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I desire you to pray with me tonight. I have something on my heart I feel the Lord has given me. I believe all of us would agree that we each have a spirit, and that we have to be careful with our spirit and what we do with it; how we conduct ourselves to keep that spirit pure and in tune with our Maker. I believe we have the Word of the Lord to help us keep in tune with the Spirit of God.

We have a battle on our hands, as there are a lot of spirits in the world, and many of them are out of line with the Word of God.

I used to work at a place where they had some large fans; maybe ten feet tall. I watched them

start one of those fans for the first time. It nearly shook off of the mounts. It was very much out of balance. It shook so badly that they had to call in a specialist to balance the blower. I watched the specialist put a strobe light on the wheel, and balance it. It wasn't long until he got the wheel in such balance that it smoothed out and was able to stay on the platform.

I have also balanced tires before. There are different methods and ways of doing it. Mine was a fairly old way, but it had a strobe light on it that shined on the tire and froze the motion at a certain place. You could tell how many ounces of weight to put on the tire to get it balanced. You knew right where it was unbalanced and you could correct it.

God wants us to be balanced in our spirits. There are many spirits out of balance. There are many things out of control that God wants to put in their proper place.

Let's Move Up for Jesus

Give not a thought to the ill winds that blow,
To Satan's darts in this dark world below.
Don salvation's armor, move up with cheer.
Move on for Jesus, our Saviour so dear.

The smile that you wear on the mountain top,
Wear it through the valleys, wear it non-stop.
A victor's smile is becoming to you;
Let's move on for Jesus; He wants us to.

Now why is Satan always on our back,
When Jesus freed us from sin's beaten track?
Why are we burdened down with many cares,
Move up for Jesus, forget they are there.
—Bro. Golden Arbogast

*Would you like an in-depth, yet easily understood explanation of the difference between justification and sanctification? Read the **Question and Answer** column on page 12.*

To do that, we are going to have to have the Word read to us; preached to us. We are going to have to live up to it to come in balance. We are going to have to be a balanced people in everything we do. If we are off in one point, the Bible says we are guilty of all. We can't make it by being off just a half a bubble. Our spirits are going to have to be in touch with our Maker, otherwise, we are going to find ourselves in an unbalanced condition; a situation no one wants to be in.

When I was going to school, we had a teacher who taught us about using the word "bad." He said, "When you say, 'that's a bad motor,' take it out and spank it. What I'd really rather you do is define what you mean by 'bad'—it's shorted, it's open or it's electrically no good; maybe mechanically stuck. You define bad. When you send a motor back to the factory to be worked on, don't just put on it, 'bad motor.' You have got to define what it means to be bad." When you hear somebody say, "Oh, they had a bad spirit," what do you think? What goes through your mind?

Look with me in the book of Romans, the eighth chapter, verse nine. I would just like to build a foundation so that God would help us to understand a little bit more about spirits; to understand about our own spirit. "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

Now, let us start to define spirits just a little bit. When we say "bad," we can clarify just a little closer what it means to be "bad." "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." So you could say, "That man doesn't have the Spirit of Christ, or that woman doesn't have the Spirit of Christ. It isn't in them." Maybe it was in them, and they misused it. Maybe they got off on something, their spirit was tainted, and it got out of balance. We say, "Well, they didn't use the Spirit of Christ in dealing with that. They need to get back in line."

I have in my mind a picture of the Lord drawing a line. Every one of His children come in tune with that line. Their spirit measures up right on the line. You can mark it; those people have the Spirit of God. Those people are in touch with God. God has a line, and I can see in my mind that He has a straight line, and everyone who is Christ's comes to that line. Their spirits line up. Their spirits agree.

There are spirits of all sorts, sizes, and shapes. There are farmers in here who would even say, "Brother, if you tell me that spirits never get into cows, you ought to come over on Wednesday night and milk mine. I believe the spirit of the devil gets into those cows."

We read about the swine being infected by all those spirits that went into them. That is possible. The devil doesn't like to walk in dry places. He doesn't like to walk in the air. We realize that the prince of the power of the air is working, but what does he work through? What is his vehicle? It is living things.

In the book of Luke, the ninth chapter, I would like to look for a moment and ask the Lord to help us. There were several different spirits manifested in His disciples from time to time. Not all of them were good. In the fifty-first verse of the ninth chapter of Luke, it reads, "And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for

him. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw this, they

said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them."

In our terminology, we would say they had a murderous spirit; "Lord, let's just send some fire down here and take them all." Jesus didn't say that. He said, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of." The disciples had a spirit; they wanted those people done away with. "Lord, I've heard how Elias did, now You send a little fire and get them." He rebuked them, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of."

There is a similarity in spirits, meaning there are like spirits. I am thinking of how the Lord has a way of gathering His people together. They have a like spirit. There is something common between them. Their spirits blend. This is something that the devil has in his kingdom also. There are like spirits that blend, and they are very strong. I am glad for the verse, "... greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." I want to tell you something. The

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weakest one of God's children is well able to conquer the spirit of the devil. We are able, by His help, to overcome the spirit of the devil. It is sure that he is entrenched in a lot of folk's lives. But I believe that the weakest of the weakest is able to call on the name of Jesus, rebuke the spirit of the devil and have victory over him. I have seen it happen many times, and I believe it tonight.

There are spirits that we can catch. There are different means of travel they go through. We need to guard ourselves. There is an unseen world we deal with. May God help us and open up our eyes to be able to detect the spirit of the devil; to be able to see where he is moving.

I have watched different things happen. I have struggled and I have prayed, "Lord, I don't know what's going on. I can't put my finger on it. I don't know what has happened. There is something going on, Lord. I want you to help me to know what I am fighting against." It is important for you and me to know that. There are many people who struggle, and they wonder, "What am I fighting against?" I prayed to the Lord not long ago and said, "Lord, I want you to put some clothes on the devil. I'm not happy with punching at something I can't see. I want you to clothe that devil. I want to know what he is. I want to know what kind of spirit it is that I am fighting against." It wasn't long until the Spirit of the Lord began to put a hat, and a coat, and some pants on the devil, and I began to see what I was fighting. Dear ones, it is important for you and me to see and know what we are up against, because we are up against an enormous task. It is going to take the Spirit of the Lord to help us to keep our spirit in line with God as we go along our journey in life. We must keep ourselves pure and holy, and we are going to need the Lord's help to do that. He is the only one who can put a special vision and discernment in our heart, mind and spirit to detect what is wrong.

