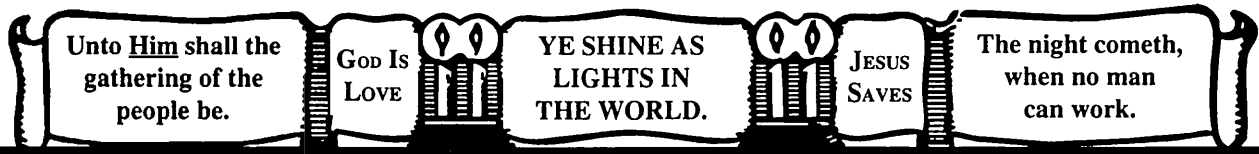


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Attaining Unto the Resurrection of the Dead

By Bro. Leslie Busbee

The apostle Paul in Philippians 3:7-14 expresses his earnest convictions of what it will mean to be resurrected from the dead to eternal life. And, surveying the Bible truths of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, we are persuaded of the truth concerning this vital and important matter.

After speaking of the confidence he once had in his experience under the Old Testament law, Paul stated in verses 7 and 8 that he counted it all loss for the knowledge of Christ Jesus his Lord, and counted it all "dung" (worthless and to be thrown away). And this he truly did, as he said, "to win (gain and truly possess) Christ." And then he added: "be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith." This righteousness of faith was what Abraham of old possessed. The wonderful ac-

count of Abraham and his faith and obedience to God is shown in Genesis, chapters 12 through 22. It is expressed of him in Genesis 15:6, "And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness." And this righteousness of faith through obedience and trusting in Christ was what Paul sought earnestly for.

But that is not all Paul was striving for. In verse 10 it expresses the things that he sought to know (understand and truly experience in heart and life): "That I may know him (Christ), and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death." Let us consider this carefully. To know the power of Christ's resurrection meant to experience the resurrected life of holiness and victory over sin and this present evil world. To fellowship Christ's sufferings meant to be willing to suffer the persecution and rejection of the world and the vanity of men, and whatever they inflicted upon him. And to be made conformable unto his death means to be willing and ready to die as Christ died. All of these things Paul sought to know and experience in reality in this earthly life. He purposed not to draw back from any thing that true Christian faith would cause him to suffer.

And, as verse 11 expresses: "If by any means (whatever it takes) I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead." Then he goes on to state: "Not as though I had already attained." He would not count himself to that point, but, as he said, "I follow after, if that I may apprehend (lay

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hold of and possess personally) that for which I am apprehended of Christ Jesus." And then in verse 13 he states: "...I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, (Verse 14) I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

May the Lord help us all to comprehend and take into our hearts and minds the depth of this precious and wonderful testimony of Paul, the man who at one time fought hard against Christ, but was apprehended of Christ Himself and turned to be a faithful witness of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus the Anointed Son of the Everlasting God and Creator of Heaven and Earth!

Selections from *Problems of Eternal Moment*

By J. Grant Anderson

DECEITFULNESS OF RICHES

By reading carefully the history of nations, we discover that, generally, an age of luxury is followed by an age of decay. The love of money has been rightly called the root of all evil. Men, in their mad rush for gold, become so intoxicated, *they* seemingly forget that a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and that honor, virtue, and character are of more worth than the treasures of land and sea. Men will run the risk of losing their lives on ice-clad mountains, under tropical suns, and down among the coral reefs of the ocean—and when the sought-for riches are found, they do not satisfy. "He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver."—Bible.

A young lawyer who had struggled long and hard to succeed in his practice, and to build for himself a substantial home, at last was employed in a case involving nearly one million dollars. His services, upon the percentage basis, would have netted him, possibly, one hundred thousand dollars. He worked day and night upon the problems involved; but one week before he was to make his final and, as he hoped, successful effort he was stricken down with typhoid fever. He promised his faithful physician that he would remember him well, if he succeeded in checking the disease. The young lawyer grew worse. A consultation of many skilled doctors was called, and the sick man told them that he would remember them well, if his life was spared. He still grew worse, and feeling that his life was being rapidly consumed by that awful burning, he called his physician into his room and promised him all the money the case in question would bring, if

he would only see him safely through. The faithful doctor told him frankly that he could not prescribe for life only for health. In that hour the young lawyer discovered that life was of more value than money; but in search of money he lost both, dying while young, and the bright-colored bubble of wealth bursting when almost within his grasp.

