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“Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” --Jude 3.

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Vital Truths—Living Witnesses.

A constant revival is in progress. Sinners are weeping their way to the Cross. Conviction rests upon the people. The old tear stained altar is nightly sprinkled with tears of repentance and consecration. Young converts rise with shining faces, and testify and praise God for redemption though the Blood.

“And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.”

These are wonderful days at Front and Burnside. God is marvelously pouring out His spirit, a mighty revival is on, souls being swept into the Fountain, sanctified by the precious Blood of the Lamb, and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. The past year has been the greatest we have ever seen in this “Latter Rain” Gospel.

The news of the last great outpouring of God’s Spirit has been spread over the world for the last 12 years. God is wonderfully pouring out His Spirit, since the closing of the world-war and the lifting of the terrible world-wide plague, the influenza, which we believe to be one of the plagues of the last days, spoken of in the Bible.

Wonderful altar services, hundreds of voices join in prayer. Wonderful scenes at the “old tear stained altar” when souls are born again. The presence and power of God so rests on the place that one can hardly leave the Mission hall. The work goes on every night; not only here but in the Missions up and down the coast and in the East. Behind the jail bars meetings are held, and at the poor farms, in hospitals, open air sanitariums, on the streets, in the uptown districts, as well as in the slums of the cities, and in China town, where returned Chinese missionaries and our Chinese brothers tell the story.

Sinners saved. Great crowds throng the place every night and all day Sunday. Many bring their lunch and stay all day. More than 50 sinners lifted their hands for prayer one Sunday night, and one night 35 sinners were at the altar seeking salvation. The revival reaches all classes. Often several rows of children kneel on the platform during the altar services, as every other space about the front of the hall is crowded with seekers.

Redeemed from lives of deep sin. There are many in the Mission that have been rescued from lives of sin, gambling, drink and crime; also many that were proud and self righteous moral lepers. Some have been business men, professional men, church workers, Catholics, Christian

Scientists and infidels. All came to the same altar bench and all shed the same tears of repentance.

Saved from suicide. A man recently, who was discharged and had made up his mind to end it all, went out on Burnside bridge for that purpose; but he said something brought him to the Mission, and he was wonderfully saved. Many others have been saved from suicide on old Burnside bridge though the Mission.

Several Chinese have been saved at the altar, others are seeking more of God. Our Chinese brother that has been saved for several years is rejoicing to see others coming in. He often testifies in his own language, telling of the power of the Blood of Jesus Christ to save, and his face is radiant with joy, weeping and praising God.

A woman Morphine Fiend came to our altar that had used morphine until her arms were black from the lacerations. She came to the Camp Meeting six years ago and was prayed for, the devil cast out, and she never used morphine from that day to this. Her arms still bear the marks, but she is perfectly delivered.

“Now 14 are saved.” A brother testified, “A year ago my wife first came to this Mission. They prayed for me and God brought me here and saved me. Now there are 14 of us in this Gospel. I got on the train and went and told my sister about it. She wrote me that the next morning she got the victory and was saved. It seemed the people could hear her a mile, shouting the victory.”

Weeping under conviction, a man arose in the Mission during the altar call and said, “Pray for me, I am bound by the devil and cannot get free.” He fell on his knees at the altar. They prayed, and he was wonderfully saved. He says, “I thank God, He stooped to the lowest and picked me up. I never heard a mother’s prayers, never read the Bible in my life. I have run pool halls, dance halls, and skating rinks, everything a man could get into in sin. He gave me power to confess to all. He cleaned me up. Glory to God. He took the old tobacco away from me. The glory of God is keeping me. I could not break the shackles of the devil till I asked the prayers of these saints. I came here just to please a pleading wife. He saved me. Praise God for victory over sin.”

The music and songs are so sweet and powerful, as the Mission orchestra and the hundreds of voices of the redeemed of the Lord ring out the beautiful songs of salvation and victory, bringing conviction to the unsaved. Some of the new choruses sung at Front and Burnside are:

Take the Life-Boat.

“Take the Life-boat,
 Take the Life-boat,
 See the Savior
 Holding out a helping hand;
 Wait no longer,
 Take the Life-boat,
 Start today for Heaven’s
 Bright and happy shore.”

My Captain Never Lost a Battle,

“My Captain never lost a battle,
 Anywhere, anywhere;
 His army He is ever leading
 On to certain victory;
 All the host of the world defying,
 With the Cross-barred banner flying,
 Join the mighty army crying, Victory! Victory!”

The Blood of Jesus.

“All my sins are washed away by the Blood of Jesus,
 And my heart is cleansed today by the Blood of Jesus.
 There’s a Fountain opened wide by the Master crucified,
 From His precious, wounded side, flows the Blood of Jesus.

“O the Blood the precious Blood,
 Wondrous grace bestowing;
 All my sins are washed away
 By the Fountain flowing.”

As the beautiful songs are sung in the Spirit, the passers-by will look up and listen to the songs and music. And every moment such a flood of light is flashing out overhead from that “wonderful Name” that surmounts the Mission, “JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.” God speaks to many a soul, pointing them to Jesus Christ, the only remedy for sin.

A soldier was saved on a troop train, on the way to Camp Lewis. He passed through Portland and saw the electric sign, “JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD,” and wrote back to his people in Montana, and told them how God had saved him, a wayward boy, how he had seen the star flashing out and the words, “Jesus, the light of the world,” and that God had saved him through the sign.

When homes were darkened and people were dying, and others fearing that they would take the awful disease of influenza, the Word of God kept flashing from the old Mission, the wonderful name of Jesus. It preaches a message to Portland every night. We thank God for the souls that are being saved through it. A soldier writes from France that he cannot forget the Mission and the sign over it.

God is so wonderfully stretching forth His Hand to heal. We have seen most wonderful healings of the Spanish influenza, in great numbers all over the city and in many other places. Those in the very jaws of death, with the death rattle in their throat, have been raised to health through the prayer of faith, while others trusting to earthly physicians were dying all around them.

God wrought a mighty Miracle in healing a man that was dying with cancer. He got so low that he lay as one dead, his lips stiff and his eyes set. He had terrible hemorrhages from his

stomach. But God undertook and raised him up. He stands and testifies in the Mission, saying that the cancer is gone and he is well. God has raised him up to be a witness for Him.

A woman was just leaping for joy as she went away from the Mission, saying, “Oh, Jesus has healed me! Jesus has healed me! I am well and strong.” When she came, she was so weak, sick and nervous she could hardly walk. She was brought by a woman that had been wonderfully healed of a tumor.

Saved from the surgeon’s knife. A man came from Canada, suffering with a growth on his tongue. His mother and sister had died with cancer. The doctor wanted to operate; but he came to the Mission and was prayed for, and the third day, the growth loosened and came off. He was perfectly healed.

The insane healed. The insane and incurables are being healed. Two of late, healed and delivered from the insane asylum, have come to the Mission, also a young man whose mind was entirely gone. A woman writes that her husband became insane, and was healed through the prayers of the Mission people. God caused him to fall asleep and awake in his right mind. An old father, 85 years old, back in Scotland, had been taken from his home to the insane asylum, a very sad case. The prayer of faith was prayed; and his daughter is praising God that her father is now well and at home, with the glory of God in his soul.

A soldier testified—“I heard these people on the street corner a few nights, and I came here to this altar. As I knelt here, I had a broken rib, and God saved and healed me at the same time. I was not expecting to get healed. I was praying to be saved. My sins hurt me worse than the pain, but God healed me.”

“Quickly speed the Message out.”

Three of our Mission Evangelists from Portland are now on their way to the Atlantic coast, preaching as they go, stopping at the Missions and towns and cities along the way. At Eugene, Medford, Central Point, San Francisco and Los Angeles, they report the revival that’s in progress, souls being saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. People crowded to hear the Word preached.

They wired back to send the large Gospel Car for the work on the streets of -

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VITAL TRUTHS.

San Francisco; and the word came, “The ‘Old Faithful’ arrived without a scratch on it, like an old friend coming to visit us.” Street meetings were wonderful. People stand and weep as the testimonies go forth. Many are saved in the hall. One of the worst “rounders” on the Pacific Coast was saved. The “old drunks” on the street corners just cried as he stood and told the story of what God had done for him.

The City Marshall and wife at Central Point, Ore., have been wonderfully saved. A band of workers goes out with a Gospel Auto from the Medford Mission and holds meetings. He testifies and says he has suffered hell on earth for the last 17 years, for he was a backslider. It is a real old time country revival, people getting saved and testifying what God has done for them.

A Catholic man was wonderfully saved in San Francisco Mission. His wife had been healed through the prayers of these people at their home at Santa Rosa, and they never got away from it. He was a foreigner and came down to get out his citizen's papers, but God made him a citizen of Heaven.

Instantly healed and saved. An old lady sick in the county hospital at San Francisco asked the Mission workers to pray for her. One evening she astonished all by jumping from her bed, and walking up and down clapping her hands and shouting. They thought she had lost her mind, but now they say God saved and healed her.

Souls saved in Los Angeles. Our evangelists left the revival in San Francisco to go on and help open the new Mission hall at 508-510 E. 5th St., Los Angeles. A revival is on there, people getting under real conviction, and getting saved. An old "cow boy" was saved and gave a fine testimony. A Cherokee Indian said when he heard these people he had five gods—his horse, saddle, bridle, the dance hall and his six-shooter. But God took those things away and saved him, out under an old gum tree, after hearing the Mission people tell the story. A Finnish boy was wonderfully saved, had been under deep conviction. God is delivering souls that were bound and deluded by fanaticism. God is getting hold of souls. Others are searching the Scriptures.

Mexicans saved. From Santa Ana, California, the report comes, "Several Mexicans have been saved. They tell how God saved and sanctified them, with all the wisdom and zeal of the American, and how He baptized them with the Holy Ghost. One of them God is using to bring in many Mexicans. There are some wonderful cases of healing among them, and it is convincing them of this wonderful Gospel and bringing them to Christ."

We thank God for the Automobiles God has given to carry the news of salvation into the streets and highways. These beautiful, large Gospel Machines, so loved and prized for their worth in the work of rescuing souls, are many of them being used in this and other cities by these Missions. And as far out in the country as can be reached, they are spreading the Gospel, giving out papers, and holding meetings from town to town. They are some of the very chariots of which Nahum the prophet of old spoke when he said that "In the days of His preparation," the chariots should "flame like torches" and "run swiftly in the broad ways." They are messengers of the Lord, publishing and preparing the way for His soon coming.

We have sent one of our big Gospel Autos to San Francisco to help in the revival that is on there, (at the 680 Howard St. Mission) and the Gospel is being carried by the autos into the different parts of the city. This precious car just sent, from which the Gospel has been daily preached in and about Portland for over five years, thousands of meetings being held from it, is now doing its work on the streets of old San Francisco, where bands of workers are going out with this Auto, with musical instruments, songs and testimony, to tell the Story to the thousands of lost souls in that great city; and souls are being brought to God. Another large car is now being built here to take the place of the one just sent away.

