but when we go on a mission of love, even if it be as small as giving a cup of cold water, we are not disappointed and will not lose our reward. Sometimes we wonder why people who have accumulated enough to keep them nicely the rest of their life, go on working hard from day to day. The reason is that they formed the habit, and are working in harmony with that law which makes pursuit more pleasurable than possession. "Work out your own salvation," says Paul in applying the same principle in the spiritual life. Any system of morals that offers safety or happiness without labor or spirituality is a farce. Even Jesus pleased not Himself, but was busy all His life making others happy. To be thoroughly selfish is to be most miserable, but "the liberal soul shall be made fat."

*My Experience

It was in the middle of my twenty-first year,
That the Lord to my heart sent His terrible fear,
And such pain and agony filled my breast,
Then I began to cry for peace and rest.

I cried, O God, what can I do,
To receive the peace that comes from you?
I began to search the Bible and study and pray,
And ask the Lord to guide and teach me the way.

The Lord kept convicting me and my heart grew sad;
My sins were so heavy they made me feel bad.
My appetite was taken from me, my sleep and rest,
And, oh, the horror that filled my breast!

My soul and body cried for rest
From the sin and aching that was in my breast;
And I determined to seek, until I could find
God, who would give me peace of both soul and mind.

I was honest before God, and His mercy was great,
And He showed me my awful sinful state.
I could see I was in bondage of an awful pride,
And with my looks I was never satisfied.

I went to a lady's house one day
To see if she could help me find the way.
And, oh! the truth she told me I had never heard;
But I knew she was talking to me from God's Holy Word.

She told me Jesus could save me from sin—
But they had never taught me that in the sect I was in—
And she said, when we are saved from all our sins,
That God places us in the Church which the saints are in.

This Church is not built by the creeds of men,
But by the Saviour's own loving hand.
In God's Church, people don't have malice and strife,
And God is the one who writes our names in the book of life.

God, by His Spirit, led me gently each day,
And I was learning more about His way.
And I heard about a chapel that was upon the hill,
And that the people who went there were doing God's will.

So I went to this chapel, and as I walked in,
I realized how tired and sick I was of my sins.
And, oh, the singing! and as we knelt in prayer,
I could feel that the presence of God was there.

The minister got in the pulpit at the meeting that day,
And God seemed to bless in a special way.
He didn't just tell of God's love like most preachers do,
But told of His warnings and judgments too.

He told God's truth from His Holy Word;
And it was the sweetest story I had ever heard.
I was really surprised that people were living that way,
And being kept free from sin every day.

So God showed me it was the truth, and I knew what I must do,

If I to my soul was going to be true.
I knew I must break my will, and walk in the narrow way,
That I might receive the peace to my soul that would stay.

As I looked to God for light,
He taught me the way of truth and right.
And as I followed in the way,
My path became as clear as day.

Friday, October 25th, 1946, and at night,
I felt in my soul, I could receive light,
So I asked a few saints to help me pray,
And soon to the minister's house, we were on our way.

My will was broken, and I began to repent and pray,
And asked the Lord to forgive me and take my sins away.
By faith, I believed that very night,
And the burden of my soul was gone; my heart was made right.

I wanted to be baptized, as soon as I could be—
Baptism is an answering of a good conscience to God, you see.

I wanted to be baptized like Jesus was long ago;
And on Sunday afternoon to the river we did go.

The saints were standing on the river bank, singing a beautiful song;
And I was thankful I had forsaken a life of wrong.
And as I was being immersed in the water swift and cold,
I knew it was the same method the apostles used of old.

There was a hungering and thirsting sprang in my breast,
And since I wanted to retain this sweet rest,
The Lord showed me I must be cleansed from the Adamic sin,
And my heart made holy so He could reign within.

So He taught me how to live justified,
And to press right on and get sanctified.
And as I moved on, and didn't falter,
I was soon able to lay my all on the altar.

I am still in the Church of God today;
Happy and rejoicing in the holy way.
I'm striving to win the prize which God will give,
If every day this life we live.

Dear friends, if your lives are bitter and full of strife,
God wants to give you this peaceful life.
Just humble yourselves at the foot of the cross,
And you'll see that all in this world is dross.

Heaven is cheap at any cost,
There's no excuse for souls to be lost;
Jesus has paid the price on Calvary's tree,
That souls can be saved like you and me.

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Editorials

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The Holy Scriptures open to our understanding a beautiful way of living. In the path of righteousness is peace and security. The apostle Peter believed this precept so strongly that he posed the question, "And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?" I Peter 3:13. People in general, and Christians in particular, could save themselves so many hard places in life if they could rid their heart of self and follow totally after God and the things in life that are wholesome. We see some who struggle with a Christian experience, with adversity facing their desires from many directions, and seemingly not understanding the why. At times like this it is appropriate to take an inward search to see if our opposition might possibly come from an action in which we sought self-gratification rather than that which is good. We should not take lightly this divine principle that harm to a great degree is warded away from our presence by seeking only that which is good.