It does not appear to me to be the part of wisdom, or of prudence, to spend a whole lifetime in the pursuit of those things we must leave behind us at the grave. Far better would it be that we provide for ourselves bags that wax not old—treasures beyond the grave, where moth does not corrupt, nor thieves break through and steal. If the Cascade Mountains were nuggets of silver, and the seven seas were liquid gold, and I could possess them all by rejecting the Word of God and Jesus Christ, I would say, Give me Christ and the fulness of his love, and you may have all else beside. To the Christian man or woman, Christ is the chief among ten thousand, and the One altogether lovely. In him are hid all the treasures of riches and wisdom—all things necessary to make us both safe and happy.

DECEPTION OF ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL POSITION

While distance is supposed to lend enchantment, yet all is not gold that glitters. So many times in life we are liable to think that if our lot were different, as to associates, troubles, and such like, we should be more happy and more efficient; but the basis of such reasoning is false. If the veil that covers the defects of those things which appear so pleasing and inviting in

the distance could suddenly be taken away, many times, no doubt, we should discover that those nearest us were, after all, the truest and best. Thus the mirage of environment or of social position leads many away to the soul-destroying deserts of discontent.

The story is told of a girl who, while walking along the street one day, wished she had been born a boy, as she saw one pass her upon his wheel. The boy, in turn, wished that he were grown, so that he could become a chauffeur like the man who had just passed by in a huge car. The chauffeur wished he were the governor, who at that moment was passing, sitting beside his beautiful wife. The governor, tired out with the affairs of state, with its complex problems, seeing the chauffeur, wished that he had no more brain-racking problems to solve than the young man sitting idly in the car. The young man, being chauffeur for a busy doctor, having no Sundays and few vacations, wished he were a boy again, like the one he saw riding on his wheel. The boy, believing himself much abused because of an occasional task he was asked to perform, wished he had been born a girl, like the one he saw passing with a basket on her arm, "For then," thought he, "all I should have to do would be to play the piano and eat chocolate candy."

A FOOLISH GIRL

History tells the story of a peasant girl who was beautiful in features and perfect in form. She was petted, courted, and loved by all with whom she associated. Being too proud to be contented with her humble surroundings, she ran away to a distant seashore. The king of a small country saw her and immediately laid his plans to make her his wife. With cunning and great words of flattery, he finally persuaded her to go with him and become a "queen." This so stimulated her self-pride that her heart became deceitful and hard. A great financial depression came upon that country, and people were starving everywhere, while the queen was living in luxury. One day a committee went to the royal palace, and the spokesman pleaded in earnestness that some means be provided by which their mothers, wives, and children could be supplied with food. The haughty queen replied, "If your mothers, wives, and children are as hungry as you say, let them eat grass with the

horses." Those honest men were stung to the quick, and her sarcastic, heartless remark sowed a seed that resulted in a complete overthrow of that king's authority, and a mob broke into the royal palace and, seizing the beautiful but heartless queen, cut off her head, stuffed her mouth with grass, put her head upon a pole, and carried it through the streets of the city. The mirage of inordinate desire suddenly disappeared, but not until her frail bark had been wrecked upon uncharted rocks.