One thing the world cannot understand is that these people never tire of coming to the Mission every night, the year round. But as soon as one is saved, they are just like the rest. They love the dear old Mission and cannot stay away. Hundreds of the men work in ship yards,

all are a busy people, but they are never too tired to pray with seekers at the altar. Large companies of workers are on hand in time for the street meetings; and after spending some time in earnest prayer, they go out with musical instruments and sing and testify at the different street meetings. Then back will come an army of them, some on foot, some with the Gospel Autos; their very tread as they come into the Mission, tells of the love of God in their hearts that is the secret of the Mission work.

Crowds stand on the street and are touched and convinced as the testimonies go forth. In the cold and rain the workers are faithful to their post, and it is remarkable how the crowds will stand and listen to the songs and the testimonies that go forth with no uncertain sound. Many testify in the Mission that were saved through the street work. The Gospel Autos go out carrying bands of workers, others go on foot. On Saturday and Sunday the Chinese, Scandinavian and Finnish people each have their separate street meetings in their own languages, five street meetings being held at the same time. Fifteen meetings are held on Sundays from the old Mission Hall at Front and Burnside, three in the Mission, ten street meetings, and two held in City and County Jail.

“Souls getting through to God,” is the report that comes from the Missions. At Kansas City (420 E. 12th St.) a Gospel Auto carries the Gospel message out on the streets. A man that had been a Catholic for years has been recently saved. Gospel Autos carry the workers out into adjoining towns from the Missions at Dallas, Ore. and Chehalis, Wash. Meetings are held on the streets. God is working, bringing souls to Christ.

A Christian Scientist who was sick at Port Angeles, was saved, and says God showed her that Christian Science is the very spirit of Antichrist. And a Baptist minister came to the meetings and said he was willing to pay any price to get what they had. God sanctified him, and he received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost at his own home at six o'clock next morning, and came to the Mission shouting the praises of God.

A Catholic woman was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost at the St. Louis Mission recently. Wonderful conviction rests on the people on the streets as the testimonies go forth. The Mission is at 1323 Market St. Also at Eugene, Oregon, an old Catholic woman has recently been saved, and an old man nearly 70 years old.

In Stavanger, Norway, a woman dying of consumption was healed in our Mission. The doctors had given her up and sent her home from the sanitarium as incurable. She came to the Mission and sought God for salvation. God healed her. She is praising God for this wonderful Gospel. She works hard at home in the field, and comes to the Mission and testifies. Many more wonderful healings have taken place in Norway. Souls are being saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. The leaders there went out from Portland, Oregon.

Portuguese Saved. A brother in Brazil that speaks several languages, travels and gives out our tracts and papers, and reads the Bible to the people. He has translated some of our tracts. He read the Scriptures to one Portuguese family, and the mother was saved, sanctified and baptized. She could neither read nor write. She was sick and near death, and God raised her up, and baptized her with the Holy Ghost.

An ex-convict wonderfully saved in this Mission, said, "I am leaving this city to stand behind the walls of the penitentiary and tell those 'old-timers' the power of Jesus to save. I have lived four years with that hope in my breast that I could have the money to pay every debt I owed in this world. Now I have enough money to pay every dollar, and I can have a clean record. I owe every bit of it to Jesus." He went back and wrote from Iowa, and said, "As I stood to my feet in the prison to tell the Story, my heart melted in me, and as I told how I found Jesus and the power of God to save an ex-convict, I was so filled I couldn't speak loud; but they sat in amazement, and great conviction settled down. Many hands shot up in the air, as I asked how many wanted prayers and wanted to live a better life. I told them how to get saved. That seems to be the hardest for them to understand. I told them how the saints at the Mission in Portland, Oregon, would all pray for them." He came back to the Mission, said he wept for joy as he neared the city. He said, "As I faced the old crimes and went back and paid dollar for dollar, they would say, 'Are you the fellow?' I would tell them I was, and tell them about the old time religion, and give them the paper, and told them to read about this salvation that saved this old criminal."

So many are receiving the wonderful experiences of sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Night after night at the altar, God is speaking through lips of clay, things understood by those present. Many are speaking in the Chinese language; and our missionaries and Chinese are hearing them speak in the dialects of China. Nearly every one that receives the Baptism speaks of the soon coming of Christ to this earth, and the preparation for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb—"He comes, He comes quickly! He comes quickly! Go, send, and preach the Truth! Christ comes in majesty!" These are some of the messages that stir the hearts of the people.

GOD WANTS US TO BE LIKE HIM HERE.

(A Song that has been a Great Blessing in this Work.)

What a wonderful, wonderful mercy is this?
 God wants us to be like Him here.
 In love and in purity, like as He is;
 God wants us to be like Him here.

Chorus—'Tis wonderful, yes wonderful
 That mortal His likeness should bear;
 And this is His will, for you and for me,
 God wants us to be like Him here.

Be holy, said Jesus, for holy am I;
 God wants us to be like Him here.
 And grace all sufficient I'll freely supply;
 God wants us to be like Him here.

With love that endureth and hopeth all things;
 And wants us to be like Him here.
 And faith that in trials triumphantly sings.
 God wants us to be like Him here.

Oh, penitent brother, get under the Blood;
 God wants us to be like Him here.
 There's wonderful virtue in Calvary's flood;
 God wants us to be like Him here.

See millions now struggling in sin's awful night;
 God wants us to be like Him here.
 That we may win many, from darkness to light;
 God wants us to be like Him here.

“I WAS BLIND TO THE REAL GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.”

I never knew that God could save a sinner and keep him from his sins. Seven years I lived in the church and professed the name of Jesus Christ. I heard people get on their feet and testify of the hard time they had during the week; their burdens seemed so many. They would read a little verse of Scripture and sit down with a blush of shame. I made the same kind of apology myself. I was nothing but a defeated soul. I never knew anybody could have anything real. I was deluded and deceived, linked arm in arm with the world, with religion in my life yet no reality in my soul.

Years of my life I would sit in the church services and hear those good old Wesleyan hymns, and wonder where the Spirit and power of God had gone. I could not see why the miracles were done no more in this world. They told us that miracles were past and we tried to satisfy ourselves that those things were not for us. I heard them sing:
 “Faith of our Father living still,
 In spite of dungeon, flame and sword.”

Oh, how I longed to believe the faith of our fathers was in my breast. I had a form of godliness. I bowed my head in prayer, I went through the form; but with millions of others I was blind to the real Gospel of Jesus Christ that can work miracles in a man's heart and life.

I knelt at my bedside and prayed many a time in a spirit of real anger. I was sore at myself and everybody else. I had to come to the place where, like a little child, I would acknowledge I was defeated and wrong and nothing but a hell-deserving wretch. Nine and a half years ago I heard the sound of the “latter rain” Gospel, a Gospel of power and victory, a Gospel that needs no apology or excuse. It was real. I heard testimonies of people that were living without sin, people that had found the power of God. It awakened in my life the hope that a Christian life was still real. It was a wonderful revelation when I realized I could have a new heart, a new life and be a real Christian.

I was a miserable hypocrite, a member of the church but a sinner, sinning every day of my life, bound by an awful temper I could not control. My breast was a nest of vipers, every evil spirit out of the pit. A proud young man of the world, making a good appearance, but my heart was black, filled many times with melancholy and remorse, my life crushed and marred by sin till I thought I would have no courage to face the world. But it is all gone.

One night I slipped into a little Mission hall—not looking for the salvation of my soul. But that night I came into the presence of Jesus Christ. I felt His wonderful presence about me. It was His faithfulness by His Spirit that brought me to my knees at that altar. I prayed a simple prayer, and God Almighty heard my cry and saved my miserable soul. He washed away the stain of sin. He lifted the old load of remorse and melancholy. I am saved through Jesus' Blood, saved to sin no more, saved to make Heaven my home, and the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses me now. Thank God, the old time religion has not left the earth.

“I WAS A DRUNKEN MINER FOR YEARS”

I thank God I am saved. I am glad when I came to Jesus, He did not cast me aside. He heard my humble cry, came to my rescue, delivered me from a life of sin. Twelve years ago, God found me, wicked, vile and unclean, full of the devil; but thank God, the Lord forgave me all my wickedness. Today I belong to God. The Lord saved me, to lift up Jesus; and planted His love in my heart and told me to go and testify what God had done for me.

I took the worst kind of drugs for seven years and went down in the deepest sin, to drown my sorrow; but Almighty God rescued my hell-deserving soul from a life of sin, healed my body, made me a man. I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, because it is the power of God unto salvation. God brought me 7000 miles to be with these people, nothing but a common drunken miner on my road to hell. I thank God, I found the people of God. Wonderful salvation! My tongue cannot explain it.

Twelve years ago I left the shores of England and came to America. I had rambled around England, Scotland and Wales, making good money, living a fast life, wild and reckless. I tried to find reality—never found anything. All I found was the hard knocks of this world. But somehow God brought me to America, and the sound of the old time salvation caught my ears. Back in Wales about 16 years ago in that great Welsh revival, hundreds and thousands of people were converted, but I was a drunkard, bound and shackled in sin. I, with others, would go down in the mines, and I would wish the mines would blow up. They used to have prayer meetings down in the mines, 1500 feet deep, at 7 o'clock in the morning, and I would be there cursing and swearing, and would have nothing to do with God's people. At the same time, there was something in my heart that was hungering for reality.

God talked to my heart, but I was so full of the devil I could not give in. But I am glad I got to the end of myself. I was in a mining camp down in the state of Illinois, polluted by the powers of hell, diseased from the crown of my head to the sole of my feet. One night found me at the foot of the Cross. I got down there and opened up my heart, and God came down, took out the desire for drink, transformed me and made me what I am. And it gets better every day. Thank God, [it's] good down in the shop where I am working. I tell you, God has been real to my heart. I can go out on the street corner and tell what God can do for the human heart. I am glad I can recommend the old time salvation.

“IT TOOK MORE THAN THE MASONIC ORDER.”

I thank God He was faithful to my soul when I was a sinner on my way to hell. I praise God I ever walked up old Burnside Street one Sunday morning. I wasn't looking for salvation.

I came in here proud, haughty and independent. I had a good position, was a railroad conductor, ran between Chicago and Milwaukee for years. I had a good salary, a good home of my own, I had everything in this world I needed, but the world never satisfied the aching void in my heart.

I loved my work, loved the rattle of the wheels on the old rails, but it never satisfied me. I stole money from the railroad company. I stole from them for years, put the money in the bank and invested it in land. I went into the Masonic order and other orders, went to their banquets. They didn't have the thing that could take sin out of my life. I was still bound. I continued to do the things I didn't want to do.

I had been connected with a certain religious institution for years, that turned out to be an awful grafting institution. I turned the whole thing down. I said, "God, if you will ever lead me among the people that really live the life, I will give you my heart." I thank God that after five years of awful misery, I came to Portland.

God led me to the Mission hall. As I looked up and saw the Apostolic Faith Mission sign, God spoke to me. I came up and listened to these people tell what God had done for them.

I listened with real interest when I heard them tell how God had really saved them and healed their sick bodies. The drunkard, the dope fiend, people up in society, all got up and told the same wonderful thing that God had done for them. The thing went down in my heart like a sharp two-edged sword. I said, "That is the thing I want." I wasn't looking for a profession. I had had that long enough, until I cast it aside and said I would never have a thing to do with the church again. But I said, "God, if you will give me the thing these people have, I will give you my life."