Those who follow that which is good walk in a straight path. It is not crooked, tortuous or troublesome. The path of right may be narrow, but we can, and must, base our salvation on the fact that it is straight. The pitfalls and snares that many find themselves entangled in are not found here. The fellow travelers are safe companions. They are a helpful oriented people because they too have the self-life crucified. God is there and there is infallible safety in Him because of His paternal and infinite love. The happenings of life cannot drag you from this path and deluge you in misery. Once someone wrote, "The events of providence are not a blind fortuitous succession of events, but under the control of the living heavenly Father." Facing life with this truth in our heart should brighten our disposition. Satan is not on this highway of holiness for He has not been cleansed by the blood of Christ which is the prerequisite to traveling here. As we take note of that which is around us, we see that Satan is powerful, especially in the number of his forces, as well as his range of knowledge and cunning and invisibility, but he is under restraint. In God, Christ and the Holy Spirit are an all-powerful defense. "We are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Romans 8:37. If we stand for what is right, showing a love for all mankind, evil people will be restrained. They will be curbed

by their own conscience as well as civil law. When following that which is good, death will not harm us. "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." *Philippines 1:21.*

"And who is he that will harm you. . .?" The apostle doesn't absolutely say that none will do it, but he mentions it as a thing so unreasonable that it will not often happen. But if it does, how do we handle it? The apostle goes on to give the answer. "But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled." *I Peter 3:14.* There is much that we fear, and it is only natural, but if we figure God into the equation of life we can find great comfort and peace. It is like the answer one child gave to the question of another child who asked, "Would you not be afraid to ride in the kind of chariot Elijah had?" The reply was, "Not if God drove it."

Although we have not been given a definite figure on what it will cost, it appears we have almost received enough in offerings to bring Bro. Josiah Pah and his wife, of Liberia, to the states for the summer camp meetings. This is a hurdle we are thankful to see passed, but we now solicit your prayers that there will be no delays for them in obtaining passports and visas.

We were recently contacted by the Customs and Excise office of the Canadian government. They are requiring that we charge a Canadian tax for all sales made to Canada. Our acquisitions in Canada are not enough to warrant the kind of paper work this would require, so we have made a decision that all Canadian subscriptions to the "Faith & Victory" will be sent free of charge. All book and tract orders will be sent strictly on a donation basis. This means there will be no accounts kept or invoices sent. It is also preferred that if you live in Canada but have access to a U. S. mailing address, all orders be sent there. We apologize to the saints in Canada for any inconvenience this may cause.

"We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren. . ." *II Thess. 1:3.* This suitably describes our feelings for those of you who stand by the Gospel endeavor of this Print Shop. There are those of you who support us on a regular basis, and without that revenue we would be hard pressed to continue. The scriptures teach that there are more blessings in giving to God

than there are in using it in any kind of earthly pursuit, and we are depending on this as your appropriate "thanks." —Wayne Murphey



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WV—"I wish to be included for prayer in personal areas of employment, my Christian writings and my sanctification."

—Steve Douglas

TN—"I lost my mother the 24th of March. I need the saints' prayers."

—David Runion

IL—"Remember my son and his wife; also I am not feeling well."

—Nina Champion

CA—"My son, Ron, is still ailing. Please remember us in prayer."

—Helen Carson

LA—"Please pray for me."

—Ivy Brooks

MO—"My family is in dire need of prayer. My wife and I recently divorced."

—Steve Holsten

WV—"This is a sincere request for the saints to pray for the healing I need."

—Gladys Morgan

AR—"A friend, Katharine Chuck, needs prayer. Sis. Ethel Worrall has a brother who is in bad need of prayer. Pray for Janice Bray; she lost her mother with a heart attack."

—Lou Bray

Nigeria—"I need a special touch of physical and soul healing."

—A. S. Harry

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Thank You

We thank each and every one who responded to the celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary. Such show of love was overwhelming.

We appreciate the saints and are so thankful to our Heavenly Father, for enabling us to be part of His family. Thanks!

In Christian love, —Bill and Ruth McMakin

Our Miracle

Ten more years, we're now at fifty;
As onward and upward we go
In the last ten, we've found it,
A secret the world doesn't know.

It was a gift most undeserved,
And something we both could share
An opportunity to serve our Saviour,
And a portion of heaven, so fair.

Our priorities are a lot different now,
As we strive to please our Lord.
The gift is salvation and with it,
The love that gives sweet accord.

Our lives have taken full turn about,
New places and faces to love,
"For we've tasted life's pure river,
Flowing from the throne above."

We have a legacy from our parents,
Who believed and walked in this way,
Peace and joy that defies understanding,
And grace, for every day.

We leave our testimony for all who will listen;
If you ever need a friend,
Search your heart, call on God
And you too can see heaven in the end.

Our descendants number seventeen,
And surely there'll be a few more
A sober thought; What do they see—
A Christian rich or a hypocrite poor?

God help us to walk a path that's straight,
And pleasing in His sight;
That they can follow with confidence,
And know they're in the right.

We are definitely heavenbound—
And walking hand in hand
Till Jesus says, "You've passed the test,
Come dwell in this beautiful land."

We're so thankful to celebrate
The miracle of fifty years;
And to all of you who've come today;
Please remember us in your prayers.

—Ruth McMakin



Meeting Reports and Notices

Camp Meetings '92

Goulds, FL—April 5-12

Myrtle, MO—May 13-17

Oklahoma State at Guthrie, OK—May 22-31

Tulsa, OK—June 5-14

Jefferson, OR—June 12-21

Green Bank, WV—June 12-21

Oakland, CA—June 22-28

Loranger, LA—June 26-July 5

Fresno, CA—July 3-12

National (Monark Springs, MO)—July 17-26

Bakersfield, CA—August 7-16

Duncannon, PA—August 9-16

Boley, OK—August 23-30

California State at Pacoima, CA—Aug. 28-Sept. 6

CAMP MEETING CANCELLATION

Durham, NC will not hold their annual camp meeting this year. However, pray that God will bless us in the revival meetings. In the evil times that we are living we surely need to stay revived. May God continually bless you.