EXTERNAL VS. INTERNAL BEAUTY

Even our sisters join in insurrection against the laws of the universe when they believe and act as though the years of their own personal worth were those years covered by their personal beauty. Personal beauty is only one of the charms the Lord has seen fit to bestow upon the daughters of earth; for there are many admirable qualities in her that may never be noticed until after the wild rose bloom has left her cheeks forever. We should remember that merit and true worth never desert the soul, and thus the loss of personal beauty will be made up in loveliness of some other form. God made no mistakes in the departments of human life. "Pretty is as pretty does" is a maxim that is true in childhood, middle life, and in old age. When physical beauty is made the objective, it pays the penalty of a shorter life. Merit stands ready to beautify its possessor at every age and in every department of human endeavor. Merit stands ready to open every legitimate door in life, and by it alone can the door be kept open indefinitely. Honesty is more than a single honest act; it is a lifetime of honest acts. There is no question outside of salvation that will ever surpass that of true worth. It is not a matter of quantity of years that merit desires, but the quality of life's acts. Sometimes when we see so much fraud, graft, the getting of things together in haste, diplomas won in a year, exalted positions given to the unfitted, men leaping suddenly into prominence by virtue of a pull, we wonder if that law of growth and the functioning of merit have been revoked and annulled. But we need wait only a short season, for all such subterfuges will come to naught. Earthly minds may trifle with beauty, riches, fame, and power; but merit comprehends true worth, and it gathers up from time to time only that excellence which no years or ages can efface.

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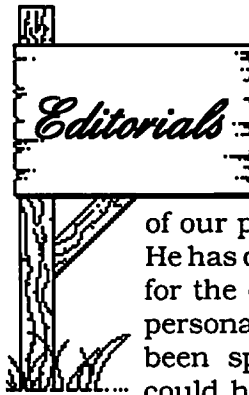
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"...It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:" Psalms 92:1. Our loving Creator is certainly worthy

of our praise and thanksgiving, for He has done many wonderful things for the children of man and for us personally. More than once we have been spared from accidents that could have seriously injured us or even taken our life, but God did not allow them to do so, and we give Him praise for His mercy and protection. A few months ago, we were putting out the Bible Lessons on the Rosback collater-stitcher-trimmer machine when we began having trouble with one of the relays in the control box on the three-knife trimmer. I used some contact cleaner on the faulty relay and closed up the box and we continued with our work for a few minutes. But then there was a "ka-boom" as the vapor that collected in the closed box exploded and blew the door open. God was so good to protect us and no damage was done to the machine. We were able to continue with our work.

Recently, I was using the tractor to brush hog the back of the Print Shop property and I needed to shut off the tractor for a few minutes. When I attempted to restart it, there was a sound of an explosion and I thought, "I didn't know a diesel would do that!" As I began to investigate the cause of the noise, I discovered the battery had blown up and splattered acid all around the battery compartment. Again, Thank the Lord, no one was injured.

A few years ago, I was brush hogging the back of the Print Shop property at night and I accidentally ran the tractor into a deep wash. When the tractor nosed into the ravine, my right foot caught on the brake pedal and the upper part of my leg was forced against the steering wheel. Thankfully my leg was not broken. I escaped with only bruises and a sprained ankle. God was good, for as I fell forward and to the left side of the tractor I narrowly missed a barbed wire fence that was stretched across the wash. I certainly appreciate His mercy to me. There have been many other instances of God's goodness to me and for all of those blessings, I am thankful.

There is a story of a man who found a dove injured by the side of the road. Gently picking it

up, he carried it home and put it in a cage and cared for it as best he could. The bird responded to his loving care and in a matter of time it fully recovered. So one morning the man took the cage to the top of a hill and opened the door. The dove, discovering its freedom, quickly flew away into the nearby trees. Some time later, the man was setting in the woods enjoying the beauty of his surroundings when the dove he had nursed back to health flew down and landed on his arm for a few moments as if to express its gratitude for the man's tender care.

After Jesus healed the ten lepers, as recorded in the 17th chapter of Luke, there was one that came back and offered Him praise and this man was a Samaritan. All too often, we, who have experienced the benefits of salvation, take for granted the blessings that God sends to us, while those who are without recognize God's goodness more clearly and express their appreciation in a way that is pleasing to God. Our praise and thanksgiving to God gives Him the credit that is due His wonderful name and we likewise feel His approval reflected back to us which strengthens our faith and confidence in Him.

"Oh that *men* would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" Psalms 107:8. The psalmist realized the value of praising the Lord, for He is so good. When we recognize the true source of goodness in our lives and make Him our God then we can say like David wrote in the 23rd Psalm, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever." Psalms 23:6.