That Sunday night, I came to this altar. I didn't know how to pray, but these people prayed for me, rebuked the powers of hell off of my life, and I began to cry. I hadn't cried for years. I thank God He broke my stubborn heart. I began to weep before the Lord. I repented of my sins, I confessed out to Him.

I thank God, I got up from this altar with real victory in my soul, praising God, laughing and crying and shouting the victory for the wonderful things God had done for me. I felt as if the burden of the whole world had rolled off my shoulders.

I wrote back to the railroad company, told them what I had done, how I had stolen from them for years, straightened up my crooked life, confessed out to people I had wronged, made confessions that were hard to make. Thank God for this salvation. Praise God for the victory through the precious Blood of Jesus. Tonight I am not ashamed of this Gospel. I can recommend it.

"A FALLEN WOMAN."

It is so sweet to trust in Jesus. For years and years a deep-dyed sinner, a vile, fallen woman, many times drunken in the streets, just trying to find something to satisfy the cravings of my heart. When a girl, I started drifting, and it was not long till I went down deep in sin, down in the

old scarlet district. I went to the very best shows and had the best clothes and diamonds, rode in the Pullman cars; but I was so deep in sin; sin was eating like a canker into my soul.

I wanted to take my own life. Many times I would say, "There is nothing worth living for, what is the use of living?" But I praise God, one day in the darkest hour of my life, God sent a little sanctified woman to my house and she read in the 37th Psalm, and God set before me life and death. And that day I cried to God, and the peace of Heaven came down into my life. To think God would ever come my way and deliver my soul. He took the old wine cup and the old revelings and curses out, (and I think there is nothing worse than for a woman to take the name of God in vain.) But I went so deep in sin, became so vile and degraded, was a keeper of the houses in the red light district, every sin attached to my life. My health was wrecked, and God healed my diseased body and made me what I am.

Testimonies That Bring Men to Christ.

"Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men."

"GOD SAVED ME, A CRIMINAL."

"I was born of a criminal father. God took me out of one of the most horrible pits a man ever lived in. I covered up my life for years; but the load got so heavy one time, it got me down; and it was just a little prayer, and God rolled the load of guilt from my conscience. I felt it go. I used to blaspheme the name of Jesus, and I never even thought of swearing from that time to this. That old thing that used to turn over in my breast was gone. I used to drink sixty or seventy times in a night, and God broke every habit in my life. This is the most wonderful place I ever found. I confessed out my life to the ministry. They helped me to make my restitution. I had hundreds of dollars to pay back, but God gave me power to straighten and pay it back."

"I WAS RUNNING A BOWLING ALLEY when God found me, a drunkard, nothing good left in my life. From a little boy, I can remember how I would be so drunk I could hardly sit on the wagon seat with my father. I went to the depths of sin, drinking, gambling, fighting; had a broken hand when I came to God, from fighting. I heard that Jesus had power to break the bands and set me free. I walked down the aisle of the Mission, trembling like a leaf. I threw myself at the altar and asked God to some way help me out of that life. In five minutes I was on my feet, and I knew I was saved, and I longed to tell it. He took out the liquor habit, the cursing, the swearing. I had such a terrible temper, but thank God I am saved. I have had seven years to prove what God did for me."

“I USED MORPHINE.”

“I was a woman staggering the streets with my brain on fire with liquor. I used morphine. I could not pass the cafes, could not resist a glass of liquor. I spent nearly 30 years in the deepest kind of sin, I said there was no God. But the great God of Heaven was merciful to me. I magnify the precious Blood of Jesus Christ that has wrought such a miracle and change in my life. I asked God to have mercy, and I found the peace and joy and happiness I sought for years and years. I love this Gospel, I love to recommend it.

AN INFIDEL SALOONKEEPER SAVED.

God took a helpless, hopeless drunkard off from the streets six and a half years ago. God saved my unworthy soul and set me free. That is the reason I am here tonight. I tell you God was merciful. I have got the victory over sin—six and a half years of victory. I knew nothing but defeat all my life. It is a wonderful thing to know you have got right with God. I tell you it is real what God has done for me.

Glad that I am saved, glad that God ever looked down upon a miserable, defeated man as I was, a gambler, and gave me the victory. The work was real. I cannot praise God enough. It seems words fall way too short to express what God wrought out in the depths of my soul. God has saved me through and through, gave me a knowledge of sins forgiven, down in my heart. I know my name is written in the Lamb’s Book of Life, unworthy as I am.

I had been an infidel for many years, did not believe a word of the Bible. God’s love reached even me. The Word of God came to me in that hopeless condition as I stood on Third and Burnside streets. These people said, “They way of the transgressor is hard.” I could say it was true. I said, “God if that be true, the rest is true,” and I accepted the whole Word of God. “The way of the transgressor is hard”—God set me free when I believed it. I went away to pray to God, the first time since I was twelve years old. Thank God, He broke my stubborn will and heart.

I had my own saloon and gambling hall. I went as far as a man could go in a life of sin. I debauched my life. But God picked me up and gave me a testimony down in my soul that I know God. At this platform, God healed my broken arm. When these people prayed, God healed me. This thing is real, I know what God has done for me.

HOW A HUNGRY SOUL FOUND GOD.

I praise God, the Blood of Jesus flowed over my soul. He took out of my heart that condemnation that made me for years and years more miserable than a drunkard. I had grounded my faith on a church that said no one could live without sin. They said if you were born again, you were one of the elect. I was a missionary, but my heart was never at rest. I knew there was something wrong in my life.

I saw no spiritual life in the churches. I had no peace, no victory in my life, and I said, "If I give myself wholly to God, if I go to the foreign field, God will come into my life." So I went to Central China and spent 15 years in ceaseless labor, but always with condemnation in my heart. Then I said, "If I go to the Holy Land and stand by Gethsemane and Galilee, Christ will become real to me." I went to the Holy Land to find that peace but even in the holy city my heart was wicked and terrified me with its wickedness.

I was convicted of sin. That conviction seemed so terrible that at last I could bear it no longer. God seemed to speak to me, "You believe God will forgive your sins, why not cry out to God?" I cried out to Him and He took them all away. When the Spirit swept over my soul like the wind, it seemed I never could praise Him enough for that, and it grows sweeter as the days go by. Then I cried to Him for a clean heart, and He sanctified me and gave me a clean heart, and He gave me the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. I was alone and 10,000 miles from this place, but He brought me here and set my feet among the redeemed.

I exalt the Blood that saves and keeps and also heals. I was the seventh in my family to have cancer. For years the horror of that hung over my head. But when the awful pains began to come from the incipient cancer on my face, I believed the Word in coming to the ministry and was anointed with oil, and in seven days it dropped off. The precious Blood of Jesus healed me. Oh, I praise Him for His infinite love and mercy.

I praise God, I have heard wonderful words that those that receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost speak here in the Chinese language. He speaks the language of these faithful ministers. Only a few days ago a sister receiving her baptism cried out in the Chinese language, "Christ comes quickly. Run, run, tell it, He is coming!" Oh, I praise God for the mighty power. There is nothing in my heart except for His whole will to be fulfilled.

"A DRUNKARD ON MY WAY TO HELL."

I was bound, a drunkard on my way to hell. Whiskey and tobacco had me bound for years. I came here nine years ago, bowed at that altar and cried out for mercy. God saved me and set me free.

I was a sinner, raised up in a lumber camp. I did not know anything, only to drink, curse and gamble. I tell you, I was to the very bottom. Left my family and went down in the dives. Those people were my associates. I delivered milk for years to those people. I told my sister, "It's all right for you, you were never very bad anyway; but I don't believe God would ever save me; I'm too far gone." My brothers had more will power than I. They could drink and leave it alone, but I could not pass up a saloon if I had a cent in my pocket.

I worked for a man and used his money for booze. I had to go back and tell that man I used the money the way I did. I knew I was down and out. I couldn't even keep my wages till I got home. I was lying there drunk many times and my wife had to phone to the man I worked for. I can stand up tonight and tell you I have got the victory down in my heart. I tell you there is nothing like the old time religion for me. Praise God for the victory over sin.

Once bound by habits and appetites, bound by the powers of hell; seemed to me there was no one lower than I was. God healed my body. I have a little girl. God healed her of tuberculosis. The doctor said she would have to have an operation inside of three hours or she would die. These people prayed and God healed her.

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REPENTANCE TOWARD GOD—Acts 20:21. Repentance is Godly sorrow for sin. II Cor. 7:10. Mark 1:15.

RESTITUTION—The Blood of Jesus will never blot out any sin that we can make right. We must have a conscience void of offence toward God and man. Restitution includes restoring where you have defrauded or stolen, paying back debts and confession. Luke 19:8, 9. Exe. 33:15.

JUSTIFICATION is that act of God's free grace by which we receive remission of sins. Acts 10:43. Rom. 5:1. Rom. 3:26. Acts 13:38, 39. John 1:12. John 3:3.

SANCTIFICATION is that act of God's grace by which He makes us holy. It is a second, definite work wrought by the Blood of Jesus through faith. John 17:15, 17. I Thess. 4:3. Heb 13:12. Heb. 2:11. Heb 12:14. I John 1:7.

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST is the gift of power upon the sanctified life. Luke 24:49. Matt 3:11. John 7:38, 39. John 14:16, 17, 26. Acts 1:5, 8.

And when we receive it, we have the same sign or Bible evidence as the disciples had on the Day of Pentecost, speaking with tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. Mark 16:17. I Cor. 14: 21, 22. Examples—Acts 2:4. Acts 10:45. Acts 19:6

HEALING OF THE BODY—Sickness and disease are destroyed through the precious atonement of Jesus. Isa. 53:4, 5. Matt, 8:17. Mark 16:18. Jas. 5:14-16. All sickness is the work of the devil, which Jesus came to destroy. I John 3:8. Luke 13:16. Acts 10:38. Jesus cast out devils and commissioned His disciples to do the same. Mark 16:17. Luke 10:19. Mark 9:25, 26.

THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS.—The return of Jesus is just as literal as His going away. Acts 1:9-11 John 14:3. There will be two appearances under one coming; first, to catch away His waiting bride (Matt. 24:40-44 and I Thess. 4:16, 17), second to execute judgment upon the ungodly. II Thess. 1:7-10. Jude 14 and 15. Zech. 14:3, 4.

ORDINANCES. 1st. WATER BAPTISM BY IMMERSION, (SINGLE)—Jesus went down into the water and came up out of the water, giving us an example that we should follow. Matt. 3:16. Acts 8:38, 39. Matt 28:19. Rom. 6:4, 5. Col. 2:12.

2nd. THE LORD'S SUPPER—Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper that we might "show His death till He comes." I Cor. 11:23-26. Luke 22:17-20. Matt.26:26-29. It brings healing to our bodies if we discern the Lord's body. I Cor. 11:29, 30.

3rd. WASHING THE DISCIPLES' FEET—Jesus said: "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye ought also to wash one another's feet, for I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done unto you." John 13:14, 15.

THE TRIBULATION—Jesus prophesied a great tribulation such as was not from the beginning of the world. Matt. 24:21, 22, 29. Rev. 9. Rev. 16. Isa. 26:20, 21. Mal. 4:1.