—Bro. Jerry Lennon

OKLAHOMA STATE CAMP MEETING

The annual Oklahoma State Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held at the Church of God campgrounds, 624 W. Warner, Guthrie, OK, beginning, Lord willing, May 22 and continue through May 31.

An invitation is herewith extended for you to attend this 58th annual camp meeting. Your presence and interest in the meeting would be greatly appreciated. Provisions will be made for everyone attending. It would be helpful for the brethren coming to bring their own bed linens.

The meeting will be operated by freewill offerings, and if you would like to make a contribution, you may do so by sending it directly to the state treasurer, Sis. Brenda Wilkins, Rt. 6, Box 797, Guthrie, OK 73044.

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

TULSA, OK CAMP MEETING

The Tulsa congregation would like to announce their annual camp meeting, Lord willing, for June 5-14, 1992. There will be services daily at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., with a 2:30 p.m. service on both Sundays.

We are looking for God to send ministers and workers of His choosing to help in the battle. Please come praying that sinners will respond to the invitation to attend, and that all souls will get the help that is needed.

For further information contact: Sis. E.

Hardman at (918) 582-2929, or Bro. Charles Lowe at (918) 584-6838. The chapel phone is (918) 584-8438.

JEFFERSON, OR CAMP MEETING

The annual camp meeting of the Church of God at Jefferson, OR will be held June 12-21. The first service will be Friday evening at 7:30. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

R. V. hook-ups and sleeping accommodations are available on the grounds. Those needing further information may contact Bro. Donald Sharp, (503) 327-3621, or Bro. Clifford Smith, (503) 581-4575.

55TH NATIONAL CAMP MEETING MONARK SPRINGS, MO

The National Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, at Neosho (Monark Springs), MO, July 17-26, 1992. All are cordially invited to come and bring others to enjoy the blessings that we are expecting from the Lord.

The Monark Springs Campground is located approximately five miles east of Neosho, MO. It is one mile east and 3/4 mile south of the intersection of Highways 86 and 71 Alternate.

If you travel to Neosho by bus, you may telephone the campground (472-6427, Granby, MO) for transportation.

The camp meeting is conducted on a freewill offering basis. There is no charge for meals or lodging on the campground. You are welcome to come and enjoy the meeting. We are confident that God will supply every need. Meals will be served in the dining hall. Dormitory space, tents, and trailer spots are available on the campground on a first come, first served basis. Trailer spots include electricity, water, and sewer hook-ups. Motels are available nearby, but reservations should be made in advance.

All correspondence about tents and dormitory spaces should be addressed to Sis. DeLoris Bradley, Rt. 1, Bartlett, KS 67332, phone (316) 226-3390. She will be coordinating requests for sleeping quarters on the campground.

Our scheduled work days are June 6, July 4, and July 11. We will be looking forward to working together.

—Business managers: Randel Bradley, (above address), or Ed Johnston, Rt. 2, Box 2180, Seymour, MO 65746, phone (417) 935-2520.

LETTERS



MI—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings to all of you in the precious name of Jesus, our dear Lord and Saviour who died on the cross to free us of our sins. He shed His blood and suffered much pain for us. Oh, how He loved us. We are so indebted to Him for what He has done.

I thank all of you dear ones who stand by me with your precious prayers. They mean so much to me. May God bless you all richly for it.

I wish all of you a very happy and blessed Easter in the Lord! Easter is such a beautiful and holy time of the year. It brings the good feeling in our hearts of the love of our Lord who takes care of us so faithfully each day we live. Bless His holy name.

All my Christian love and prayers,

—Sis. Olive Gettersen

KS—Dear Wayne Murphey: The dear Lord has answered so many prayers for me, and I am so thankful for His faithfulness. He once again, just recently, answered a special prayer. I still have a number of unspoken requests. I trust and wait upon the One who knows all our heart's desires. Some prayers are for unsaved loved ones that I have prayed for for so many years. This may be the year God will answer and fulfill all my fondest dreams.

I do enjoy reading the *Faith and Victory* paper. The testimonies are encouraging and the poems also.

Resting on His Word, —Name withheld

CA—Dear ones: May God continue to bless each of you as you labor for Him in bringing souls to His kingdom.

Continue to pray for God to heal me. I am trusting Him all the way from earth to glory.

I am also asking you to pray for an unspoken request. Also continue to pray that God will send us a pastor.

Our Father has given us more needed rain, for which we thank Him very much.

All my love and prayers for each of you.

—Letha M. Reece

Philippines—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey, workers in the Print Shop, and to all the dear saints in the U. S. A.: Greetings with the love of Jesus Christ to everyone.

On March 18, a local newspaper said: "The aircraft carrier, USS Independence, head of the 7th Fleet Battle Group, makes a last port call at Subic, at Olongapo, Philippines."

Soon, thousands of Filipino workers in this area will lose their jobs, as the American Marines and Navy will be pulling out at Subic. It is due to the expiration of the Philippine Constitutional agreement between the two countries, the Philippines and the United States, that 12 members of the Philippine Senate voted against and only 11 senators were not against.