We want discernment of spirits, but do you know Satan knows his own? Satan has that same power. We need something more than just knowing that those folks have a "bad" spirit. We need more than that. What do you mean when you say they have a "bad" spirit—that they don't agree with yours? Are you sure yours is right? Lord, help us. What are we going to go by? Where is the gauge? Where is the monitor? "Okay preacher, you said to 'clothe it.' Where's the line?" I am going to say that we have the

Word of God that will help us to identify and to be able to annihilate the working of the spirit of the devil. Many times the Lord springs traps out in front of my way. He helps me to see things moving in the bush before I even get there. You need that in your spiritual life. If you don't see something moving in the bush up ahead of you, you can get snared and be trapped. May God help us.

I'd like to look in the book of I John, the fourth chapter, first verse. "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." This is a test.

I know different ways to test oil to see if oil has acid in it. You use litmus paper. I believe when we have the Spirit of God there is something we can use. I believe there is a spirit that He gives us and everything that is false will be made known.

(To be continued next month.)

DELIVERED

By Allen Moles

I come before you in fear and trembling to present my testimony; that it may be edifying and exalt Christ's divine powers to heal the mind, soul and body.

I was brought up in a Christian home and had a lot of love shown to me from both my family and the saints. At eighteen months old I died, and through Mother's faith, the Lord raised me up. Mother tried to rear me in a way that was pleasing to God, but I rebelled. I was always in trouble at school and was sent home often. By my seventh grade year I was restrained from all public schools and had to be enrolled in a Christian School, where I stayed for two years.

At age eleven I started sneaking out of the house and running with the neighborhood boys. It didn't take long for the devil to really get a hold on me and bind me in ways I never would have dreamed. I started smoking cigarettes, as a habit, by the age of twelve. At thirteen I was addicted to marijuana and rebelling against the Lord's dealing with my soul. I can remember the

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Editorials

"And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus." John 12:20, 21. These men had heard of Jesus, but they wanted to see Him for themselves. This is a noble and needed aspiration for everyone. It does not do for us to only see Christ through the eyes of others. It doesn't matter how vividly and fluently others can portray His beauty, this is not the beholding that gives us an enduring blessing, or the one that prints His image upon our souls. We must see Him for ourselves. We know that we have seen Christ when there is an actual change in our life. We should not confuse emotions or desire for the beholding.

In the presidential election of Nov. 3, candidates are portraying a plan to better the economy. This is causing much hope in the electorate, but this emotion is not the change. We will know the fruition when we see our personal monetary situation bettered. Speaking of Christ, desiring Christ, is certainly the right direction, but it is a furtherance and a perseverance in this that will reveal Him.

These Greeks came to the disciples and asked him to introduce them to Jesus. What more noble service can we render than to be the instruments of introduction to Christ? But if we are going to set ourselves in this position, let us make sure that we know Him well ourselves. Otherwise we can be a great hindrance to seeking people. It would be sad indeed if on the judgment day it is revealed that we gave a seeker of Christ a false impression of who He is.

But here is a thought that is a great encouragement to me. There were many people who saw Jesus and no one had to introduce them. Salvation goes beyond my own hemisphere and scope of who is saved. I am glad that there are throngs of people who will be in heaven of whom I knew nothing. Such knowledge should also give perspective to those who feel they are the door to Christ. We have a privilege of being ambassadors for Christ, but we are not a necessity for souls to be saved.

Once a child lay dying. She said she was not afraid to die, but she wished her mother could go with her to introduce her to Jesus. "For you know," she told her mother, "I was always afraid of strangers." No one who has ever sought

Christ, or is seeking Him, will find Him a stranger. He has an unending love for mankind and is always glad to reveal Himself to every sincere seeker. He is not hard to find, for He is always near. "I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me." Prov. 8:17.

As some may know, Bro. Lee McMillan, of the Guthrie congregation, has been ill for some time. He was recently diagnosed as having a brain tumor. This naturally is a shock to him and the family, but he and his wife, Sis. Grace, are greatly encouraged that God will help them. If you would like to send cards or words of encouragement, their address is: 8211 N. Laura Lane, Oklahoma City, OK 73151.

On November 26, Sister Etta Brandt, (Davis) passed from this life to be with the Lord. She had been in poor health for some time, and her release is assuredly a time of rejoicing for her. She had been a member of the Guthrie congregation for many years and her vacancy will be felt.

Several days before Sis. Etta's passing, her husband, Bro. Clarence Brandt, suffered a stroke. His children, from Michigan, came and have taken him back so that they could provide the care he needs. As of this writing he has suffered more strokes and is in very poor condition.

All the workers here at the Print Shop have been busy. Since we have no publication deadlines this month other than the *Faith & Victory*, it has given us a chance to work on catching up on our book stock, as well as print thousands of tracts. However, as can be expected when machinery is involved, not everything has gone without a hitch. We had planned to put last month's *Faith & Victory* paper in the mail early, as Bro. Bob Sallee was scheduled to travel with several other brethren to Florida to help the saints who were victims of the recent hurricane. Due to the motor on the collator malfunctioning and having to be replaced, we were not able to mail the paper until the last day of September. We have also experienced other difficulties with the printing equipment, but are thankful God has made it possible to get repairs made and continue with the publishing of the Gospel.

Our expenses have been unusually heavy the last several weeks. We are dedicated to get just as much of the Gospel out as the Lord

supplies the means for. We would appreciate your prayerful support. —Wayne Murphey

Prayer Requests

MI—"Pease pray for me." —Renate Hess

OH—Pray for Fron Kaufman who has a dislocated disk.