CHRIST'S MILLENNIAL REIGN is the 1000 years of the literal reign of Jesus on this earth. It will be ushered in by the coming of Jesus back to earth with ten thousands of His saints. Jude 14, 15. II Thess. 1:7-10. During this time the devil will be bound. Rev. 20:2, 3. It will be a reign of peace and blessing. Isa. 11:6-9. Isa. 65:25. Hos. 2:18. Zech. 14:9, 20. Isa. 2:2-4.

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT—Rev. 20:11-14. God will judge the quick and dead according to their works. Rev. 20:11-14. Dan. 12:2. Acts 10:42.

NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH—The Word teaches that this earth, which has been polluted by sin, shall pass away after the White Throne Judgment, and God will make a new

heaven and new earth in which righteousness shall dwell. Matt. 24:35. II Pet. 3:12, 13. Rev. 21:1-3. Isa. 65:17. Isa 66:22.

ETERNAL HEAVEN AND ETERNAL HELL—The Bible teaches that hell is as eternal as heaven. Matt. 25:41, 46. The wicked shall be cast into a burning hell, a lake of fire burning with brimstone forever and ever. Rev. 14:10, 11. Luke 16:24. Mark 9:43, 44.

NO DIVORCE—The Word teaches that marriage is binding for life. Under the New Testament law, the law of Christ, there is but one cause for separation, fornication, and no right to marry again while the first companion lives. Matt. 5:31, 32. Matt. 19:9. Mark 10:11, 12. Luke 16:18. Rom. 7:2, 3.

BIBLE DOCTRINES.

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Is the Apostolic Faith orthodox? Is it unsectarian?

It is unquestionably orthodox, believing in the genuine doctrines taught in the Scriptures, sound in the Christian faith. It stands for the whole Word of God and stands against every false and unscriptural teaching. It does not add nor take from the Word of God. Rev. 22:18, 19.

It is absolutely unsectarian, standing for the true church whose names are written in Heaven, the body of Christ, of which it is a part. Eph. 1:23. It fellowships all whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, being washed in the Blood of the Lamb. I John 1:7. But on the other hand it has no part or fellowship with hypocrites, compromisers and those that deny the Word of God, for God has said, "Come out from among them and be ye separate." II Cor. 6:17, 18. II John 10, 11. I Tim. 6:3-5. I Cor. 5:11.

Should we accept the whole Word of God whether we understand it or not?

Yes. Knowing that the Bible is in truth the Word of God, it is our duty to positively accept its every teaching, every statement as proceeding out of the mouth of God. Many passages may be beyond our wisdom and understanding. There are plenty of things in the Bible that you cannot understand. If you could, you would be as wise as God that wrote it. But we are to accept it upon the authority of God himself. Here reasoning ceases and faith steps in. "Thus saith the Lord" settles every controversy. How dare we deny any statement of Divine revelation, which we know to be a part of God's Word? Anyone that does it is an infidel.

Every question relative to our life here or hereafter, is forever settled by the plain declaration of God's Word. Once you get the Word of God grounded and established in your heart, to the extent that you will not question one word of the truth of God, you will not wonder at anything God sets forth in this world for the Christian; and you will have something that will stand the storm, that will breast the waves; something that will stand, and having done all, stand.

Is the whole Bible written by Divine inspiration?

Yes, the Scriptures are declared to be God inspired, and have stood every test of infidels down the ages to the present day. “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God.” II Tim. 3:16. “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” II Peter 1:21. The proof of Divine authorship in its power and purity, is manifest on every page of the Book. This is easily proven to any honest soul. As it is the Word of God, it cannot be taken from or added to. “If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this Book. And if any man shall take away from the words of the Book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this Book.” Rev. 22:18, 19.

Did Jesus verify the whole written Word?

Yes, He gave His full sanction to “every jot and tittle” of the law and prophets. Matt 5:17, 18. He repelled every onset of the enemy with “It is written.” Matt. 4. He paid the greatest honor to the Holy Scriptures, the Law, the Psalms and the Prophets. He verified the account of Jonah which higher critics and infidels have denied. See Matt. 12:39, 40. He constantly quoted the Scriptures, giving them their full authority as the Word of God.

Are the Scriptures an infallible guide in all matters?

Yes. One of the marvelous things about the Bible is that it is adapted to all sorts and conditions of men right at the present day. It is a guide in all matters of business, home, society and friends. Every question of right and wrong that may come up in life, there is an answer for in the Word of God. It is a safe guide, and followed will land you safe in Heaven. Consult it to find the remedy for sin, consult it in sickness and sorrow and all matters. A mother who taught her children to go to God’s Word for everything, was asked by her son whether he could get his body tattooed as other boys were doing. She said, “We will see what the Word of God says.” She looked in the Bible and found; “Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the Lord.” Lev. 19:28. That boy today is preaching the Gospel because he believed in his mother’s God.

What prophecies were foretold of Jesus Christ in the Old Testament?

His mother was to be a virgin. He was to be of the tribe of Judah and of the royal house of David. He was to be born in Bethlehem and to visit Egypt. He was to be “despised and rejected of men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.” The people that sat in darkness were to see great light. He was to enter Jerusalem as a King, meek and lowly, sitting on an ass. A man was to go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to prepare the way. He was to bear our griefs and carry our sorrows. He was to feed His flock like a shepherd. He was to unstop the deaf ears, open the eyes of the blind, and bring deliverance to the captives. He was to bear the iniquity of all. He was to be mocked and striped, His face marred, His hands and feet pierced, yet not a bone of Him was to be broken. He was to thirst and be given vinegar to drink. He was to be betrayed by one that ate with Him, and be numbered with the transgressors. He was to make His grave with the rich. He was to see no corruption, but come forth with victory. He was to reign over nations yet unborn. This was all foretold hundreds of years before He came to earth. These prophecies were fulfilled to the letter in the New Testament. It ought to convince anyone that the Bible is the inspired Word of God.

What does it mean to be born again?

It means to be saved from sin. "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." Matt. 1:21. The soul that is saved of God does not commit sin. When you have the precious Blood of Jesus in your heart you will live without sin. As long as the Son of God dwells in your heart you have the victory and do not commit sin. "Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not." "He that sinneth is of the devil." "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." I John 3:6-9. You may once have been born of God, but if you commit sin you have that moment allowed Satan to tempt you away from Christ. You are fallen from grace and are in a backslidden state.

How may we know we are born again?

You have the witness in yourself by the Spirit of God. "He that believeth on the Son of God, hath the witness in himself." I John 5:10. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." Rom. 8:16. You will have peace and joy. "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:1. All sinful habits drop off. You are saved from the love of the world. The love of God is shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Ghost. You have a real love for the children of God, and even your enemies. "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." I John 3:14. You love the Bible and prayer. You will make wrongs right.

Does God give power to live without sin?

Yes, genuine salvation keeps from sin every day. It delivers from sin absolutely. The testimony of every true child of God today is that Jesus saves from sin. It is the Word of God and it stands the test. Millions that have gone on before have testified of victory over all sin, here and now in this life. The angel that foretold the birth of Jesus Christ, said, "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." Matt. 1:21. The Christian life is one absolutely free from sin. The one that commits sin is a sinner. "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein? Rom. 6:1, 2. "He that committeth sin is of the devil." I John 3:8. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." I John 9, 10.

How can a sinner escape the condemnation for sin?

God justifies the sinner, when the sinner accepts the remedy for sin that God has provided. Justification is the clearance of the sinner before the courts of Heaven. The sentence of death has been passed. God has pronounced the penalty upon sin and that penalty is eternal death. "The soul that sinneth it shall die." "The wages of sin is death." The only way that God could justify man on account of sins was to send a sacrifice, His only Son Jesus Christ, to die for the sins of the people. Christ has suffered for our sins and is set down at the right hand of God. He says: "He that heareth My Word and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24. "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:1.

When God forgives, does He forgive forever?

Yes. When God forgives the sinner, He blots the record clear off the book, and casts them into the "sea of forgetfulness." It is a wonderful thing to be forgiven. God will never bring up those same sins again that He has forgiven. The sinner might transgress against God again, but God will never bring up those old sins against him. He will have to repent, but not for those sins that

were forgiven. For God has said: "I will remember their sin no more." Jer. 31:34. "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions for Mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." Isa. 43:25. Who could forsake such a God of love and mercy?

Can a person have bitterness in their heart and claim salvation?

No. You cannot hold anything in your heart against a person and retain the love of God in your soul. "If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Matt. 6:15. The love of God is shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost at conversion. All hatred is gone and all malice. You have a real love for the children of God and even your enemies. "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar." I John 4:19, 20.

Have men disproved that there is an eternal hell?

No. They cannot take out of God's Word. The Bible teaches an everlasting hell. "The lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." Rev. 21:8. Hell exists today in awful reality. "Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth shall descend into it." Isa. 5:14. Men argue that God is too loving to send men to hell; but what are you going to do with the Word of God? Men send their own souls to hell by rejecting the only way of salvation and spurning His mercy. "How shall ye escape if ye neglect so great salvation?" God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Men need to be warned everywhere: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Psalm 9:17.

Is the child of God bound to make restitution for the past?

Yes. Many are deceived in thinking that those things are to be made right when they get to the judgment bar of God, or that when Jesus forgives, every wrong is cancelled. It is forgiven by God Himself, but He requires you to make it right with your fellow man, as far as it lies within your power; and when you are saved, He gives you grace to do it.

God required restitution under the old Testament law. "If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live." Ezek. 33:15. "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart." Psalm 24:3, 4. And God as certainly requires "clean hands" under the Gospel today. Jesus put His seal of approval on restitution when Zacchaeus was willing to make his back life straight. "Zacchaeus stood and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house." Luke 19:8, 9.

What does the experience of sanctification do for the soul?

It brings a life of constant victory over all inward depravity and uprisings, a life of sacred oneness between the soul and God, a Sabbath of rest to the soul. Christ reigns supreme within. "For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of One." Heb. 2:11. "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." Heb. 4:9. There is no provocation that would cause a sanctified soul to have carnal uprisings in the heart, because the sin nature is taken out, eradicated, destroyed.

Why does the Christian need to be sanctified?

Because, while God saves from sin at justification, there is the sin nature that needs to be destroyed. The Word clearly teaches the two-fold nature of sin, actual and original sin. Our first parents fell, through disobedience to God (Gen. 3:1) and brought the sin nature, the fallen nature upon the human race. Rom. 5:19. The fall brought that inborn sin into our nature, and degradation through every fiber of our being. In the life of even a babe, you see manifested that curse of the fall, that anger and stubbornness. Psalm 51:5. Every believer discovers sooner or later, uprisings of an unholy nature, feelings of anger, pride, self will, stubbornness in the heart, that if yielded to, would lead them back into sin. That nature is destroyed at sanctification, when the heart is made holy, pure and clean within. The only way to obtain this deliverance is by a second, definite work of grace, entire sanctification. “This is the will of God, even your sanctification.” I Thess. 4:3; 5:23.

Shall we take medicine or take the Lord for our Healer?