I remember during the liberation time of the Americans in World War II, that while the American soldiers were in the Philippines, millions of the people were having plenty of food, and life was not so hard in the country. But the time came that the soldiers moved out and it became very hard to find a living.

We only pray to the Lord in heaven, to the Almighty of the universe, that we, the Filipinos, shall not suffer as much as time moves on to the years to come.

Brothers in U.S.A., please pray for us, that peace and freedom under democracy shall not part from our country.

Yours in Him,

—Bro. Leonardo Salvaña and family

AR—Dear special friends: Only God can make us special one to another. If we are special we care. We are special to God and He cares and is concerned. "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;" Ps. 103:3. "Unto thee O God, we do give thanks and praise thy dear name forever.

Easter has come and gone; it is a wonderful time of the year. We can joyfully sing, "Joy to the world the Lord is risen." He is now at the right hand of God, waiting for you and me.

My heart has a song of praise for what the Lord has done and is still doing for me. I am patiently waiting for complete healing which does not seem far away. Just however the Lord wills, is my will, and to God be the glory. He has shown me some wonderful things the last four months. The pain that one's foot can suffer, only God knows. His assurance has been, "I am with you; I will never leave you." I could only say, "Yes, Lord, one day at a time." My desire is to love Him more and be a little light for Him in the world about me.

The prayers, cards, and calls will always be cherished. I still need your prayers, please.

The Lord is blessing us with some needed rain. He truly knows best.

We appreciate the *Faith and Victory* paper and may God bless all the workers there.

"Let us go a little farther, Farther than we've gone before. Are we workers now for Jesus? Let us do a little more." Time is running out; only what we do for Christ will last. Lost souls are thundering out for H-E-L-P. The mercies of God are great. How can we be idle?

Christian love,

—Sister Lou Bray

OK—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus.

The Lord has surely been good to me, and I love Him and plan to make heaven my home. When He says, "It is enough, come higher," I want to see Jesus. I want to see the end with victory in my soul, and I know if I do that I will have to live a victorious life every day.

I had my 90th birthday last Monday (March 30). I don't know why He is leaving me here. I can't get out and do as I used to do, but I guess it isn't my business what He does with me. My business is to obey and please Him. I am trying to do that.

I really enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper and most always read it all the day I get it. I pray for you and the work there.

Love and prayers,

—Sis. Emma Dilley

KS—Dear Bro. Wayne: I am still reporting victory and fighting valiantly on.

The Devil is cruel and tricky, but God is so great and mighty, and He loves us with an everlasting love. He wants us to get to heaven real bad and if we want to go bad enough, we will let Jesus lead us safely home. I am very much encouraged and looking forward to the summer meetings. May God bless richly in each one and may we all receive needed blessings.

May God continue to bless each of you at the Print Shop and reward you greatly.

—Sis. Shirley Knight

OK—Greetings to the saints at the Print Shop: Today finds me saved and living for the Lord.

I have been very ill and the Lord has blessed me in both soul and body. My daughter was sick last year and the Lord healed her. She is doing fine. I thank the Lord for His healing power. . .

Yours in Christ,

—Mary J. Mustin

CA—Dear saints: We want to thank all who prayed for our daughter who hurt her back so badly. The dear Lord has touched her back. She sure was surprised, but believed in God. God is still on His throne and in charge.

May the dear Father bless you all in a real special way. All our love and prayers,

—The Underwood family

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OK—Dear saints at the Print Shop: Greetings to you all in Jesus' precious name.

I am thankful for the Lord's goodness unto me. I am happy and satisfied in the Lord.

Whenever God places something on my heart to do, I want to be faithful in the work of the Lord.

I have experienced a situation with gang members being in school. I see a need for getting down to business. Pray that God will break up the powers of the enemy and save more young people.

Remember this in your prayers.

Yours truly, —Sister N. Celestine

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WV—Dear friends, brothers, and sisters: I greet you in the name of Jesus. I want to again thank God and you all for the years you have been such a blessing to my soul. I just found a letter of April 27, 1971. I thought I had them in a file, all of them, but for some reason I must have needed the special blessings your letters have always been to me.

The *Faith and Victory* is a part of my happy hours. I also enjoy the *Bible Lessons* and the *Lamp of Youth*.

I am trying to stay on my feet and do my work out in others' homes. God has touched me and I can take care of myself and others, but I still don't have the strength I had before this sickness hit my body.

Love and prayers to you all, —Sis. Melba Powell

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MI—Bro. Wayne, and family of God everywhere: Hello from Michigan. I have recently been saved. I would like the young people to know how far into sin I was. From the age of 15, I started smoking, drinking, and doing drugs. My drug use was pretty heavy. . . . I heard about God while young, but Satan kept telling me, "Look what your friends are doing." I wanted to live in sin until I was a lot older.

Around the age of 16 1/2 I slid further into sin, thanks to rock music. I liked heavy metal.

I would get drunk and high and turn up this music. I would lie to my parents and go party. I never had time for God.

This continued until I turned 24 years old. By then I had read a satanic bible, and I felt there was no hope for me.

On December 24, 1991 I shot and killed a man. I am awaiting sentencing.

Now I have nothing but time, so I give all my time to Jesus. I just hope some young people can read this and take warning. Please pray for me.

Christian love, —Steve Corteway

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FL—Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I just wanted to write a few lines and let you know that I have been enjoying the paper so much. I have only known about the paper since November of 1991, but I do thank the Lord for His divine leadership in my life, and for how He has allowed me to come to know some of the dear saints.