OK—"Sis. Frances Perkins is down in her back and needs prayer." —Sis. Emma Dille

TX—"I need God's help...."

—Sis. Nellie Lovell

AL—"I have an affliction I would like for you all to pray for. My ear and the side of my head has been hurting off and on for over a week, sometimes really bad." —Sis. Pearline Gerald

LA—"Please keep praying for my hands. I need them so badly to work for our Lord."

—Sis. Ivey Brooks

OK—"I am not well in body, and desire your earnest prayers." —Mary Mustin

Nigeria—"Please pray that the Lord will provide a job for my husband." —Sis. Kate Diribe

Mexico—The husband of Sis. Celicia, a member of the Tiajuana congregation, was in an accident and severely burned.

OR—"I have been having a bout with arthritis in my hips and legs, and even in my shoulders at times." —Sis. Grace Jones

OR—Pray for Sis. Ruby Hutchinson who has been sick for some time.

OK—Sis. Velda Wisner has been unable to be up and care for her family due to an illness. Pray for her recuperation.

OK—Sis. Myrtle Souder's health has declined as of recent days.

Listing of Cassette Tapes Available

The Lord has blessed us to put together a booklet itemizing cassette tapes that are available for sale. We have a library of tapes containing over 3,000 messages, songs and stories. Some of these tapes date back from 1950 to the present. This booklet contains the most recent camp meetings from Bakersfield, CA., Fresno, CA., Guthrie, OK., Monark Springs, MO., and Pacoima, CA.

We are asking a small fee in the amount of \$7:00 per booklet which will include updates twice a year. Please direct all correspondence to: Sis. Kimberly Francisco, 8633 Colombus Avenue #6, Sepulveda, CA 91343. Phone: (818) 893-0724.

Meeting Reports and Notices

NORTHPORT, AL MEETING REPORT

The saints here in Northport, AL would like to take this time to report on the meeting that was held June 21-28, 1992. The Lord richly blessed our souls. We were so glad to see the many saints that attended the meeting. We could feel the presence of the Lord in these services. There was altar work done and souls were blessed....

Please keep us in your prayers always.

—Sister Bernice Petty

WICHITA, KS MEETING REPORT

We thank God for His mercy and patience with man. He wants so much to get us to Heaven. We received one admonition after another in our meeting to get everything clear between us and God. We were told that holding grudges, unforgiveness, not paying our vows to God, and not letting Him heal our wounds would hinder us from getting into Heaven. We appreciate God's love and all who came to help us in the battle. May we all take heed to the warnings and be assured of Heaven.

—Sis. Shirley Knight

MUSKOGEE, OK REVIVAL MEETING

Lord willing, the saints at Muskogee, OK will be in revival November 2-8. Services will be held nightly at 7:30, with all-day services on Sunday, November 8. The all-day services will include a dinner being served at the chapel.

Your presence at these services would greatly be appreciated. The chapel address is: 301 N. 15th. For more information call Bro. Leo Johnson, (918) 687-4564.

SHAWNEE, OK REVIVAL MEETING

Plans have been made for Bro. James Bruner, of Sandusky, OH, to hold a weeks revival in Shawnee, OK. Lord willing, it will begin on November 1 and continue through November 8. There will be nightly services at 7:30, except for the Sunday evening services which will begin at 7:00.

Everyone has a cordial invitation to attend. For more information call Bro. Ostis Wilson, whose telephone number is: (405) 275-9497.

JEFFERSON, OR ASSEMBLY MEETING

The annual Assembly Meeting of the Church of God at Jefferson, OR will be held November 6-15. 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.

LORANGER, LA ASSEMBLY MEETING November 22-29

You are invited to come be with us in this meeting. The meeting begins on Sunday and includes the Thanksgiving holidays. Your presence and prayers are desired.

There is a dormitory for the sisters and one for the brothers. Power and water hookups are provided for those with campers. Meals will be served and expenses met by freewill offerings. From Loranger, go two miles south and about three and one-half miles east on Hwy. 40.

For those travelling 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, write Nelson Doolittle, Rt. 1, Box 192, Loranger, LA 70446. The chapel phone is (504) 878-2788.

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The California State Assembly Meeting of the Church of God has been set for December 25-January 3, with the first service at 7:30 in the evening on December 25, on the campground at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, CA. We are praying and expecting a blessed meeting. All are invited and welcome.

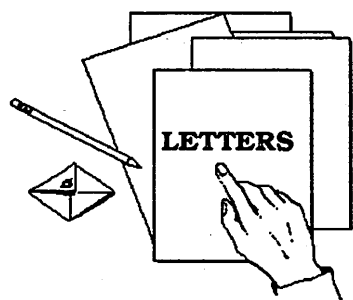
There will be all day services throughout the meeting; lodging and meals are provided. Please come praying and expecting to labor and receive a blessing. For more information call: Sunset Guest Home, (818) 899-2022.



NOTICE!

Currently I am working on a daily devotional book of the established elders and leaders in the Church of God. At the present time, I am in need of several contributions which have been personally requested. Please send these as soon as possible, such as today. We want to complete

this inspiring devotional so that it can begin its mission of encouraging the saints. Thank you, each one, who have already contributed your inspiring words. —Sis. Connie Sorrell



CA—Dear saints: Greetings in Jesus' name. I am still saved, sanctified and very encouraged in the Lord. This past summer I have been in some very stern, heart searching meetings. At the singspiration in Bakersfield, CA, everyone over 70 years of age stood up while we sang "When We All Get To Heaven." It was so glorious to be able to stand and sing with the saints. Later, as I was praying and going over the things I learned at the meetings, a solemn thought came to my mind. "What Will It Be To Be There?" I have learned things I am responsible for. I am responsible for everything I say, do, think about and do to others. As I was praying and giving much thanks to God for His many blessings, I could see as the poet said, "I can see far down the mountain, Where I wandered weary years, Often hindered in my journey..." I could see where I made mistakes and was not as careful as I should have been, and in much regret and humility, I asked God's merciful forgiveness. The Lord has given me some verses to help me. I have compiled them that others may be helped also.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto Thee. Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path (to) Love your enemies, bless them that hate you, pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you:

Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly; than to divide the spoil with the proud. Better is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasures and trouble therewith. Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

But as for me, my prayer is unto Thee, hear me, O Lord; for thy lovingkindness is good, turn unto me, according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies. Teach me Thy way O Lord;

Every day will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever.