If we are going to follow the Lord, we must take His Word. It is not a matter of doing as we please. God is the healer of His people. James 5:13, 14. Ex. 15:26. If you are sick or afflicted, just turn your case over to God entirely. If you have leaned on remedies or doctor’s advice, put your case in God’s hands, trust Him, He will not fail you. We know of hundreds and thousands who have proved that God does heal the sick, and they never think of medicine in case of sickness. Wholly trust your case in the hands of Jesus Christ, the great Physician for soul and body.

Did Jesus warn against foolish talking?

Yes. He said, “Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.” Matt. 12:36. This is a solemn warning, and there are many others in Scripture. “Let your conversation be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ.” Phil. 1:27. “Neither filthiness nor foolish talking nor jesting.” Eph. 5:4. A Christian cannot engage in the conversation of the world, foolish talking, jesting, slang, gossip. Our language is changed when we are saved. We can’t go back into those things that we forsook to follow Jesus. Pray much and you will talk less. Talkativeness is ruinous to spirituality. God wants our conversation to be in the Spirit. “Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh.” “Then they that feareth the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard it; and a book of remembrance was written before Him.” Mal. 3:16.

Can we fellowship tobacco users and call them Christians?

No. Some profess to be Christians and do not have the victory over tobacco; but God’s Word does not call anyone a Christian unless they have victory over all sin. I John 5:4. Tobacco using is a filthy habit that enslaves men and women. It is a sin because it brings condemnation to the soul. It is contrary to the Word of God because it defiles the temple of God. I Cor. 6:19. II Cor. 7:1.

Is the putting on of men’s attire by a woman condemned in the Bible?

Yes, the Word declares it to be an abomination. Deut. 22:5—“The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman’s garment; for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God.” Some are making it an excuse because they are doing manual work. God does not excuse what is condemned in His Word, neither is it necessary. It is immodest. Women would have been arrested for appearing on the streets in such attire a few years ago. Mothers are dressing their little girls in boys’ garments and doing them a great

wrong. Anyone knows it is immodest and wrong, and no child of God will do such a thing. The Word commands “modest apparel.”

What must those people do that are entangled with the divorce evil?

Simply obey the Word of God, or you will lose your soul forever. God cannot forgive a sin unless you forsake it utterly. If you entered into it ignorantly, it will not excuse you for continuing on in a life that will forever condemn you. It may seem hard for you; but many others through hearing the Word of God preached, have received it and measure their lives by it, and God has put His blessing and approval upon their lives; and it has been the means of the salvation of many other souls.

Healed of Many Diseases. Prayer Answered.

The Son of God is stretching forth His mighty Arm to heal. Requests come in from the sick and suffering. They are read in the Mission, and hundreds of God’s people bow on their knees and pray, and God answers. The God of Heaven has the same power to heal the sick and do mighty signs and wonders as in the days of old. “Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever.” Heb. 13:8.

“**My boy was healed** last February of Pneumonia, when his fever was 106, through your prayers.”—Faison, N. C.

“**My husband is a changed man now.** I wrote and asked you to pray that the drink demons might be cast out. Praise God, He did hear and answer prayer.”—Noxen, Pa.

“**My baby that had scrofula** is well, has been well ever since we laid the handkerchief on her. I praise God for the healing of my child.”—Konawa, Okla.

“**We had the Spanish Influenza** and very low, and I wrote for an anointed handkerchief, and before I got it we were all healed. And I am praising God for healing power.”—Fair Oaks, Ark.

“**I suffered with heart trouble and catarrh** over five years. I received the anointed handkerchief; praise the Lord for His healing, and do thank God for it.”—Lake City, Fla.

“**My arm was so crippled up** that I could not dress myself without help. About four years ago I wrote you to pray, and the Lord healed it. Thank the Lord, it is well today; I am writing with that hand.”—Mt. Olive, N. C.

“**I am praising God** today for healing me of influenza and pneumonia. Oh, bless His name, and He has healed my husband’s body and thank God, he is converted. I can’t do enough for my dear Lord.”—Louetta, Tex.

“A little Indian child had been sick all its life. When you sent the anointed handkerchief, we went to their house, read the Bible and prayed, putting the handkerchief on the child. Praise the Lord, it’s well today.”—Lumberton, N. C.

“I was wonderfully healed of heart trouble. I wrote you seven years ago to pray for my heart, and you sent me the anointed handkerchief and God did the work. My daughter had typhoid fever three years ago, and you prayed and she was healed.”—Berryville, Ark.

“I am a boy 9 years old. The Lord has healed me of chills and fever through your prayer. I thank God for it, and pray for my brother and two little sisters. We have prayer in our home.” Jennings, Fla.

“The Lord has cured me from the tobacco habit, since you saints have been praying for me. I had been using it for eight years and tried many times to quit; but it took the power of the Blood to overcome that awful habit.”—Select, Ky.

“My little boy had fits for about a year, and got worse all the time, and they were coming oftener. One night about midnight I got up and laid one of your papers on the little boy’s body and began to beg the Lord to heal him: and thank God He did so, and it is about two years since he was bothered with them.”—Peevee, Ky.

“I was suffering with the Spanish Influenza, sick in bed, didn’t know whether I would live or die, when I received your anointed handkerchief. I heard a whisper say, ‘pray and I will heal’ and I did so and got better. God has healed me. Thank God. I ever learned that it takes Jesus’ Blood to save a sinner.”—McCall, Ky.

“I gave up my baby to die, I was sick with the influenza and all of my family: but I spread one of those good old papers over him, and went down on my knees: and thank the good Lord, He healed myself and baby, and I can’t thank Him enough for what He has done. I want to do all I can for the Lord.”—Snow Hill, N. C.

A nurse healed through the paper. “I mailed one of the papers to a young lady who wrote she was nursing 40 patients in a hospital at Polk, Pa. She collapsed with fever and terrible pain in her head. She got the paper that night and spread it on her pillow, and soon was asleep, and got up next morning refreshed and well.”—Greenville, Pa.

“God saved my husband through the miracle of my daughter’s healing. She lay at death’s door, given up to die; but we sent a message to you for prayer, and the saints all prayed. Today she is as strong as ever, telling the story of the Cross. He wonderfully saved my family and my self, five of us here bedfast, not able to wait on the other. Praise God for hearing and answering prayer.”—Medford, Ore.

“The Lord has healed me of the sick headache which I have had all my life. I looked up to God and placed the handkerchief you sent, on my head, and the power of God like lightning went through me. I walked the floor and praised God for His healing power. And more than that, He healed our little baby. When we placed the handkerchief on the baby it was instantly healed.”—Bloomington, Ind.

“I got my rib broken and suffered, could not get victory until I wrote you saints. About the time you should have prayed, God healed me. I also called upon you again for prayer about two months ago for a broken breast bone, which was healed through the prayer of faith. I want to glorify God for the numberless blessings He is handing out to His children in these last days. The Apostolic Faith papers and leaflets is all the full Gospel preaching we have. We are so hungry for it. We pray God will let us come to the next Camp Meeting.”—Cleora, Okla.

Wonderfully saved from sin. “Through reading the paper, and by asking the prayer of these people, my soul is wonderfully saved from sin. Thank God, when Jesus came into my heart the desire of gambling, card games and drinking whiskey and foul language, all went out, and my soul is flooded with joy. Some of the men that I am working with make fun of me when I tell them about Jesus and what He has done for me. But God gives me grace to tell them more about Jesus. Thank God for a peace in my heart that gives rest and comfort and joy, and makes life worth living.”—Needles, Cal.

“I had a cancer on my face and wrote you to pray and I was healed.”—Childress, Texas.

“Our little grand daughter had St. Vitus dance. I wrote asking for prayer, and the Lord healed her.”—Mt. Olive, N. C.

My little girl was almost blind. I wrote you to pray, and now she can see as good with that eye as the other. I am thankful for it.”—Dunn, N. C.

“The tumor is gone and the flaming kidney healed, and I can walk straight. I do thank the Lord, your prayer is answered.”—Garland, N. C.

“We all had the flu, and we laid the good paper on us and prayed for God to heal us all and He did.”—Stout, Ohio.

“I was healed of the tobacco habit while reading the paper, over three years ago. I have often felt the power of God while handling the paper.”—Louisville, Ky.

“I had the asthma so bad that I could hardly get my breath. I received the handkerchief and laid it on my body, and I thank God for healing me, and for the Blood of Jesus Christ that cleansed my soul.”—Shellmound, Miss.

“I have been ruptured for several years. Praise God today for healing and answering prayer. I stand a healed witness for Jesus today. Praise God. He’s all in all to me.”—Somerset, Ky.

“I was healed of a chronic ailment, had to wear a supporter for three years for it, without which I was not able to do my work. Today I did a large washing. Praise the Lord for His goodness to me.”—Central Point, Ore.

“My son had a growth over his eye, a scum. The doctor said it would have to be taken out. Now it is gone and he can see again. I thank the Lord for His healing power and great mercies.”—Hart, Ark.

“When the influenza was raging so, I was down with it and we received one of your papers, and I just put it under my head and was healed. I am saved and sanctified.”—New Roster, Ohio.

“I am still saved from sin. I was healed when I was spitting blood and had a pain in my side. It was all through one handkerchief I received. And when I was down with the influenza, I laid the paper on my back and was healed.”—Holyoke, Mass.

“I have been healed of cancer and also pneumonia. And a friend of mine has been healed through your paper. She was an invalid ever since she was a girl caused by a burn. Now she is going where she pleases, which she never did in her life.”—Newport, Ky.

Saved. “When I read the paper, I could not keep the tears back. I read that the joy and peace they had in their hearts, and I couldn’t witness to that because I was not saved; but I got saved shortly after that and then I knew what it was.”—Minneapolis, Minn.

Varicose ulcers healed. “We placed the handkerchief you sent on my husband’s leg, and he began to get better and is now saved and well, and we give God the praise for it.”—Capps, Ark.

A Revival has broken out in Sweden. A brother writes that many would come to the meetings and mock; but after the Spanish influenza broke out, many that mocked were stricken with it, and many of them were saved right on their death beds. Many said, “We can live without God, but we cannot die without God.”—Kvitsleby, Sundsvall, Sweden.

Healed through faith in prayer. “I sent to Burnside Mission three or four years ago for an anointed handkerchief, and a little boy who had pneumonia laid the handkerchief on his chest and was healed. And the father had suffered with asthma for several years, and he laid the handkerchief on his chest, and the dear Lord healed his asthma, and he has not had a touch of it since. Praise the dear Lord.”—Gonzales, Texas.

God made a cripple to walk. A woman in Sweden, whose joints were crooked and she could not straighten them out, and had not been able to walk or dress herself for two years, sent for an anointed handkerchief. She writes, “When I put the handkerchief on my body the power came down, so I was able to get on my feet and walk through four rooms, praising the Lord. I have been able to dress myself and get down on my knees and pray in Jesus’ name. I Praise the Lord.”—Ostmarken. Hogboda, Sweden.