I have been longing to know more and more about God, and the way He desires for His children to love and serve Him.

God has been so good. Some of the serious prayer requests are being answered, and we can truthfully say, "God is still on His throne," as we are seeing Him at work. Praise His name.

The Underdown's are fine. God has been so good to Bro. Willard. Their daughter and son-in-law seem to be doing well also. We are still having services here in my home. I really enjoy the *Evening Light Songs*. The words are so meaningful.

May God richly bless you and your family, and all who labor there. Do remember us in your prayers, and we'll certainly be doing the same for you.

In Christian love, —Sis. Dorcas Myers

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OH—Dear *Faith and Victory*: Enclosed find \$2.00. Please send the magazine to me. I have been receiving it since the 20's. I am now in my 92nd year.

Please pray for my hearing and arthritis.

With love and God's blessings,

—Sister Flora H. Jacobs

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KS—Dear saints: Greetings in the love of Jesus. I am so thankful He proves Himself a friend in time of need.

Early this year, on a Saturday night, I took the chills, had a bad sore throat, and couldn't go

to sleep. About 3:00 a.m. my husband woke up, and I told him about how sick I was. He told me I had a high fever. The next day being Sunday, I told the Lord, "I want to go and sing for you in the chapel tomorrow." The Lord let me go to sleep. I awoke at 7:00 a.m. well. I felt like I had rested all night. That has been a real encouragement to us.

Then again we came home from Louisiana, March 27. On the Sunday night following, I was unable to rest because of pains in my right arm, as well as chest pains through to my back and up that side of my neck. I didn't know what to expect, but I told the Lord my case was in His hands. I suffered with that condition until Thursday afternoon. The Lord gave me a definite touch, and I have been gaining ever since.

We want to keep ready, for God may call for us when we are least expecting. I thank the Lord for His great love. He is still on His throne.

We were privileged to attend the ministers' and workers' meeting at Sapulpa, OK. I was glad to see the goodly group, and for what we heard while there. We appreciated the messages brought forth. They were timely and edifying. As I was sitting there, many memories returned, and I couldn't find another person there who was in the group when we moved there from Tulsa. Time has taken its toll. I still have a burden for the work there, and everywhere else. My early Christian experiences and lessons were learned in that congregation. The Lord gave me a vision of the Church of God and its standards, and I don't want to ever lose sight of it. . . .

The Devil is after us older ones, trying to get us to give up, but let me encourage us all to keep the faith and lay hold on eternal life. Its not by works, but by His grace.

Our love is measured in how we love our fellowman and souls who are lost. We desire to be a vessel that God can use to His glory.

Let me encourage you dear young people to take on spiritual responsibilities and be a help to the older saints. It will bless your souls. You can bring cheer to those around you and be an example that will help others to see Christ in you.

Recently, we were eating in a restaurant in Chetopa, KS, and a lady patted my arm and left a note. This is what the note said: "You are blessed for being separate from the world. We were just talking this week, about how different we were as new Christians in the 60's. Now we

are too modern." I didn't get a chance to talk with her, as she was gone when I unfolded the note and read it. How important it is for us to be an example. I recall an experience in my early life, how the Lord let an unsaved person reprove me. It made me feel the responsibility I had to lost souls. The world is hungry to see real Christianity. Let us use our energy in the work of God and to His glory.

Christian love,

—Sis. Inez Beisly

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OK—Dear saints: I trust all are encouraged to press on and ever live for Him! The Lord has been so good to us; far better than we could imagine. I would like to share with you a little testimony of how He brought us to the Print Shop.

I worked for a chain store in Wisconsin for about six years. I enjoyed my work very much. The company was considering selling lottery tickets. I talked to the manager and told him that if they did, I would have to quit, because I did not believe in gambling. As it turned out, this happened and I did quit my job there.

During this time, my mother was very ill and we were able to stay in Tennessee for two months and help take care of her and my Dad. We had all of our needs met during this period, even though I was not employed. We are thankful that things worked out this way, and we were able to be with Mother for the last few weeks of her life. Sometimes the Lord works in ways we do not understand.

When we returned to Wisconsin in July of 1990, I needed to find a job. Since it was just me and my daughter, we were dependent on my income for a living.

I felt it would be easier for us if I was self-employed. On the public job I had run into many things that were a battle to me spiritually. I had been considering a cleaning business, and now seemed the time to step out with it. I had absolutely no jobs and didn't know of anyone who might be interested. I decided to place an ad in the newspaper and trust the Lord to provide the work, and He did. From August 1990 to March 1992, this was how we made our living.

There were times when it was hard. Some weeks we didn't know how we would manage, but the Lord always came through in time with another job or some way to meet our needs. We truly thank Him for His goodness to us.

In August of 1991, my daughter, Tracie, came to Guthrie to help at the Path of Life

School. We just trusted the Lord to work everything out for her and to provide our needs. He came through again and never once let us down.

We desired to be together again, yet my desire was to do the will of the Lord. I began to ask the Lord to help me to know what to do about possibly moving, yet I didn't seem to get an answer, so I waited and continued to pray for direction.

Earlier this year I told the Lord that I wanted to work for Him; surely there was something that I could do. I came to the place where I said, "Lord, if you want me to go, I'll go, and if you want me to stay, I'll stay." Even though I wanted to be with Tracie, I wanted most to do His will and to be where He wanted me to be.