For God maketh my heart soft; I shall go softly all my years. A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. In lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves: For all the Law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

This is my prayer, and my song.

—Sister Geneva K. Norling



OK—To all the dear saints: Greetings of love in the name of our Lord Jesus! May the Lord bless each one to keep the faith and press on to victory.

I enjoy reading the testimonies of the saints of God; to hear about the many special blessings from our heavenly Father. We are serving a mighty God. His mercy toward us is great.

It has now been over five years since the Lord healed me, when it seemed that my time to go was very close. I am still praising God for His mercy, and healing power. He keeps me able to trust Him and have strength as needed.

Very recently the Lord has done special things for me. For more than two months I had an unusual condition with my head. It would last for a few minutes, and then ease off until the next time. When I went to bed at night, I was blessed with complete relief. As time went on I began having a more continual headache during the day.

In the early part of last year, I had the same condition for more than three months. This last time it had become even more severe. At times the intense pain would continue for longer periods. It seemed there was no explanation for the cause. I was thankful for relief at nighttime and between times of coughing. It is now two months since the Lord removed the trouble. I have been completely free from pain in my head. I want to thank and praise the Lord for a great blessing.

At one point during this trouble, as I was at my word processor, I had to cough. Suddenly my vision became blurred until I could hardly make out the keyboard. At the same time there was a brilliant semicircle of light, that stayed in my vision, (much brighter in one eye than the other). There were bright sparkling colors around the object. My vision seemed to be fading as I

looked to the Lord for help. My first thought was about a detached retina. I had difficulty seeing the dial on the phone, but I dialed my son Marvin's number. He called others, and went to prayer for me. I moved into the bathroom, a few feet from where I was. As I looked into the mirror, I was unable to tell what my eyes looked like. I began to ask the Lord to give me grace, even in blindness, if that could be to His glory. I came back to my bedside, deciding to lie down and wait on the Lord. As I sat on the edge of the bed, the bright object had vanished in the one eye, and the other began to spread out until it was completely gone. My vision was completely normal from that very moment. A few days later my eyes were checked for glasses. The old prescription was still good, and my eyes were normal. I asked the optometrist what would be the first symptom of a detached retina. His description seemed very much the same as it happened to me. I am still praising God for the miracle.

I also had a recent experience, when I found myself in trouble again, the same as five years ago when the Lord spared my life. I spent over three hours in the night calling on the Lord for mercy. The devil did his best to convince me that it was my time to go. The Lord gave courage to rebuke the enemy and hold on. It was a blessed time of rejoicing and thanksgiving, as the dear Lord came to my rescue. I felt I could never cease to praise Him for His great love and mercy to me that night. I want to continue to give all glory and praise to His blessed holy name! I want to thank Him most of all for Jesus, my blessed Redeemer; for His great salvation.

In His precious name, —Eva Probst

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FL—Dear Bro. Wayne and saints everywhere: I greet you in the matchless name of Jesus. His name is still wonderful to me. I don't understand all the things that have happened this past year, but I can still say from my heart that I trust His love.

It is hard to believe that in three days it will have been a year since the Lord took Herschell home to be with Him. Many changes have taken place since then, but I can say His love hasn't changed. The words of song number 252 in the "Evening Light" songbook echo in my heart. "Hold fast to the Savior, He loves you still."

As most of you know, on August 24 south Florida was hit by a major hurricane. The damage that was done here is incomprehen-

sible. With such widespread damage, it is amazing that no more lives were lost. Many of us are still in a daze at what we see. They are selling T-shirts here that say, "I survived hurricane Andrew." My daughter, Crystal, says the rest of that statement should be, "it's the aftermath that's killing us." Thank the Lord, we can yet smile in spite of our circumstances.

We are so very thankful that our lives were spared. I must say, this is an experience we will never forget.

Some reports say that winds exceeded 200 miles per hour. The weather men documented winds of 165 miles an hour. I don't know what the winds were, but I know that during the storm it seemed as if the very house was coming apart around us. Four of my children and I took shelter in a bedroom closet when parts of our ceiling started to fall. I remember one of the children praying, "Lord, if you let the whole house fall around us, please let this closet stand." God did bless us! We lost parts of our roof and all of our windows except three. We thank the Lord that not only the closet was left, but our walls also. There are so many that lost everything.

Our chapel has to be rebuilt. The roof was taken completely off of it, and there are severe cracks in the walls. We are presently gathering at Bro. Simpson's home.

Again, we thank the Lord that no lives were lost among us. There have been some injuries since the storm, but God is blessing those.

We can say with the Apostle Paul, "We are cast down but not destroyed." II Cor. 4:9. God hasn't forsaken us, neither has His people. Thank you all for your prayers and support to us here.

Our hearts are encouraged with the loving kindness of the saints. They are giving unselfishly of themselves and their means.

On the 26th of September, Bro. Danny Gellenbeck and eleven others came to physically help us. Sis. Maxine Busbee and her husband brought their camper and she was the cook for the group. The Lord also gave her an encouraging message for us. It was an inspiration for us to hold on.

The Lord has laid it on the heart of Bro. Verling Wolfe and several others to come and help the saints replace our roofs.

Also Bros. Toney Samons and Jim Wall came by to help us while they were here putting the van and supplies on the boat for Honduras.

I appreciate all that has been done to help us and desire your continued prayers.