I thank the Lord for allowing me to oversee the work of Faith Publishing House over the last eleven years. It has been a time in my life that I have learned many things from the hand of the Lord and have felt His presence close to me. While there have been times of great sacrifice and pressure, those times have also been accompanied by great rewards and blessings. I also thank the Saints for their prayers and support through the years for this work and for allowing me to serve in this capacity. May God abundantly reward each one for their gifts of love. At this time, for a combination of reasons, I have tendered my resignation as president of Faith Publishing House. It is my desire that the Lord would raise up someone who can fill this position and I trust there will be as smooth of a

transition as possible. May the blessing of the Lord rest upon each one is our prayer.

—Bro. Willie E. Murphey
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To the Saints, Friends, and Subscribers of the Faith & Victory,

We greet you with hearts full of gratitude to God for all His blessings during the 90 years that the Faith & Victory has been published at the Faith Publishing House. In 1923 Bro. Fred Pruitt felt a personal burden from the Lord to begin printing and circulating gospel literature. His mission was to promulgate the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world, to be a strength and blessing to God's children, and to serve the saints in the Church of God. For 40 years he continued to faithfully work to spread Bible truths in the form of tracts, books and a monthly paper. After his death in June 1963, the work at the print shop has continued to meet the needs of souls who have a thirsting for the word of God.

For the past eleven years, Bro. Willie Murphey has devoted his time and energy in overseeing the printing and mailing of the literature that has been sent out from the Faith Publishing House. At this time, Bro. Murphey is ending his years of service at the Print Shop. It is with great appreciation to him that we acknowledge the countless hours he has devoted to this ministry and thank him for the myriad tasks he has performed and personal sacrifices he and his wife, Neta, have made in order that it be possible for Gospel literature to continue to be published. Our prayer is that God will richly bless them in the days to come.

The Faith Publishing House is now in a time of transition. While mail/correspondence will continue to be received, read, and responded to, it is expected that there will be a period of time that publication and distribution of literature will be placed on hold as the Board of Trustees actively works to address the future needs of this ministry. The printed word continues to fill a vital role. At the same time, we recognize the swiftly changing means of communication and the ever-increasing migration from print to digital formats. Looking to the future, we not only see the challenges ahead, but also the opportunity to utilize ever-evolving technologies. Our labors can only prosper and bring life to souls as

God anoints them with His Spirit. Without God's blessings, anything that is done will be in vain. We are looking to the Lord to fill the needs in this ministry in the way that will be most pleasing and glorifying to Him. We ask for your continued prayers and support as we seek divine wisdom and guidance from the Lord so that His perfect will can be accomplished.

Let us all be faithful in our lives for the Lord and continue to carry a burden for the souls of those who are without the knowledge of the saving power of Jesus Christ.

In His Service,

Sis. Patsy Smith, Trustee
Sis. Nelda Sorrell, Trustee
Bro. Bob Wilson, Trustee



OH—Please continue to remember Sis. Karen LaCroix in prayer, She has a tumor that has grown to extreme proportions. The Lord has been good to spare her from intense pain, however, she does experience much discomfort. Pray for the Lord to give her deliverance from this physical condition and renewed courage for each day. Also remember those who are caring for her that the Lord would bless them with added strength.



Standing Prayer Requests

Bro. Roger Anderson
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Bro. Mark and Sis. Darlene Knight
Sis. Karen LaCroix
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Bro. Vernon Robinson
Bro. Edward and Sis. Gloria Taylor
The Mitch Taylor family
Sis. Norma Tiller
Bro. Delmar Wilkins
Sis. Jan Wood



God Hath Not Promised

*God hath not promised skies always blue
Flower strewn pathways, all our lives through;
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.*

*But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labour, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing kindness, undying love.*

*God hath not promised we shall not know
Toil and temptations, trouble and woe;
He hath not told us we shall not bear
Many a burden, many a care.*

*But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labour, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing kindness, undying love.*

*God hath not promised smooth roads and wide,
Swift, easy travel, needing no guide;
Never a mountain, rocky and steep,
Never a river turbid and deep.*

*But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labour, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing kindness, undying love.*

—Annie Johnson Flint

MEETING DATES

National (Monark Springs, MO)—July 19-28
Myrtle, MO (Camp Meeting)—August 2-6
Spooner, WI (Tent Meeting)—August 7-11
Pacoima, CA (Camp Meeting)—August 16-25
Raymore, MO (Fall Meeting)—Sept. 14-15
Baldy Mesa, CA (Centennial Services)—
 October 11-13

MEETING NOTICES

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 19-28. All are cordially invited to come and bring others to enjoy the blessings 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 59. The physical address of the caretaker's home, also located on the campgrounds is: 13928 Park Lane, Neosho, MO 64850.