“I was suffering from severe neuralgia, heart and stomach trouble and prostration, and upon receiving some tracts from the Mission, I felt led to place them upon my body, and such power and divine love and sympathy. I think I never witnessed before. The pain left me almost immediately, and I was at once in a good condition, when before it seemed I could not live. My wife was healed of nerve and stomach trouble. I am a drycleaner and presser by trade. My testimony is that 14 years ago I was a backslider and drunkard, and the Lord has saved, sanctified, and baptized me with the Holy Ghost.”—Williamsburg, Ky.

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 THE APOSTOLIC FAITH

Prophecy of the Word Unfolded.

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“The end of all things is at hand.”

We are nearing the great Millennial Reign of Christ. But there is much prophecy to be fulfilled before that time. The bride must be caught away; the Great Tribulation take place on earth, as the Marriage Supper of the Lamb is set in the heavens. Then after those seven years of the awful Tribulation upon earth, when the world will groan under the satanic rule of the Antichrist; suddenly as a flash of lightning, the Revelation of Jesus Christ in all His glory, will burst upon the world.

The Antichrist will be destroyed with the brightness of His coming; and Christ will set up His glorious Millennial Reign here on earth. Jerusalem will be the place of His throne, and He will rule a thousand years; and the saints of God will rule with Him. “Then cometh the end.” The Great White Judgment throne will be set and all men will be judged. “The heavens and earth will pass away, the elements melt with fervent heat. The earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.” We are nearing these great events. “The end of all things is at hand.”

“The Rapture.”

When Jesus descends in the clouds, with a shout and with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God, the faithful ones will meet Him in the clouds. They will be translated in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. The graves will be opened, the sleeping saints will rise; as we that are alive and remain will be instantly translated, to be forever with the Lord. I Thess. 4:16, 17. I Cor. 15:20-32.

The Tribulation will soon burst upon the earth. No one know how far the bride of Christ will go into the Tribulation; but when the overcomers are ready, the bride of Christ clothed in the wedding garments, “Arrayed in fine linen, white and clean, the righteousness of saints,” and ready for the Son of God, He will catch His bride away. We are looking forward to the time when those that have His name written in their hearts are going to triumph through the

Anointed One, having won the prize, “the Crown of Life,” and will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air.”

“The Marriage Supper of the Lamb.”

Christ’s spotless bride who has suffered on earth, and gone through the humiliation with Him, will be ushered into the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. She will have part in the new song, and will follow the lamb whithersoever He goeth, and will stand with Him on Mt. Zion, having their Father’s name written in their foreheads.” Rev. 14:1-3.

John the Revelator says; “I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth! Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to Him for the Marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready.” Rev. 19:6, 7.

“The Reward of Faithfulness.”

As the saints ascend in the air to meet their glorified Redeemer and King, at the sound of the mighty trump of God, the Marriage Supper will take place in the heavens. Much will take place during the Marriage Supper. It is there that Christ will be glorified in His saints. It is there, at the judgment seat of Christ, the rewards will be given for faithful service. Those that have used their talents for God’s glory will hear the sentence, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”—“Thou hast been faithful over a few things, be thou ruler over many things.” Every service that was done as unto the Lord, done in the Spirit, for His glory alone, will receive an unspeakable reward, and all other works will be burned.

“Oh, when the Savior shall make up His jewels,
When the bright crowns of rejoicing are won;
Then shall His weary and faithful disciples
All be remembered by what they have done.”

One will be given authority over ten cities, another over five; and all will reign with Christ. I Peter 5:4. Luke 19:12-19. Some of these wonderful rewards will be;—“To him that overcometh I will give”—“To eat of the Tree of Life,”—“A Crown of Life,”—“The Hidden Manna,”—“A White Stone,”—“A New Name,”—“The Morning Star,”—“White Raiment,”—“I will confess His name,”—“I will grant to sit with Me in My Throne.” Rev. 2nd and 3rd chapters.

We know not what the Marriage Supper is going to be, but one thing we know, that Christ is going to serve, for He said, “Blessed are those servants whom the Lord, when He cometh, shall find watching. Verily, I say unto you that He shall gird Himself and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.” Luke 12:37. And we shall ever be with the Lord, the greatest thing of all.

“Forever with the Lord.”

It is a wonderful thing to us to walk with Jesus here in our humiliation; but what will it be when we enter the Marriage Supper of the Lamb in the heavens and sit down with Christ?

Our bodies will be changed “like unto His glorious body.” Everything will be blessed. There will be no more tears, no more battles, no more suffering. “And so shall we ever be with the Lord.” We wish He would come today.

It will be the uniting of the body of Christ, with the Son of God, our living Head. We are united in heart with Him here. It is then, we shall be united with our Lord and be with Him forever. Oh, it will pay to be an overcomer and “meet the Lord in the air.” How we all love to be with spiritual people here. You feel that sweetness, that oneness, as you go into the homes of the saints. It is the unity of the Spirit that links the child of God one to another. At the Camp Meetings in Portland, we always look forward to meeting the saints, that have been scattered as we feel their faith and confidence.

We cannot conceive of what it will be to be with the Lord; but we know the uniting of our spirits with His will be something we never could have expressed in our mortal spirits here on earth. Our hope, our life is over there, anchored within the veil. We are longing and yearning to be with Him. Many times we have dreams and visions of Jesus; and in our dreams we are just reaching out with everything that is within us, just to touch His feet. It is the Spirit Christ has placed in the heart. We have never seen Him with these mortal eyes, but our visions of Him linger in our hearts. Then what will it be to be with Him? It will certainly be the uniting of our spirits with Christ in that wonderful oneness and confidence that “passeth all understanding.”

“Jesus, Jesus, how I’ve suffered,
 How the billows high have rolled;
 How my soul has nearly fainted,
 As I tried to reach the goal,

“But at last within the portal,
 Tears and suffering all are past;
 He will fold me to His bosom
 Whisp’ring, ‘Child, you’re safe at last.’”

The Lord’s Supper reminds us of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. We are to keep it “Till He come.” It is a wonderful thing, as we receive it in the Spirit. We bow and partake of the emblems of the broken body and Blood of our Lord, many times with tears of joy and consecration and longing. The saints partake of it in their humiliation, but in that day all tears will be wiped away, the cross will be changed to the crown of glory.

It points us back to the time when the children of Israel ate the paschal lamb, and it gave them strength to go out of Egypt, as the Red Sea parted that night. And as we partake in our hearts of the Lamb of God, it gives us strength to take our journey from earth to Heaven; and it brings strength and healing to our bodies, if we partake of it in faith. These are all but faint pictures of the glory that is to be revealed at the Rapture.

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ.”

“The Revelation” will usher in the personal reign of Jesus Christ on earth. The church which was begun on the Day of Pentecost will end at the Rapture or First Resurrection; and at the close of the Great Tribulation, the church will become the glorious Kingdom of God on earth for a thousand years. Rev. 19:11-16.

“**A certain Nobleman went** into a far country, to receive for Himself a Kingdom and to return.” Luke 19:11-19. Jesus gave this parable, because some thought that the Kingdom of God would immediately appear. During His stay in that “Far Country,” the bride is being made ready to reign with Him. Soon this Nobleman, Jesus Christ, will return and set up that glorious reign, predicted in the Scriptures thousands of years ago.

He will come at the close of the Tribulation. “Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from Heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken; and then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in Heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Matt. 24:29, 30.

“**Behold, He cometh with clouds** and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen.” Rev. 1:7. Then shall every knee bow, and men shall hide themselves in the dens and rocks of the mountains and call for the rocks and mountains to fall on them and hide them from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb. Rev. 6:15, 16. They will see the despised and rejected saints and martyrs of all ages and the saints of the last days with Christ in His Kingdom. We are looking forward to that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

“**The Two Appearances of Christ.**”

I Thess. 4:17 and Rev. 19:11-16.

There will be two appearances of Christ, under one coming. First in midair, when the saints, the full overcomers are caught up to meet Him. (Then the world will not see Him, but only those who are prepared and are looking for and loving His appearing.) Second, when “Every eye shall see Him.” “Behold, He cometh with clouds and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him.” Rev. 1:7.

At the Rapture, He comes as the Bridegroom.—Matt. 25:10, to take unto Himself His bride. Eph. 5:27. At the revelation, He comes back with His bride, “the Armies of Heaven,” to rule the nations, and set up His Millennial Kingdom. The glorified saints will rule with Him here on earth. Rev. 2:26, 27; 5:10; 12:5; 19:14.

At the Rapture, He comes to meet the saints in the clouds. I Thess 4:17. At the Revelation, He comes to the earth in His majesty. Acts 1:11—“This same Jesus which is taken up from you into Heaven.” And His feet shall stand in that day upon the same Mount Olivet from which He ascended nearly two thousand years before. Zech. 14:4, 5.

The Rapture may now occur at any moment, according to the promise Matt. 24:26-42. But the Revelation cannot occur until Antichrist be revealed, and the Great Tribulation of Daniel and Revelation transpires on earth. II Thess. 1:7-10, Dan. 12:1, Rev. 8th, 9th and 16th chapters.

“The Great and Terrible Day of the Lord.”

There is one day known as “The great and terrible Day of the Lord,” the day when He is revealed to this world, in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.” “And the Lord shall utter His voice before His army; for His camp is very great; for He is strong that executeth His Word; for the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?” Joel 2:11. “For the great day of His wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?” Rev. 6:12-17. Rev. 16: 19: 21. That day to the wicked will be “A day of wrath, a day of trouble, of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness.” Zeph. 1:15. Isa. 2:19.

“The Battle of Armageddon.”

There is going to be a terrible battle fought by the Son of God, and the saints on white horses, against the Antichrist and his armies. “The beast,” which is Antichrist, and the false prophet and their armies will be utterly destroyed. Jesus Christ will cast out of His Kingdom, “All things that offend, and them that do iniquity.”

We have seen awful bloodshed on earth during the great war of nations. The year 1918 was “a year of blood” above every other year of the world’s history. Northern Belgium and France were turned into one vast slaughter pen. One great battle, lasting from March 21st to Nov. 11th was so vast in the destruction of human life that all previous battles of history were small in comparison. Yet a greater battle is to come.

The same iniquity that cause this war, the same hatred will be in the hearts of many toward the Kingdom of God; and when Jesus comes back, He is going to execute judgment. There will be an awful battle, before all the mighty men are brought down; but Jesus Christ will overcome them with the sword of His mouth; and with the breath of His lips will He slay the wicked. He will come back on His white horse; and slay the Antichrist and his armies. They will be literally consumed. Zech. 14:12. Rev. 19:11-15.

The whole world will worship the Antichrist, whose names are not written in the Lamb’s Book of Life; and his armies no doubt will number millions. “These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them; for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and they that are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful.” Rev. 17:14. The beast and the false prophet shall be taken and “cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of Him that sat upon the horse.” Rev. 19:20, 21.

It is a terrible thing, but it is going to be literally fulfilled. The last great battle of Armageddon will be the most bloody that ever was known, in which blood will flow to the horses bridles by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs (160 miles). Rev. 14:20.

This is the Revelation of Jesus Christ coming back to set up His Kingdom. And the armies that follow Him upon white horses are the overcomers, the saints of the first resurrection. They are coming in the clouds, following the Lamb of God. This is literal, and it is one of the “things which must shortly come to pass.” Rev. 1:1. Jesus Christ is coming back to earth with the heavenly host in power and great glory to execute judgment on the ungodly and to reign.