I am presently unable to live in my home, and I desire prayer that the Lord will bless that this be worked out for us. I did have insurance, but as of now, have not seen an adjuster. It was a blessing that, as far as I know, all of the saints, except one, had some coverage. I don't know if everything will be covered by the insurance companies as many companies are being hit very hard. There are some things that can't be replaced. I am so thankful that most of the tapes I had of my husband's messages were spared. Again, this was done by the faithful hand of God. About a week before the storm we sent over 200 tapes to Bro. Sebe Francisco to be made a part of his tape ministry.

I thank the Lord again for blessing our lives to be spared, and thanks again for your love, prayers and financial help.

Much love and appreciation,

—Sis. Mary Hargrave and children, and the saints of Goults

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OR—Dear Bro. Wayne and all at Print Shop: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord, to all there. We trust that this finds you all well in body and with victory in your souls. We are having some "light afflictions," but are trusting in God to give us grace to endure until He sees fit to heal us.

God's word is sure, as Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Matt. 24: 35. Two places in the New Testament tell of the relationship and importance of God's Word to our lives: Matt. 4:4, "...Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." and Jn. 12:48, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

I'm sure that God has used no frivolous or unnecessary words in His communications to us, but the spiritual meaning can only be discerned spiritually, (I Cor. 2:14). We may not be able to understand some passages of scripture, but we can have confidence that what is needful for us to fulfill God's purpose in our lives will be revealed to us. With faith in God's Word, and obedience to all that we understand, we can live a holy and sanctified life until Jesus returns, and our appointed time comes for this body to die....

Please remember us in your prayers and we will continue to pray for all there.

With Christian love,

—Bro. Bill & Sis. Doris Busch

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OK—Greetings to all the saints: We thank the Lord for His many blessings to both soul and body. When we think of the precious blood of Jesus, the sacrifice He gave for us, our hearts can only give honor to His name. No man took His life, He gave it and suffered for our salvation.

The devil had us bound and we could not free ourselves, but Jesus came to set us free from sin and all its binding force. "What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus." We can never praise the Lord enough for saving us and giving us power through the Holy Spirit to live a life of holiness. He said he would give us power over all the power of the devil. Thank God for power over sin. We don't have to be overcome by the works of the flesh. We don't have to lie or be dishonest in our dealings. We don't have to hate or hold unforgiveness against our fellow man for the hurts they do to us, because Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captive and the recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Lk. 4:18. Thank God for sending His Son to destroy the works of the devil. "And this is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith." I Jn. 5:4. Jesus said, "Have faith in God." Mk. 11:22.

I want to testify to all of the blessing I received in my body at the Guthrie camp meeting, in May of 1992. I had been affected in my body with sugar diabetes for a number of years. I was weak, dizzy and staggered a lot. Once I fell three times in five days. At times I slept most of the day from the weakness. My eyes were failing me. But on May 28th of this year, the day set apart for fasting and prayer for the sick, the Lord healed me.

I had accepted the thought that we are all going to die from something, so it might as well be diabetes as anything. I would test myself often, and would test very bad each time. Especially from December 9, 1991 until May of 1992. I had not really asked the Lord for healing, but as Bro. Charles Elwell was talking, he made the statement that the Lord was able to heal anything; cancer, sugar diabetes or just anything.

How that awakened a cord in my heart. I was anointed and ministers laid on hands, asking God to heal me. I did not feel anything right then, but as I got up from the altar I said, "I accept it in Jesus' name." I felt in my body I was made whole. I want to say that from that day, May 28, 1992, to this day, September 23, 1992, I have not had one spell of diabetic weakness. I can do my own work, cook and fix for company. We attended the Monark Springs camp meeting and also went to some of the Boley camp meeting and have felt well. I have been able to clean house, wash windows, put up clean curtains, and even clean the bottom of my cabinets, which I could not do before. It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done. Our children and my husband all are a witness of the difference there is in my strength. I can never praise the Lord enough.

I am now 82 years old. My parents got saved when I was two years old. They started trusting God for me and what He has done for me He will do for you. "Just trust Him and be true, and see what He will do. He will never disappoint your soul." All glory be to God. I have nothing to glory in myself. It is only the goodness of God.

I want to be faithful to Him until He calls me home to be with Him and praise Him through all eternity for His saving grace and keeping power. Again I say, let us never doubt His unfailing Word.

Yours for truth and right,

—Sis. Margaret Eck
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CA—Bro. Wayne: In a world of turmoil and trouble, may peace, love and joy from our Savior be multiplied to you and all His saints everywhere! I am so thankful His mercy is new every morning.

I think of the woman who touched the hem of His garment. She was willing to go as low as she could. This showed humility, and she believed and got her blessing.

Your sister in the family of God,

—Melia Viser
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KS—Dear saints: Trust all are well and keeping encouraged to press the battle on. We would like to tell of the wonderful things the Lord has done for us.

Orin has not only had eczema, but also asthma (severe at times) for the past three years. Last year was a very trying year for us as he missed much work and we had a new baby.

But we thank the Lord, how He has touched Orin. He has only had one or two cases of asthma, and no eczema, this whole year!

Our little boy came down with a severe affliction at about the age of nine months. There were many times of not knowing how to help him or what to do, but we prayed and trusted him to an almighty God! Brad is healed!

Truly we thank the Lord for His rich blessings in our young lives. We love the Lord and are pressing for our eternal goal.

Love and prayers,

—Orin, Retha and Brad Cole
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MI—Dear Bro. Wayne and workers: Greetings to you all in the blessed name of Jesus. I pray you are all well and still happy in the Lord's work....

Praise the Lord, I am feeling much better. Thank you for praying for me. May God bless each and every one of you for it.

My love and prayers, —Sis. Olive Gettersen
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WA—Dear saints at the Print Shop: Greetings. Oh, how I love Jesus. He has been so good to me. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Psa. 34:19. We surely appreciate His goodness to us.

I have had a soreness in my right leg for a month or more, but am thankful to the Lord that it is about all right now. I sure appreciate the saints prayers. May God bless all at the Print Shop. I pray daily for the work there. I thank the Lord for those that labor there to help get the gospel out.