If you travel to Neosho by bus, you may telephone the campground, (417) 472-6427, or Bro. Mike Hightower, (417) 451-3636, for transportation.

The camp meeting is conducted on a freewill offering basis. There is no charge for meals or lodging on the campgrounds. You are welcome to come and enjoy the meeting. We are confident God will supply every need. Meals will be served in the dining hall. Dormitory space and trailer spots are available on a first-come basis. Family units are also available.

For lodging contact Bro. Randel and Sis. DeLoris Bradley (620) 717-2243 or e-mail rdbradley28@gmail.com.

The business managers are Bro. Mike Hightower, 13974 Newt Dr., Neosho, MO 64850. Phone, (417) 451-3636, and Bro. Paul Cole (417) 389-2242.

MYRTLE, MO, CAMP MEETING

The Myrtle, MO camp meeting will begin, Lord willing, on Friday, August 2 and continue through Tuesday, August 6. The first service is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Friday. General services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. each day throughout the meeting, with

afternoon services as announced on Saturday and Sunday. Children's and young people's services will also be as announced. We extend a hearty invitation to everyone to come, and desire the prayers of the saints for God's special visitation and blessings on this meeting. Dormitories are available as well as a limited number of cabins. Also, a limited number of electrical hookups are available for campers/trailers. In order to help with arrangements, we ask that the owners of cabin units please contact Sis. Carol Sorrell at 417-938-4493 and let her know whether or not you plan to come and use your cabin this year. The campground phone number is 417-938-4682. —Bro. Harlan Sorrell

SPOONER, WI, TENT MEETING

Lord willing, this meeting will begin Wednesday, August 7, at 7:00 p.m., with services daily at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. through Sunday, August 11.

Come for a blessing and to be a blessing, and please support the tent meeting with your prayers.

There will be some accommodations but please call for arrangements. Bring your own bedding and linens if possible. Be prepared for cold nights. We give everyone a special invitation to come and be with us to enjoy God's many blessings of love. For more information contact Bro. Ron and Sis. Martha Zacharias at (715) 635-2994.

PACOIMA, CA, CAMP MEETING

The annual California State Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, August 16-25. The first service will be on Friday evening, August 16 at 7:30 with three services daily throughout the remainder of the meeting.

The campground is located at 12312 Osborne Pl., Pacoima, CA 91331. A hearty invitation is extended to all. Your presence and prayers will add much to the success of the meeting. Three meals are provided daily and accommodations for those needing them. Expenses are met by freewill offerings.

For more information you may contact: Sunset Guest Home (818) 899-2022; Bro. Paul Phillips (661) 251-6956 or Bro. Herbert Clay (818) 897-1396. The chapel phone number is: (818) 899-9021.

BALDY MESA, CA, FALL REVIVAL

Dear Ones, the Church of God at Baldy Mesa, CA, invite you to commemorate 100 years of incorporation and worshipping the Lord in Spirit and in Truth. From Pomona to Baldy Mesa, 1913-2013.

Come with your earnest prayers and presence. Please send your pictures and your memories. Email pictures and script to pastorx2@gmail.com to put on our memory wall.

We welcome you! Our meeting will be held October 11-13, 2013.

- Friday—7:30 p.m. Worship Service
- Saturday—12:00 p.m. Ordinance Service
- 4:00-6:30 p.m. Youth Focus "Fireside Chat"
- 7:00 p.m. Singing and Worship Service
- Sunday—9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
- 2:30 p.m. Afternoon Worship Service

Please participate with your prayers and your presence.