We are living in wonderful days, the time of the end. Some are saying that perhaps the Lord will delay His coming a few years longer and they are gathering things about them, surfeiting, failing to watch, and the day will come when they are not aware of it. God wants us to have our eyes on the skies. We know not the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh; but this we do know that those who are ready, watching and waiting will be ready when He comes. Be careful lest you are found wanting. People do not half comprehend the times in which we are living today.

God is speaking in louder tones than when He spoke on Mt. Sinai, when He thundered His law down on the children of Israel; because we are thousands of years nearer the coming of the Son of God than they were. His voice then shook the earth; but in these last days He is speaking unto us by His Son whom He hath appointed heir of all things, “Behold, I come quickly.”

God’s presence and power were so manifest at the midwinter meetings. So many were saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. It was a time of great joy and rejoicing, when the saints gathered from the different Missions back to the “old homestead” to hear the Word of God expounded. The large hall was filled every night with eager throngs, and every afternoon the place was filled, where the power of God so wonderfully rests. The men from the ship yards would come on their motorcycles, some on the street cars, with their work clothes on and blackened faced, filling in the back of the hall, with eager hearts to catch every word. Then they would go to their homes, and be back at night, neatly dressed to go out on the street and carry the Gospel. The deep power of God has rested on the place ever since those wonderful meetings, and Bible teaching. One man that was saved then, began to make restitution to the U. S. government, making confessions that would have put him behind the bars for 20 years, had God not stood back of him.

Whole families are coming and being saved. One family got hold of one of the papers, and came hundreds of miles to find this place. Some were saved, and three of them sanctified in one week. A man wrote that he found just a piece of one of the papers, along the road-side, and from that torn part of the paper he and his family read enough so that he said it would result in the salvation of his whole family. People come from every state, clear across the country, to be where God is pouring out His Spirit. An old man that was saved and sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost testified: “Up there at my home, with no mission, I couldn’t stand it. I just locked up the house, and left, to find the people of God, and I expect to remain here with these people. It is my people. He saved and sanctified me, and baptized me with the Holy Ghost, and the fire is burning just as fresh as the day I

received it.”

Camp Meeting. We are looking forward to the most wonderful Camp Meeting this summer we have ever seen, if Jesus tarries. It will begin the last of June continuing for six weeks. Many are already planning on coming. Write to the Mission about it.

“The Very God of Peace Sanctify You Wholly.”

“To Jesus I give up my all,
Every treasure and idol I know,
For His fullness of blessing I call,
Till His Blood washes whiter than snow.”

THE WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE OF SANCTIFICATION.

When the sanctifying power of the Blood of Jesus Christ comes down into your heart, there is no tongue that can tell it. You must have the experience, you must receive it into your heart, to know the wondrous sanctifying power of God. And after you receive it, it is beyond words to express. It is the wonderful purity of the bride of Christ.

God’s Word teaches that the second, definite work of grace is a real necessity of the heart. It is God’s plan—it is His will,—“This is the will of God, even your sanctification.” It has been the experience of thousands of God’s saints and martyrs who have gone home to glory with the shout of victory. It is the experience of every full overcomer. It is the cleansing, the preparation for the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire.

All this great salvation is not given at once. There is the instantaneous work of justification and a growth in grace and there is the instantaneous work of sanctification, and a continued growth in grace. But no person ever received the two works of grace, salvation and sanctification in the same moment. It is contrary to God’s plan.

Justification does not take out the inbred sin. It is a wonderful thing to be born again, to be translated from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of God. Your nature is changed, and you become a child of God; yet you will have doubts and fears that will creep in upon you at times in spite of yourself. You will have victory over sin; yet there will be times when the old nature will rise up and give you trouble to restrain those inborn tendencies of the

heart. But you go on into sanctification, and get that inherited depravity cleansed out of the heart; and you enter into perfect rest with God.

When the Blood of Jesus has done its last work in the heart, which is, “Sanctify you wholly,” It brings you into that perfect state of rest in God. Heb. 4:9. It abides, no matter what comes or goes. The old nature is absolutely eradicated, destroyed and taken out by the Blood. The sanctified soul is positively set free, immune from the carnal nature.

Paul prayed for the Thessalonian church that they might be sanctified. In his first letter to them he wrote, “And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you who also will do it.” I Thess. 5:23, 24. He was praying for those saints, he was exhorting them to get into that possession.

And they certainly had grown into some experience in God before he wrote the second letter, for we read (in II Thess. 1:3, 4)—“We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, and it is meet, because that your faith growth exceedingly, and the charity of everyone of you all toward each other aboundeth; so that we ourselves glory in you in the churches for your patience and faith in all your persecution and tribulations that ye endure.”

“The way into the Holist.”

Consecration is the foundation of sanctification. “Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” Rom. 12:1. It means a deep consecration that we can receive sanctification. It is your “reasonable service” to present your body to God. It is the desire of God that we be sanctified wholly, and preserved blameless unto the coming of Jesus Christ. Eph. 5:26, 27. But it is absolutely necessary to make a complete consecration.

When the Spirit of God shows you there are certain things in your life to consecrate—and He will show you as sure as there is a God in Heaven—you will never get sanctified till you make those consecrations. You know when the power of God rests upon your heart in conviction for salvation, you cannot get saved without making an absolute surrender. And in seeking sanctification, the Spirit of God will be in your life, causing you to make vows to God; that you may get into the place where the Blood will cleanse, and God will sanctify you wholly.

The sin offering and the burnt offering had to be made to prepare the priests to go in and minister unto the Lord. Ex. 29:10-18. It is all typical of what is to be set up in our hearts. “Christ hath loved us and washed us from our sins in His own Blood, and made us kings and priests unto God.” Rev. 1:6. “A kingdom of priests, an holy nation.” Ex. 19:6.

“The whole burnt offering” represented sanctification, presenting our bodies a living sacrifice. The sin offering was always made first, then the burnt offering; the one for justification, the other for sanctification. We are the temple of the Spirit today, and we bring our offerings before God. You cannot approach Him unless you come according to His Word. We must come with a meek and quiet and obedient spirit.

The priests of old were sanctified, that they might minister in the holy things. They prepared the oblations and sacrifices; they kept the fire ever burning on the altar of sacrifice, and the perpetual incense on the golden altar; they kept the seven-fold light burning; they taught Israel the law and judgments of God. These were sacred privileges; but it is our privilege today to be co-workers with Christ in the Kingdom of God.

The priests brought offerings and were consecrated, and sanctified, robed in the pure white linen, sprinkled with the blood of the sacrifice, and anointed with the holy oil, which represented the Holy Ghost. They always wore the white linen in the tabernacle where they ministered, a symbol of sanctification. The high priest wore upon the mitre a golden plate engraven with the words. "HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD." Ex. 28. He must always wear it when he went into the presence of the Lord.

This was all a type of sanctification. The holy garments were for "glory and beauty." There is nothing that makes the child of God so sweet, so wholesome, so beautiful and pleasant to be with, as sanctification. It is the experience of the Blood wrought in the heart. We read in Heb. 12:14—"Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Oh, how many people hate that word, holiness; but it is holiness alone that is going to bring you into the place where you will see God. You will have to have it engraven on your heart.

Some might think it a small matter whether they consecrate their life, and lay down all and measure to all the Word; but perfect obedience was necessary under the old covenant. They had to make everything according to the plan of God, given when the power of God rested on the mountain.

God dwelt within the Tabernacle; the pillar of cloud rested upon it; and every part of it represented

"That wonderful Redemption,
God's remedy for sin."

It was absolutely necessary for Moses to follow the pattern shown him in the mount. The plan of God is perfect. We cannot add to it or take from it. They might have said, "Can we not make the clothes differently or put less names on the stones?" No, they positively could not change one iota from the pattern shown in the mount. God would never have accepted it, if it was not made according to His Word.

That is the thing that makes the Old Testament so powerful to us. Those were outward things that God commanded, yet He required absolute obedience. Moses was faithful and for that reason God blessed him and blessed all Israel. And if your heart is faithful and you want God's best, you will make the consecration to get the experiences wrought in your heart. You will not be saying, it is too straight or the Word too hard. All you want is grace to measure up to the Bible standard.

The only way to enter into the tabernacle of God, which was a perfect type of our experience, was first by going to the brazen Altar. It stood at the gate of the tabernacle. There the sin offering was made, there the blood was shed. We come to Jesus and confess our sins, and cry

out to God to be merciful. We throw ourselves, as it were, on the brazen Altar, and the Altar saves our soul, and we become a child of God.

Then we go on to the brazen Laver filled with pure water. Here the priests washed their hands and feet before they entered into the tent of the Tabernacle. It stood on the court before the door of the holy place. This laver is a type of water baptism, and of walking in all the commandments of the Word. We have no right to be baptized in water till we are born again. The brazen altar is our type of justification, then water baptism. This is God's plan and His type. Matt. 3:15, 16.

The Laver does not signify any change in the heart. It is only a type of going down into death with Christ, and coming up with Him in water baptism, to walk with Him in newness of life. It is just as essential as any part of the Word. But water does not cleanse our hearts. The cleansing, the forgiveness of sins has to take place at the Brazen Alter.

Then comes the Golden Alter within the veil, which is typical of sanctification. We prepare ourselves for sanctification; we make our consecrations to God and enter the Holy Place. We throw ourselves upon the Golden Altar, and the altar sanctifies the gift, through faith in the Blood, which brings the power of God and the Blood into our hearts. And He sanctifies you wholly.

A perpetual incense ascends from your heart, and in the holy place from the altar of incense. If you are sanctified wholly, the incense of praise ascends from your heart continually. The praises of God are ascending all the time, as long as the heart keeps sanctified before God. You may not hear them outwardly; but if you could get close enough, you could hear the soul saying, "Praise the Lord." The heavy sorrows might be upon you, and yet it is "Glory to God" and "Praise the Lord." You wake in the night and the incense is going up to the great God of Heaven, that "Prayer without ceasing," "in everything giving thanks."

After you are sanctified wholly, you feel the manifest presence and power of God whenever you call upon Him, for Christ is enthroned within. You have blessed fellowship with Him, "For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of One." Heb. 2:11. You do not pray to Him as afar off, but you feel that He is right there present which He is at sanctification. You are able to keep that commandment in your inmost soul, "To love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." You will certainly do it, and if you are not doing it, you have not the experience.

There we feed upon the Word of God, typified by the twelve loaves of fresh bread that were placed every morning in the holy place. No one can enjoy the Word of God like a truly sanctified soul. It is simply wonderful how the Word will open to you. He opens your understanding to understand the Scriptures. Luke 24:45. And the seven-fold light illumines the heart day and night.

Then we go on into the Holy of Holies, the veil of the temple being rent when Jesus hung on the cross. We enter by the Blood of Jesus. Heb. 10:19. He leads you through the beautiful veil. No one can enter but those who have been sanctified and made holy. We enter into the

presence of God Almighty and receive the wonderful Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. Matt. 3:11.