Love in Jesus, —Sister Violet Thomas
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LA—Dear saints of God: Just a few lines to let you all know we are still on the firing line for Jesus.

I had a birthday on October 5. I have been here on this earth 82 years.

We are praying for you all and want you all to pray for us here at West Monroe, LA. We will close for this time.

Yours in Christ, —N. P. Futch and saints
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CA—Dear saints scattered abroad: Greetings in Jesus' name. I pray all are holding on to the faith. The devil is sure busy these last days. He knows his time is getting shorter each day....

Pray for us and our children. I have a son that is now traveling all over the U.S.A. His job is hauling different things in one of those large

trucks. There sure is danger facing him. So far the Lord has surely blessed him.

Love and prayers, —Sis. Lois Underwood

OR—Dear Bro. Wayne: I do enjoy the articles and testimonies in the *Faith and Victory*. I pray God will continue to bless you in winning and encouraging souls for Him through the written word.

One of my grandsons and I read Robin Moles' testimony together, and through it, and our discussion afterwards, he asked the Holy Spirit into his heart. He presented himself in complete consecration to God for the experience of sanctification. We have fourteen grandchildren and I pray much for them. They face so many temptations in public school. I wish the saints had a school here; particularly for the junior high and high school age.

May God bless you and yours.

—Betty Shamberger



FOREIGN



MISSION

REPORTS

From Delta State, Nigeria...

September 11—Dear Bro. Wayne and the saved ones: Greetings in the most glorious name of Jesus. His name is shining here and will forever shine in the midst of his people with increasing luster. We are under no delusion as to nearness of His second Advent; for our flight to the glory world. Praise Him forever!

On June 6, 1992 at Osemele river was an encouraging turn up of 44 brethren who followed the Lord in water baptism. This writer baptized the new arrivals. The next day, June 7th, featured a solemn celebration of the Lord's Supper....

We have the Lord to praise for strengthening our faith in Him which has led to deliverance of us from sitting down for mental calculation to solve a problem to which Deity alone has the answer. He is the Omnipotent One, and more than able to solve economic problems of His own people in a way most miraculous. Nothing now

prevents us from availing ourselves unto the divine Potter to mold for the task of evangelism. Mobile evangelism is planned to trigger off as soon as the rainy season comes to an end.

The weather continues to alternate suitably in favor of the cultivated crops. Expectation of a good harvest this year is therefore undoubted. The Lord is exerting His power to deliver us from assaults of physical afflictions. We thank Him immensely for continuity of attention to the voice of our supplications.

We believe that the camp meetings of this year in the U.S. closed with victory of souls saved. Our prayer is for the souls saved to remain saved continually. Amen.

Yours in Him, —Titus U.E. Enu



From India...

October 15—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and dear saints in America: Greetings to you and the Church of God in the lovely name of Jesus Christ, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners and made higher than the heavens.

You might have heard of the terrible flood in our state last week. Heavy rain for a few days resulted in flooding, landsliding and many damages. Hundreds of people died and homes and farms were washed away. Relief activities are being put into progress by the government. By the grace of God we are safe. A few saints lost their farms.

The work of satan is going forward with great speed in these times of distress. We are not called to a life of ease, but to a life to commitment. On the Christian path, we often meet storms and rough weather. Certainly these are times to prove our faith to trust in the Lord.

Even though there are stumbling blocks on the way, all the twenty-two congregations are going on fine in South India. Your prayers and supports are a real encouragement for the success of our efforts here. Our prayers are for the saints in America.

Yours in His service, —John Varghese



September 22—Dear Bro. Wayne and saints: Christian greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the hope of glory. This is to extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who expressed their love and concern in different ways while I was in America. Also, I have to express my special thanks for the churches that

opened their doors for my teaching ministry.

Even though many of you do not know, I was the overseer for the work of the Church of God in the northern area of India since the work started there. Now I am trying to be relieved from the administration of the church, and plan to concentrate on outreach work.

As you know, in India 85% of the people are Hindus. Christians are only 2%, which includes Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Protestants. Now they are trying to form a Hindu nation. Almost all the doors are closed for the Gospel. Several states of India have legally prohibited preaching. It is our responsibility to reach the people with the message of the Gospel before the doors close completely. Jesus says, "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." Jn. 9:4. It must be true to us. Therefore, I plan to preach the Gospel wherever the doors are opened, irrespective of caste and creed. It may be an independent work. If it is possible, I want to form a team for it. I don't know how it will work out. However, I decided to follow Jesus with no turning back (Matt. 4:19). Problems and persecutions are on the way to block the vision. I need your earnest prayers.

With much prayers and love,

—P. D. Mathunni

From Liberia...

October 5—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings from the Church of God saints in Monrovia, Liberia. Church activities are going very fine here. Our Christian School is in good standard, and all problems are solved. Thank you all for your prayers and financial help.

A small Christian group is trying to come out of Babylon to the truth. After all conclusions, I will let you know. They are occupying a building that they are paying for each month.

Yesterday, Sunday, October 4, was the starting of our mid-year revival. This revival is going to last for eight days. Our concern is to save many more souls for the Lord.

Child of God, —Josiah K. Pah, Sr.

From Rivers State, Nigeria...

October 8—Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. It is our sincere hope that God's work in the Print Shop is still thriving in spite of Satan's force against its progress. We do pray to God often for its continued progress. We

are sure He really does answer our prayers and those being offered by other saints. We also need your prayers always, just as you and others do need ours.

It is our pleasure to inform you of our recently organized third quarterly revival program, which was culminated in outdoor propagation of the gospel message. It started on Wednesday night, the 23rd of September, and ended victoriously on Monday night, the 28th of the same month, under a hired tarpaulin canopy here in Tombia. Although none were seen to have been convicted of their sins throughout the duration of the public activities, we are optimistic that some of the seeds we have sown fell into some unseen good ground and will yield fruits worthy of repentance. We were commensurably revived as the messages delivered were anointed by the Holy Ghost. A good number of gospel literature received from you were prayerfully and freely shared to literate members of the public. To mark the closure of that quarterly program, the Lord's supper and footwashing were kept indoor on Tuesday night the 29th of September, 1992.