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**LETTERS
FROM
OUR
READERS**

WV—"LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah." Psalms 39:4-5.

Who am I referring to? You! Yes, all may be going well. We may be successful, have prosperity and health, but in a moment life can change. So quickly things can change like they

did for me. We are totally dependent on the mercy and grace of God. Our life and breath are in His hands. Are we able to draw resources and strength from our close walk with God? Acts 17:28 says, "For in him we live, and move, and have our being;..."

Yes, life was great, and it still is! My life was blest by my great wife and loving family of 11 children and now 11 grandchildren, but tragedy struck. I had a great job, driving a truck for about 34 years and between 2-3 million miles, but on January 22, 2011 my life suddenly changed forever. I suffered a serious brain-stem stroke. My trucking days were over.

Now, two and a half years later, I am now nearly fully recovered, thank the Lord, but my life and breath are still in His hands. "...For without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5.

"In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider:..." Ecclesiastes 7:14.

Life is fragile, handle with prayer.

—Bro. Mancil Doolittle

MO—Bro Willie and Sis Neta: I enjoyed the Faith and Victory immensely. I have been asking the Lord for more direction in prayer and found some in the Editorial by Bro Willie. The visible church body, as we see it, has been a favored and protected people. However, recently the Lord has seemed to withdraw his hand and although the rate of incidents would probably still be lower than the general population, a lot of my brothers and sisters in the Lord are greatly afflicted. For this, I pray.

I pray to be still and listen to what God is saying, Psalm 46:10. I pray to be humble and contrite and to turn from my ingrained ways of self that would hinder God's answer,

II Chronicles 7:14. I pray to be more longsuffering and forbearing with my brother that the bond of peace be not hindered, Ephesians 4:2-3. I pray to have more mercy, because I need more mercy. Blessed are the merciful...Matthew 5:7. I pray that when I see an answer that I won't take it as a validation for my or others' spiritual wholeness, but that I will understand "...when we...have done all..., [to] say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do." Luke 17:10

As I read the editorial and the poem that followed by Sis Elizabeth Murphey, I was impressed with the scripture, "...the work of my

hands command ye me.” Isaiah 45:11. I had to wonder if the best way to command God’s hands is by humbling and pleading for His mercy. God already sees the physical, temporal needs. He permitted it. But do I see my spiritual needs, is the question?

p.s. I thank the Lord for Sis Nelda’s testimony of both healings, I needed that also. We needed it!

Christian love, —Sis Vonda Cole

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Philippines—7/7/13 Dear Bro. Willie: Thank you so much for the love gift we received a week ago. We appreciated very much your love and concern to our ministries in the Philippines more particularly in Montalban Church of God. Truly, the gifts we continuously receive from you have been a lot of help to the Saints. Before the opening of classes, the Sunday school children received packages of school supplies and bags. We are also helping some of the young people pay for their tuition fees. God is so great and He is to be praised!

We are missing you too! Please give our love to all the Saints there!

In Christ love, —Bro. Paterno Tangunan

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Philippines—7/1/13 Dear Bro. Willie: We praise God for His goodness. Friday night, typhoon Gorio hit Metro Manila including Cavite and Laguna with signal no.2. Many places were flooded but this time our place was spared.

Yesterday, we were able to gather together for worship service from 9-12 a.m. because the rains stopped. But after we were home, rain again poured heavily. Today, the sun smiles a little.

Bro. Willie, Arlene and her husband Larry loaned a house and lot in Bulacan, one hour drive away from Quezon City where they live now. We plan to start introducing the Lord’s church there. We pray and trust the Lord that He again will help us like what He did to us in Muntinlupa and Cavite. May God bless our plan. We could only cling to Him.

Brother, please give my love and regards to Sis. Neta and Sis. Elizabeth.

Again, thank you for the love and support. The brothers and sisters of Muntinlupa Church of God were so happy when I told them that you did not forget us.