It seemed that shortly things started changing. We came down to Guthrie in February to look things over and see if things might be workable for a move. While here, the opportunity opened for me to come to the Print Shop to work for the Lord.

That very morning I had asked the Lord to please help me to know what to do and say as I went about that day checking into things. I was later told by two different people that they had been praying for me that day also, that the Lord would direct me. The way that the door was opened for us, we have no doubt that it was the Lord's will.

The blessings we have received have been more than we can comprehend. . . . "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" Rom. 11:33.

In His love, —Sis. Janie Woodruff



From India . . .

Mar. 24—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey, and dear brothers and sisters in America: Greetings to you all dear ones again in the holy name of Jesus.

We face another drought now. We have had

no rain for the last 3 1/2 months, and we have to wait till June for rain. Water levels are very low in the wells and many are already dry. We will have a convention at Chalakudy during the third week of April. An all-day fasting and prayer meetings will be conducted on this Saturday at Pulamon, and next Saturday at Kodah. All the congregations are moving on a somewhat better condition.

Our prayers are for the victory of the ministry of the saints in America. May God bless the camp meetings this year. May the Word of God penetrate through many souls to turn them to Jesus.

With many prayers, —John Varghese



From Nigeria. . .

Mar. 17—Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings to you and all saints again in holy Christian love. As we all are aware the first quarter of the year is coming to an end, but whether or not the remaining 3/4 will be at the mercy of eternity is something we don't know. And so let's all remain sober and at our posts of duty.

It is my pleasure to inform you that Bro. Pah of Liberia has written in reply to one of my letters. We are bound to always give thanks to God on behalf of the Liberian saints, for the great things He has done for them during the civil crisis. He has informed us of his proposed visit to the U.S.A. this year. We are glad about the proposal and praying God to bring it to pass, so that it will be a blessing to the entire church here in West Africa. We are praying for the success of all the camp meetings scheduled to be held in the U.S.A. this year. We also make mention in our prayers, of all the needs as published in the F&V papers, and so trust God will provide them all in due course.

Our first quarterly revival meeting this year is scheduled to be held beginning on the 20th, and will last for about a week. We pray for the Holy Ghost anointed messages with signs following.

Finally, let me seize this little space as a medium to express my hearty gratitude to the saints everywhere, for having honoured the earnest prayer request that I made repeatedly regarding the bloody land dispute that was persistent between my village, Tombia, and her neighbouring village, Bukuma. Happily, and all to the glory of God, there has been a remarkable restraint on both sides for a long

while. Please do join me in thanking our living God. Although our government has given the mandate for the boundary allocation, it is yet to be implemented by the authorities concerned. And so please keep praying for a speedy and just implementation of it. May God richly reward each of you through Christ.

I wish to always see myself as a least member in the universal body of Christ.

Yours for Christ, -Bro. Onimite B. Alalibo

From the Philippines . . .

Mar. 26—Dearest Brother and Sister Murphey: Greetings to you in the lovely name of our Saviour. Give my regards to all the dear saints of God abroad. Time is running away very fast; days, months, and years are passing as the waves of the sea that roll. One of these days we shall die and our life's daily routine will immediately be changed. Our family will no longer see us with them around the dining table, and our children will no longer wait for us to come home, and our opportunity to tell about the love of God to save men will be closed forever. Thank our dear God for the life that He is giving me everyday and for the opportunity to teach His precious Word. Thank you so much dear saints for your unwearied love to us and for your great concern for our eternal life in heaven. The saints here have asked me many times to write you and tell all the loving saints abroad who care for us about their gratitude. I hope they will all see everyone of you in heaven someday.

I thank God for the young people here who are giving their time and strength for the gospel. They always express their burden for the lost. A fine young man was baptized last Saturday morning in the river. He is now very happy, telling his testimony of salvation to his relatives and friends. His father and mother are now very interested in studying the Bible with us. He is the only one who is saved in their barrio (community), but many are now becoming interested to hear the Word of God.

Please extend our thanks and best wishes to all the saints who continue to cooperate to contribute for the Faith Publishing House and for foreign missions. Our Lord said it is their treasures laid up for them in heaven.

Your brother in Christ,

—Matias S. Tangunan

IN MEMORIAM

In the year 1904 on Mar. 30, a baby girl was born to William and Laura Reed in Guthrie, OK. She was the 11th of 14 children, all who preceded her in death.

Lottie's childhood and school years were spent in Guthrie. She was united in marriage to Theodore Buchanan. No children were born to this union.

In later years she joined her sisters, Ruth and Carrie, and her brother, Luther, in Tulsa, OK, where she was surrounded by nieces and nephews whom she cherished as her own.

She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and was born into the Church of God. She was especially fond of singing. At one time she and her sister, Carrie, and her brother, Luther, sang as a trio at different camp meetings. Their favorite song was "My Lord Keeps A Record."

Sis. Lottie departed this life on Dec. 14, 1991.

She leaves to cherish her memory two sisters-in-law, a host of nieces, nephews, saints, and friends.

Funeral services at the Church of God chapel in Tulsa, OK, were officiated by Bro. Woodrow Warren, with burial being in the Crown Hill Cemetery, Tulsa, OK.

Frank Ward Knight was born to the late William and Mary Knight in Marshall, TX, Nov. 23, 1909.

He was the fourth of eight children. The family moved to Oklahoma in 1913.