We sincerely thank God also for the success of all the camp meetings held there in the U.S.A., this year. We earnestly did pray to God with fasting on their behalf, and our share of the blessings are being extended to us....

I remain less than the least of all saints, with prayers for all. —Bro. Onimite B. Alalibo

From Mexico...

August 6—Dear Bro. Wayne and saints: I greet you in the holy and precious name that is above all names, Jesus Christ our Savior. I hope this letter finds you in good health and with the victory over sin.

Dear brethren, I write this letter with much love to the Lord for His blessings in our lives, and especially for His blessing on the work here. We have been having good attendance, and last Sunday, 10/4/92, our church building was full. We had two adults who came with tears in their eyes, saying they wanted to give their lives to the Lord. I have known one of them since 1983. His wife and daughters have been faithful and now he is living for the Lord too. The other one that got saved is the husband of a lady that has been coming since the meeting last August.

Since the meeting seven new adults have been coming to church. We hope that in the

ones that got saved that the seed had fallen in good ground. God has been so good and faithful to us. To Him be the glory and honor forever. The saints here are very encouraged to live for the Lord. Please pray much for the work of the Lord in Mexico.

I would like to express my thanksgiving to all the ones that in one way or another supported our meeting in Mexico. Everything worked out and was a blessing; the services, the food, and the time we spent together. Bro. James Huskey made a big effort in bringing the evangelistic tent, and was a blessing both before and after the meeting. I also want to thank Bro. Wayne, the group of young people, Bro. James Bell and Patricia for all they did. I know that the Lord used all of you. The saints here are very thankful for the messages the Lord gave Bro. Wayne and Bro. James Bell. Thank you for coming and for all that you did for the work here in Mexico. We thank the Lord for the Sallee family and all the others who came from Missouri, Oklahoma and California. We sincerely appreciate your efforts, support, love and burden for the work of God in Mexico.

We feel that the work of God in Mexico will grow. We have a stable congregation with a board of trustees or deacons. All of us are fighting together for the Truth. In order to get to Heaven, what counts is not what we have in our minds, but what we have in our hearts. We need to be just and holy, in other words, be like Christ. Brethren, may we look for Christ instead of trying to look for the ones that are guilty, or for the mistakes of others. If we find Christ, we will be able to find all that we need, and nothing will be able to separate us from the way of the Lord. (Rom. 8:28-39.)

Yours in Christ, —Bro. Mayarino Escobar



NOTE OF THANKS

The family of Wilma Harris would like to take this means of thanking all the saints for their love, prayers, thoughtfulness and support shown to them and Wilma during her recent illness and death.

God saw that she was getting tired,
that a cure was not to be;
So he put His arms around her
and whispered "Come With Me."

With tearful eyes we watched her
suffer and slowly fade away;
Although we loved her dearly,
we could not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands to rest;
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

Lovingly,

—Eileen Krause



Question and Answer by Ostis B. Wilson

This is article number thirteen in this ongoing series of articles of full salvation; justification and sanctification.

In Luke 6:43 and Matt. 7:17-18, Jesus declared that a good tree cannot bring forth corrupt fruit and a corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit. The question is: If the depraved nature still exists in the justified person, and he needs an additional cleansing and work of divine grace to free him from it, can he do right and bring forth good fruit?

ANSWER: When one is born again, he receives a new life into his soul which is the Christ life and it is holy—free from sin. In Romans 11:17-24 we have a discussion of how the Jews were cast away and the Gentiles were accepted in among the people of God, and it is referred to as a "grafting." Of course this is referring to people and nations, etc., but what applies to them collectively will also apply individually so far as God and the principle is concerned, because the application of salvation is on an individual basis. Job 34:29 says, "When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth his face, who then can behold him? whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only."

Whatever or however much this passage in the 11th chapter of Romans involves, it at least serves to instruct us that there is a spiritual process with God that is equivalent to grafting and is called grafting. This pretty well explains how I see the receiving of the Christ-life in the justified experience while the inward depravity of nature still exists in the individual. This experience is called "circumcision of the heart."

(Rom 2:29.) This circumcision is said to consist in our "putting away the sins of the flesh." Col. 2:11.

The process of grafting in the 11th chapter of Romans is described as breaking off the natural branches and grafting in others. Naturally, in grafting, an incision must be made and the new graft inserted. This is equivalent to this process called "circumcision of the heart." It is described as putting away the sins of the flesh, (the only branch is broken off) an incision is made, (an operation takes place) and the graft is inserted. From then on the fruit is according to that which was grafted in.

Lining the long driveway leading into the saints' camp ground in Pacoima, California, are 15 orange trees on either side. This is all grafted stock, which means that a part of a tree bearing a different kind of fruit has been grafted in on a different root stock. These trees all produce good oranges. But something happened to two of these trees. They got broken off, and then grew out from beneath the bud, and produced a different kind of fruit to what it did before. The fruit produced on these two trees have a real thick, rough, pale peeling, and is real sour, like a lemon. We used them to make lemonade. In this case the root was different from the tree, and when the tree got broken off and grew out from beneath the bud, it grew from the old root and produced different fruit.

So it is in the justified experience. The Christ life is grafted into the incision made in circumcising the heart, and the putting away of the sins of the flesh, and the fruits of the Christ-life are born. As long as the person is very watchful, prayerful, careful, keeps a close contact with God, and keeps victory over sin in his life by the grace of God, he will continue to bear the fruits of the Christ-life. As long as he does well, he will be accepted. (Gen. 4:7). But if by any means he becomes a little slack, gives advantage to Satan, succumbs to his temptations, fails of the grace of God, loses his victory and his contact with Him, and lets sin get into his life, then that grafted tree is broken off and the tree will grow up from the old root and a different kind of fruit.