We love you. Your Sister in Christ,
 —Nellie Tibayan

India—6/18/13 Dear Bro. Willie Murphey and dear ones in Faith Publishing House and dear Saints abroad: Greetings to you in the marvelous name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Thank you for your letter and the enclosures were noted with gratitude. Your offering was a great relief to us as it reached in time of some urgent needs. May God bless your ministry everywhere.

By the grace of God our congregations are moving on through obstacles and trials. One of our pastors passed away last month because of a sudden heart attack leaving his wife and two children in deep distress and sorrow. His name was George Thomas. They don’t have their own home or land. Those two children need help for their further studies. Prayers of saints are invited for this family.

Now we have monsoon rain after 5 months dry weather. Let us exchange our prayers, Yours in Him,

—Bro. John Varghese & Bro. Biju J Varghese

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Nigeria—6/11/13 Dear Bro. Willie Murphey: Greetings to you and the faithful and dedicated workers of the Lord’s Print Shop in Christ name.

Further to our telephone discussion, I wish to thank you once again for the money sent to us. May God bless you and all those who have had hand in the offering?

We are also grateful to God for the money Bro. Michael Smith sent for printing of the various publications. Already, about 200 copies of the *Bible Lessons* book have been printed. Printing of the latest issues of the *Faith and Victory* “A mother’s watchful eyes” and “Self-Introspection versus Looking to Jesus” are being reproduced as well as the Gospel Truth.

Additionally, we have the inspiration to embark on re-printing of several booklets for distribution. We intend to print as many copies as possible for distribution at the proposed National camp meeting in Kwale on August 28 to September 1, 2013 and to other congregations. We pray God to provide the funds so we can produce as many copies possible and some selected tracts that are needful. Remember us in prayer that God will bless the effort and use the publications in winning some souls into His Kingdom.

May God supply all the needs of the publishing house and reward the sacrifice you are making in the interest of souls.

Thanks, Yours in Christ,

—Bro. F. Naths Igbanibo

Philippines—6/2/13 Dear Bro. Willie: It was a great grace from God hearing from you and the Saints in Guthrie. We are pleased for your response and thankful for your prayers and encouragement. We are also grateful for your offering, it will be of big help. Again thank you for your heartfelt support. We are still praying that one day you'll take time visiting us. GOD BLESS !

In Christ name, —Bro. Jimmy Manaloto
 and the Saints in Sn. Quintin



Kenneth R Abbott, age 80, went to be with the Lord on June 17th, 2013. He was born on August 31st, 1932 in Science Hill, KY. He served 2 years in the U.S. Army. He retired from GM in 1981 after 30 years of service. He was a member of the Church of God Evening Light for over 50 years, where he enjoyed song leading for many years. He was loved and will be greatly missed.

Family that preceded him in death are; his parents, William and Dovie Abbott, brothers; Donald, Carl, and Charles, one sister Della (John) Gutwein, grandson Joseph Purvis, sister-in-law Barbara Abbott. He is survived by his wife, Lois E. Abbott (Brewer), four children; DaRhonda Schwartzenruber, Kenneth Jr. (Mary) Abbott, Dianna (Rick) Cox of OH, Arlan (Marcia) Abbott of MO, brothers, Larry (Posie) and James (Sylvia) Abbott, sister, Betty Reynolds, sisters-in-law Phyllis Abbott and Edna, ten grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren,

& nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

Memorial services were held at Newcomer Funeral Home South Chapel on Thursday, June 20th 2013 at 11:00 a.m.. Graveside committal followed at Miami Valley Memory Gardens.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We would like to express our appreciation to the Saints and friends who have prayed for us in this time of grief, called and expressed words of comfort, for the cards and flowers and many other deeds of love. they have been a great blessing to us. May God reward you for your kindness. Continue to remember us in your prayers.

—The family of Bro. Kenneth Abbott

Paul Rudolph Frazer

On September 6, 1966, Paul Frazer was born to loving parents, Lydia Bennett and Basil Frazer in Tela Antidada, Honduras. Paul was the youngest of four children. He was raised in a dynamic family unit and was taught wonderful life lessons, which helped mold him into becoming a productive and upstanding citizen.