Brother Frank was born into the Church of God and remained faithful until he departed this life, Mar. 14, 1992.

He leaves to cherish his memories two sisters, Bertha Long and Gwendolyn Nealy, both of Tulsa, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Bro. Charles Lowe officiated the funeral service at the Church of God in Tulsa, OK. Interment was in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Tallahassee, OK.

Eric Bernard Ivy was born Oct. 25, 1956 in Stockton, CA. He was the third child of five, born to Lee and Vie Lena Ivy. Eric attended local schools in Stockton, graduating from Amos Alonzo Stagg Senior High School in 1974. He

was a very good student, excelling in history. Not satisfied with only his high school diploma, he enrolled in Delta College, later transferring to Laney College in Oakland, CA.

Eric accepted the Lord at an early age. In the year of our Lord 1987, he reaffirmed his commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ, uniting with the Church of God. He took great delight in singing the praises of the Lord in special solos and quartets during church services. His renewed commitment led him on a special journey gathering the history of the church. He spent his remaining years making contact with different saints, their children, and especially older saints, who had so much information to offer. He carried out his burden as long as he had strength to do so. Eric, devoted to singing the praises of the Lord, served also as song leader during revival and camp meetings. He also sang in a quartet with his brother, Dennis, sister, Karen, and sister-in-law, Dahlia, prior to her death. So moved by her dedicated life was he, that he established the Dahlia S. Ivy Archives, located in Sacramento, CA. He received a proclamation issued by Mayor Anne Rudin on June 18, 1990 for the unique project.

Eric had a great interest in his family. He was instrumental in uniting the family by contacting relatives near and far. He planned the first family reunion, and continued reaching out to those he had met, to further unite the family. Deep was his dedication, commitment, and appreciation for his family and their culture.

Eric Bernard Ivy, a very special committed young man, was loved by many and will be missed by all.

He departed this life on Sunday, Feb. 23, 1992, leaving to cherish precious loving memories, his parents, Lee and Vie Ivy; brothers, Dwight, James L., and Aaron Dennis Ivy; one sister, Karen Elaine Ivy, all of Stockton, CA; four nephews, one niece, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends.

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Betty L. Cash was born in Webb City, MO, to Earl and Sallie (Keffer) Cash. She passed away on Mar. 16, 1992 at The Golden Rule Home in Shawnee, OK, where she was taken after having a stroke in her home in Webb City on Mar. 11.

Sis. Betty had been employed as the assistant office manager for Elder Manufacturing Company and National Mills of Webb City, MO.

She accepted the Lord as her personal Saviour in 1946, and was a member of the Church of God in Webb City.

Survivors include two sisters, Nancy R. Ford of St. Louis, MO, and Dorothy Keadle of Kansas City, MO. She will be missed by saints, friends, and family.

Services were held in the Simpson Funeral Home in Webb City with Bro. Merrill Smith officiating. Burial was in the Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery in Joplin, MO.

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Question and Answer by Ostis B. Wilson

This is article nine in an ongoing series on the subject of full and free salvation in which we are fully delivered from sin and then sanctified (filled with the Holy Spirit) as a second work of grace.

To any reader who objects to this doctrine on the ground that you feel that God does not do any half-way work or that He is not puny enough to have to take a second operation to complete any work of His; let me ask you this: Why did God not reveal unto you the full light and knowledge of His will all at once when you were first saved? Why has it taken this long for you to get where you are in God? The answer is clear: It is because you were not able to receive it that way and God just plainly had mercy on you not to crowd light on you faster than you were able to receive it and thus bring you into condemnation. Why did God not give the children of Israel the full light of this gospel age at Sinai instead of just giving them the law which could not bring them to where He wanted man to be? The answer is the same. They were not able nor in any condition to receive such light as the gospel gives and it would have destroyed them. God had mercy on them in giving them just what they were able to receive at the time, even though it did not satisfy Him and He found fault with it from the beginning.

The apostles whom Jesus chose to be with Him and whom He made foundation stones in the Church of God were not able to receive all that He said unto them while He was with them. Jesus told them in John 16:12 that He had

many things to say unto them, but they were not able to bear it at that time. He never said those things to them either. But why didn't He? Simply because He knew they were not able to grasp them and they, no doubt, would have become confused and discouraged by those things which were beyond them. Jesus left it for the Holy Spirit to teach them many things. It was some time before even the Holy Spirit could get to them all they needed to know because even after some years certain persons were still holding to circumcision and clinging to fragments of the law. It took some strong arguments and some special dealings and revelations to get them out of that teaching.

God, in His wisdom, has from olden times revealed Himself and His attributes, nature, truth, and will to man little by little and in various ways. Now, would any of us say that in any of the above mentioned cases that God did not reveal the full light and knowledge of His will to the new convert, or did not give the full light of this gospel age to the children of Israel at Sinai, or did not say everything He had to say to the apostles, or revealed Himself to mankind little by little, because He did not want them to have the full light or know His perfect will or that He was not able to make it known to them or was not able to reveal Himself in all of His attributes and nature all at once and by direct means? Of course not. Then why didn't He? Simply because He was too wise and merciful to do it, but has dealt in simple ways and means with mankind according to man's capacity and ability for receiving the things of God. The provisions of salvation are set up on this basis also and herein lies the cause why God cannot complete the full work of perfect salvation all in one operation.