Romans 11:24 declared grafting to be contrary to nature. A person in the justified experience is not altogether according to nature either from the standpoint of sin or holiness. When in sin, we are by nature the children of wrath, (Eph. 2:3) and naturally produce the fruits of wrath which is sin. Likewise, the wholly sancti-

fied person is a partaker of the divine nature (II Pet. 1:4) and by nature, he produces his fruit unto holiness; the fruits of the Spirit. But the justified are more or less in an intermediate state (unnatural). The Christ-life has been grafted in contrary to nature, (his depraved nature) and he is more or less in a dual state, still possessing the inherent depravity of nature but having a grafted-in Christ-life which is holy. Anyone in such a condition, we would readily see would be unestablished, and therefore we can easily see the urgent need of such a one pressing on to the completion of his salvation and obtaining that grace wherein we stand or are established. (Rom 5:2.)

A clear type of this is seen in the children of Israel. In Egypt, which is a type of sinful bondage, they lived off the natural fruit of the ground; leeks, garlic, onions, lentils, melons, etc., which all grew from the natural soil. In the wilderness they had no natural products of the soil to sustain life, but God sent them manna from heaven. This was only a temporary arrangement for them and a very unenduring substance. When they got in the land of Canaan, which is typical of the sanctified experience, they again lived off the natural produce from the soil and ate the old corn of the land. There never was any more manna after they arrived in the land of Canaan, which shows it to be only a temporary provision. (Josh. 5:10-12.)

I see it this way with one's life. When in sin one produces fruit according to his nature which is a depraved nature. When he becomes justified, or born again, he receives a grafting in of the Christ-life, and produces fruit according to that graft and not according to his nature. When he presses on into the wholly sanctified state and experience, he again bears fruit according to his nature but in that experience his nature is changed and now he possesses the divine nature.

I have been challenged on this point and was told that we were inducted into Christ or grafted into Him and not Him into us. My answer to that argument is that the Bible teaches just as much about Christ being in us as it does us being in Him and our being born again is plainly declared to be our receiving Christ. (Jn. 1:12-13.)



"God gets no glory out of the soul who dies in sin, but the living soul who lives a holy life so others can see Jesus brings glory to God."

—Selected

DELIVERED

(Continued from page 3.)

Lord dealing with me from the time I was five years old. At the age of fifteen I was an alcoholic and sinking deeper into other sins.

The Lord was still showing mercy on me and dealing with my soul. From time to time I would try to live for the Lord, but I always allowed the devil to defeat me. At about the age of sixteen, I got saved and was really trying to live for the Lord, and felt that I had a good experience. But it wasn't long until I saw a friend get beaten almost beyond recognition. I again allowed the enemy to defeat me, and I asked the Lord for my old life back, so that I could take care of the matter. At that point, I allowed satan to take complete control of my life.

So therefore, at sixteen I was running in gangs, dealing in drugs and committing other crimes. In nine months time I lost fourteen friends to gang or drug related deaths. I began smoking angel dust and eating acid, and I developed a cocaine habit that exceeded \$120.00 a day. There were many times that I had guns held to my head and in my mouth. I once tried to commit suicide, but the bullet wouldn't fire out of the gun. A friend later took the same gun and was target shooting. Near the end of my life of serving the devil I became a heroine addict and was involved in crime rings. I do praise the Lord for His mercy and love to me.

I felt that I had everything a young man would want in life; money, nice cars, etc. (all obtained through drug dealing, etc.) But I had nothing until I had Christ in my life.

At the age of twenty-two I took an overdose of drugs and found myself lying on my death bed, hooked up to machines, with only God's mercy keeping me alive. The Lord came to visit me one last time, and He spoke to me in an almost audible voice, "This may be your last opportunity to live for me." I was at my lowest, and I began to cry out to the Lord to deliver my soul from satan's chains. Praise God I was lifted out of the deep miry clay.

After several weeks I got out of the hospital and went to the Fresno, California meeting, and then on to the Bakersfield meeting. In Bakersfield several ministers laid hands on me and rebuked the devil, and all his binding spirits that were in me. I will never forget the sin-set-free feeling that I had. On the way home I shouted, praised God and sang songs of praise

and thanksgiving to my Lord and Saviour. The Lord had instantly healed me of all physical sickness and habits. But above that, He healed my soul. All praise and glory be to God.

I was facing a minimum of twelve years in the state penitentiary for some drug charges, but I was determined to serve the Lord. The Lord again blessed, and I was given a five year probation instead of prison, and was ordered not to leave the State of California.

At the Pamona, California meeting the Lord witnessed to me in several ways that it was His will for me to go east. In September 1989, I left California, desperate, with a suitcase and an old truck, not knowing where I would be laying my head. My trust was in the Lord and He gave me the scripture, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33. The Lord wonderfully blessed, and Bro. & Sis. Vada McMillian took me into their home and cared for me until I got established, both spiritually and temporally.

When I left the state of California I never even considered that I was breaking probation by leaving the State. I never gave it any thought, but was following the Lord's leadings. In July 1991, the Lord led me to go back and look into my charges. I didn't know if I would be serving time for breaking probation or what would happen, but I knew I had to get things straight. After much prayer I went to the courthouse. I was sent to different departments and none of them could find any records on me at all. Praise the Lord, He had erased all charges.

The Lord has performed many miracles and healings in my life. I am so thankful to be living for the Lord, and I wouldn't trade it for all the power and glory of this world. My determination is to make Heaven at any cost.

There are many more things that could be told of my life in sin, but I don't feel that it would be edifying to expound on them. I have been living for the Lord for three and one half years. The Lord has blessed my life richly. In November 1991, the Lord gave me a beautiful wife. I can't thank the Lord enough, or do enough for Him in this life to ever come close to being worthy of serving Him.

I appreciate the saint's love and patience which they have shown me, and desire their prayers that I will continue to stay faithful to the Lord and be a warrior in winning souls to Christ.

A MOMENT CAPTURED



This photograph was taken of a group of saints who were in attendance at the 1948 Guthrie, OK Assembly Meeting.