Paul grew up in New Orleans. He attended Path of Life Christian School in Goulds, Florida, later graduated from George Washington Carver High School in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Later he moved to Miami, Florida, and found employment as a trucker where he was instrumental in assisting his employer in meeting strenuous deadlines by transporting cargo and freight of all sorts.

In July of 2000, Paul yielded his heart, life and entire being to God, accepting Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. This encounter with God gave him a new meaning and purpose in life, resulting in him leaving employment as a trucker and becoming an entrepreneur. He opened a thrift store in Honduras naming it "Paulesha's Thrift Store," after his daughter Paulesha. The Lord blessed his faithfulness, giving wisdom and allowing his business to prosper.

Paul married the love of his life, Silvia Renita Hamilton, on November 22, 2003 in Roatan, Honduras. This union was blessed with a son, Paul

From the time of his acceptance of Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, his priorities became witnessing to o'hers, praying, reading

his Bible and singing. His life was a great influence for God. On April 21, 2013, Paul departed this life readily accepting the call to be with his Lord and Savior.

Paul leaves to cherish loving memories: his wife, Silvia Renita; his children: Paulesha and Paul; mother, Lydia Bennett, father and step-mother, Basil and Vida Frazer, sisters; Georgete (Howard), Judy, Carla (Gary); as well as a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, saints and friends.

NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Saints: I would like to thank you all for every card, every prayer, every token of love, and every contribution that was given for our son, Paul Frazer, during his recent illness and passing on April 21, 2013. Our appreciation is especially extended to the Bro. Doug Wall family for their help at the time of the funeral and family gathering and Bro. Travis Edwards family, Sis. Florine and their daughter Tabitha for spending so much time with us in our time of need while he was so ill. Our heart is still aching over the loss of my only son. Please remember his three year old son and his wife and mother and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Thank you very much for your love and prayers. His mother, —Sis. Lydia Bennett



Don'ts for Doubters

- Don't waste precious time arguing with satan.
- Don't make your emotions the standard by which to measure your experience.
- Don't say, "I can't"; that belongs to those who have no Christ.
- Don't measure your salvation by some wonderful experience someone else has had; measure by the New Testament.
- Don't depend on your conscience; live by the Bible.
- Don't get discouraged; it will be of no help to you.
- Don't be a baby all your life; learn to be strong.
- Don't make rash vows. "Trust in the Lord, and he shall bring it to pass."
- Don't shed tears to please the devil.
- Don't believe that God does not hear you; if

you are seeking Him earnestly. His ears are open to your cry.

Don't let Satan make a speaking trumpet to your ears.

Don't testify for the devil; tell what God has done.

Don't try to feel as you think somebody else feels.

Don't follow every impression; use your common sense and follow the Bible.

Don't let satan make you believe that you have harder trials than anyone else on earth.

Don't look for trials and discouragements; let your expectation be from the Lord.

Don't help the devil to make you miserable by bringing up the past.

Don't pray for blessings and then refuse to endure temptations. James 1:12.

Don't accuse yourself; be as good to yourself as **you** are to others. —D. O Teasley



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I Know My Savior Cares

*Does Jesus care when my heart is pained
Too deeply for mirth or song;
As the burdens press,
And the cares distress,
And the way grows weary and long?*

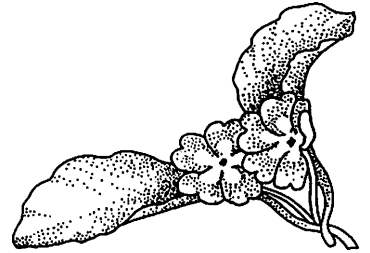
*Does Jesus care when my way is dark,
With a nameless dread and fear?
As the daylight fades
Into deep night shades
Does He care enough to be near?*

*Does Jesus care when I've tried and failed
To resist some temptation strong;
When for my deep grief
There is no relief,
Tho' my tears flow all the night long?*

*Does Jesus care when I've said "good-bye"
To the dearest on earth to me,
And my sad heart aches
Till it nearly breaks
Is it aught to Him? Does He care?*



*O Yes, He cares, I know He cares,
His heart is touched with my grief;
When the days are weary,
The long nights dreary,
I know my Savior cares.*



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