Even though man has been given a mind that is capable of a vast expanse of development, the foregoing sums up to the fact that he can only receive so much at one time, and the unfolding and expanding of his intellect is more or less gradual. This fact coupled together with our free moral agency and the requirement that our will must act in every dealing of God with our souls is a plain, clear answer as to why there must be two operations in our salvation and a gradual increase of light and knowledge beyond that.

The universal testimony of the Holy Scriptures in both the Old Testament (in type) and the New Testament (in anti-type and actual

experience) is that there are two parts to man's salvation—two works of grace—and that his salvation is not complete without both of them.

We will now enter into a little in-depth study of the two parts to man's salvation; JUSTIFICATION and subsequently SANCTIFICATION. In doing so we will begin by considering the two compartments in the tabernacle and also the Children of Israel crossing the Red Sea and subsequently the river Jordan. These and other related points will be dealt with in more detail later on. But at least for the present, since there were two compartments in the tabernacle and since the type must conform exactly to the anti-type, there are conclusive grounds to prove two parts to man's salvation.

Since the last step down in man's fall into sin was the actual sins and transgressions which produced guilt and condemnation in the soul, then the first step up must of necessity be to deal with that and have the guilt and condemnation removed from the soul and be restored to a state of innocence before God, as we were in early childhood before our age of accountability, by the forgiveness of those sins and the purging of them out of our hearts by the blood of Jesus. This, then, is the first part of our salvation.

This work of grace in the heart known as JUSTIFICATION is based upon true Bible repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. In Acts 20:21 Paul spoke of "Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, *repentance* toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

REPENTANCE: "God now commandeth all men everywhere to *repent*. (Acts 17:30). In Acts 3:19 Peter said, "*Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;*" In Acts 5:31 it says, "Him [Jesus] hath God exalted with his right hand, to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give *repentance* to Israel, and forgiveness of sins." In Acts 2:38 we read, "*Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*" Luke 24:47 says, "And that *repentance* and remission of sins should be preached in his [Christ's] name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 13:3 says, "Except ye *repent*, ye shall all likewise perish." Mark 1:15 says, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: *repent ye, and believe the gospel.*"

(To be continued next month.)

Correction

In the article "Look! The Fields are White to Harvest," printed in the April, 1992 *Faith & Victory*, I incidently left out China as the main Communist country still in existence.

—V. N. Severs

Justification Verses Sanctification

The justified soul exults, "**Jesus is mine.**" And in that statement is the whisper of self and its hidden carnality. This justified state, so much more enviable than that encircled with the mire of a multitude of sins, is a foretaste of the joys which belong to the child of God. Yet, something is missing. One denotes it in the whimsical tone. It is found, blessed be the name of God, in the quiet whisper of the sanctified: "**I am His.**" Can you not discern the self-centeredness of the previous statement, "**Jesus is mine,**" when held up beside "**I am His**"? This blessed state rests and yields itself to God. The mind rests. The soul rests. The body rests and becomes quiet. This is the state which St. Paul refers to when he declares: "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." (Heb. 4:9).

—Vesta-Nadine Severs



DELIVERED

I thank God for His mercy and love which allows me to write this testimony concerning the life I have now, in comparison to the way I used to be. For years I never even gave God a chance in my life. Little did I know someone had me in their prayers.

I went to a tent revival in 1981. That night I went to the altar. The minister told me I was running from the law, which at that time I was. He said my father wouldn't be able to get me out, but God would make a way. I have never seen or heard from that minister again. I came to prison on March 1, 1981. I was given a life sentence, and I still have it. I was still not serving God when I came to prison. After I went to trial and got "life" I was madder at God than I ever had been. If there was a God, how could He let this happen? Do you know the feeling?

My daddy, bless his heart, didn't understand what he had done to me. Every time I went to the house he preached to me, telling me how bad and sinful I was, and that I was going to prison if I didn't change my ways. Please don't ever do that to a child, teenager, or anyone who doesn't know God. That will drive them even further away from God than anything. I had my mind on drugs and a good time. I had my life to live and I wanted to live the way I pleased. I put any kind of drug I could find in my arm. I drank all the time and no one ever saw me without drugs. After being sent to prison I was still getting all the drugs I wanted and drank home-made beer. We got someone to bring us these things for money.

I was in my prison cell all alone one day, and I had a Bible. I read it to see if all the things my daddy told me about the Bible were true, and just what it said about me. I started in Matthew and I could not believe what I read. I had tears coming down my face. I read what my daddy said, but not the way he told me. I never knew that Christ was the one who changed you, that He did everything there was to do on the cross. All I had to do was believe in Him and let Him change me. I was never told all I had to do was believe and Christ would take care of the rest. I thank God for His Holy Spirit. I accepted Christ and believed He is the Son of God who did what I could never do when He gave His life on a cross. I live for Christ now. I don't do drugs. I don't even have a desire to do drugs. I could never have stopped doing drugs without Christ. I never want to be without Christ. I don't drink or smoke any more.

I have very few of my old friends now, but I have a friend who says, "... I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Heb. 13:5.

It is only God's mercy I am alive and here today, to love and live a life for Christ. I still have a life sentence, but I have only so many years in this body, and then I will live with Christ forever.

I never knew what it meant to be with God until now. I thank Him for the chance, and I now tell my father about the Bible and teach him what Christ has shown me, and we both get along a lot better.

I hope that this testimony may help someone to come to know Christ. Believe me, my friend, just give Christ a chance and He will do the rest for you.

In His name,

—Herman Billiat