Justification and Sanctification are the only two works of grace. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is not a work of grace upon the heart but the gift of power upon the clean, sanctified life. “Power to witness.” Acts 1:8. “The Enduement of power from on high.” Luke 24:49. “The Abiding Comforter.” John 14:16, 17. “Rivers of Living Water.” John 7:38. “The Anointing.” I John 2:27. God has called us to be an anointed priesthood. We are living under the anointing, the dispensation of the Holy Ghost.

In the Most Holy Place was the Ark of the Covenant, containing the law of God. Here God dwelt by a visible symbol called the “Shekinah Glory.” The Ark contained the law of God written on tables of stone. The Mercy Seat covered the ark. It was a solid slab of gold upon the ends of which were the cherubims of glory overshadowing it. This place was lit up with a supernatural glory. It was the “Most Holy Place”. Here God promised to meet with His people and commune with them. “And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.” Ex. 25:22.

There was no light of the sun in the Most Holy Place; it was lit from heaven the Glory of God burning over the Mercy Seat, a miracle of the power of God. It will burn in your soul when you reach that place. Words cannot tell the glory that comes down upon the soul that is baptized with the Holy Ghost, and the communion between the soul and God. It saturates and fills your whole being.

We commune with God concerning all He has done for us and all He is going to do for us and others. And we bear the names of our brothers there and our fellow workers and ministers, on our hearts continually. Israel’s priest bore the names of their tribes before the presence of the Lord, a type of intercessory prayer. God wants His people to be a holy priesthood, that our prayers may ascend in behalf of a dying world.

God wants intercessors at the throne, that we might rescue dying souls. God’s people must prevail in prayer, if souls are delivered from the power of the enemy. If you are born again, your prayers are worth everything, and how much more after you are sanctified and Baptized with the Holy Ghost. You become an anointed priest of the living God and you can go into the very presence of God and plead for a lost world.

God sanctifies today the same as He did way back in the time of the apostles, and He baptizes with the Holy Ghost the same as He did in old Jerusalem, and He gives the same evidence, because God never changes. Acts 2:4.

“HE SUFFERED TO SANCTIFY YOU..”

Wherefore Jesus also that He might sanctify the people with his own Blood suffered without the gate.” Heb. 13:12.

Sanctification is the experience that every living soul needs. It is the vital thing on which the whole Christian experience hinges because it is the destruction of the sin nature out of the heart, that inherited virus that has been born and bred in our lives. When that work is wrought, you then truly begin to live in God, and understand the Word and Spirit of God.

At that hour when Jesus hung upon the cross, His blood pouring from His wounds, the earth began to shake, the rocks rent, and the veil of the temple was rent in twain from top to bottom. It was then the way was opened for us “into the Holiest;” not for the priest to enter for us, but to enter ourselves; just to go right into the presence of God, to get on our faces and cry to Him, consecrate our lives and enter into that holy tabernacle not made with hands. Oh, it is wonderful to think the way was made nigh for us to enter into that holy place with Him.

“Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own Blood, He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.” Heb. 9:12. There is such power in that wonderful scripture! He entered in once for all. He obtained perfect, eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and calves pointed down to the time when the true Sacrifice should be slain. They were but a type, a shadow of the perfect Sacrifice that should be sent into the world, that alone could destroy the inward depravity and tendencies of the heart.

“How much more shall the Blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit, offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” Heb. 9:14. There is power in that Blood. It was only through the shedding of His Blood, and through His sufferings without the gate, that the conscience could be made perfect. The sacrifices and ordinances, though indeed wonderful and sacred in the eyes of God, yet could not do the inward work of cleansing the heart. They could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience.” Heb. 9:9. They could not purify the conscience as the Blood of Jesus can purify the heart.

So Christ suffered that shame outside the gate and died that we might have perfect deliverance from sin, entire sanctification. Oh, that we might get that truth imbedded in our souls, that He was the perfect sacrifice to take away sin, not only the actual sins but the very nature of sin. The bodies of the sin offering were always burned without the camp. Heb. 13:12. Do you see why Christ went without the camp and bore the reproach of this Gospel? He was made to be sin for us. The blood of the sin offering was poured out at the altar the inward parts burned upon the altar, but the body was taken outside the gate and burned there, as an accursed thing. And there our Christ went, “without the camp, bearing our reproach,” the reproach for this old earth.

He was the spotless Lamb of God, the pure, holy Divine Son of God, conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, dropped down into this world by supernatural power, that He might be offered for the sins of the whole world. In all the perfection of His atoning merits the exceeding preciousness of His person, the glory of His spotless character, He presented

Himself without spot unto God. “We are sanctified, through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” Heb. 10:10. There is no excuse for a soul today to be unsanctified, because there is power in the spotless Lamb to save and sanctify the vilest.

“Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctified and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.” Eph. 5:26-27.

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Christ Comes In Majesty.

Risk not an acceptance of Him in that day;
 All covered with sin.
 Be robed and all ready, the Spirit doth say;
 He's coming again."

When Christ was last present with His people, He said, "I go to prepare a place for you; and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself." And after His departure, He sent word back, "Surely I come quickly. Amen." Rev. 22:20.

He will surely come back to earth and stand on the very mount from which He ascended, for the angels said, "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into Heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven." Acts 1:11. And the prophet Zechariah said, "His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives which is before Jerusalem." Zech. 14:4. He will be accompanied with an innumerable host of saints and angels. Not as the meek and lowly Nazarene, but as "King of kings," with the [scepter] of righteousness to rule the whole world. "Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever, a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Thy kingdom." Heb. 1:8.

The Coming of Jesus Christ is sooner than we expect. It is drawing nearer every day. He is coming "as a thief in the night." We believe in our hearts that the Son of God is at the very door, and we must "Occupy till He comes." In almost every newspaper we read of the signs of the last days; thousands dying from famine, from pestilence and of world-wide disturbances, of wars and bloodshed, of the uprisings of anarchy and crime, ready at any movement to spread terror in all lands. These signs all point to the coming of Christ and the end of this age.

The Shadows of a Great Tribulation are in the earth today. Matt. 24:21. We are living, as it were, at the very top of a great volcano, a tremendous upheaval, that is about to burst upon the world. It is according to the prophecy of the Book. We must prepare to meet the Son of God. The nations of the world in the peace conference are striving to unite against the great terror of the word, which is the "red peril" of anarchy. Many are trusting that the League of Nations and an international army for defense will secure the peace of the world, and prevent another war. But we know, according to the Word of God, that the doom of this world is pending. The rule of the Antichrist must come, with fearful bloodshed and war, before a lasting peace shall rule, and it will take the Prince of Peace to bring it.

The Millennium has not come yet.

The world is not growing into a universal peace. A Japanese high official said recently: "Until mankind becomes God-like, permanent peace is impossible." God knows the condition of the hearts of men. The same thing that caused this war is still lurking in men's hearts. The Millennium of peace has not dawned as yet. There never will be a lasting peace and wars never will be banished, until Jesus comes back to this earth and plants His feet on Mt. Olivet from which He ascended, and sets up His kingdom; and a reign of peace shall cover this world, where sin abounds today.

Then Satan will be bound.

He shall deceive the nations no more. Rev. 20:1-3. For six thousand years, the devil has been going about over this earth, deceiving tempting, inciting the nations to war, luring millions into the pit. His trail is seen in every false system of religion, every deception and pollution of the world; but there is a day coming when he shall be cast out. That day is "the day of Jesus Christ." Then His glory will be revealed. Then truth and righteousness shall fill the earth as the waters cover the sea.

It is now nearly 6000 years since the world began, according to the best chronology of the Bible. And every 2000 years has been marked by some wonderful event. After the first 2000 year period, came the exodus out of Egypt and the giving of the law from Sinai; then, the wonderful coming of Jesus as the Redeemer of the world. Now we are nearing another 2000 year period, and the coming of the Lord, the Great Tribulation and the ushering in of the reign of Jesus Christ on earth for a thousand years is believed to be the next wonderful event this world shall see.

The rightful Ruler of the world is coming.

All the signs of the times through which we are passing point to the fact that the restoration of God's people, the Jews, is close at hand. The Jews are saying that, "The Messiah, however His coming may be delayed, is one day to gather the scattered tribes from the four corners of the earth, and to reign over them in glory in their own land." And on that day, "The law shall go forth from Zion and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem." The dominion of this world shall be firmly established under the "King of kings and Lord of lords," and He shall rule to the ends of the earth. Such power as the German emperor never dreamed of.

Jerusalem will again be the City of the Great King.

"The Lord will again choose Jerusalem." His Word cannot pass away. The Holy City has been "trodden down of the Gentiles" since the year 70 A. D., when it was utterly destroyed, according to the prophecy of Jesus Christ. The Jews have been scattered to the four winds, but present signs indicate that they are soon to re-possess Palestine. They are returning in vast numbers. Over 300,000 Jews are now in the Holy Land, and steamers every week are landing emigrants on Canaan's shores. Large tracts of land are in the hands of the Jews. Not long ago, 2000 vine slips from the United States were imported for planting in these tracts. The Jew is to sit under his own vine and fig tree. The climate is changing we are told. And the very stones and pillars for the rebuilding of the Temple are being prepared in Italy and in Egypt and elsewhere, by millionaire Jews.

Will the Jews accept Christ?

Many wonder how it is that the Jews will accept Jesus Christ when they are so bitter against Him. The Jews as a nation rejected Him, and God turned from them on account of their unbelief; but Paul says, "Hath God cast away His people? God forbid." God is going to open the door again to the Jews. He is going to put them through the fire and refine them as silver and gold. God will let awful things come to pass on earth, and the Jews will suffer till they will cry out for their God.

The Jews have been passing through unspeakable suffering, on account of the world war. They were scattered over the war zone, and were forced by Germany, Austria, and Russia into their armies, so that brothers were fighting against brothers. And when the Germans entered Poland, they wreaked their vengeance on the Jews, and repeated the terrible outrages of Belgium and France. And the Jews are yet to go through awful tribulation under the rule of the Antichrist. They will first accept him as their Christ and make a covenant with him; and he will break that covenant and their terrible sufferings will begin. It will be "the time of Jacob's trouble." Jer. 30:7, 8. Daniel 9:27. Then it is that they are going to cry out for the Messiah, the Christ of God. And Christ, speaking through the prophet, said, "They shall look on Me whom they have pierced." Zech. 12:10. "Blindness in part is happened unto Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved." Rom. 11:25, 26.

The Jews will be restored.

They long to be a nation, and some day they will be restored to their place as a great nation; and they will have a flag, and it will be none other than the Blood-stained banner of Jesus Christ. God is bringing this to pass. The Gentile dispensation will close at the Rapture. Then comes the message to the Jews. God is fast bringing to a close the day of the Gentiles; and when He closes the door, He will turn again to the Jews. Now is the time for the Gentile nations to come into the Kingdom of God, before the door is shut.

The capture of the Holy City by the British forces in 1917 meant much to millions of Jews. All that love the Jews rejoiced with them. It meant the lifting of the hideous burden of Turkish misrule. The Jews said to the soldiers, "We have prayed for this day." One old Jew said devoutly, "God has delivered us, Oh, how happy we are." The victory was of the Lord, the city was uninjured. The English armies entered reverently with bared heads. They were surprised to find the streets so filthy, the buildings so unsanitary, but fresh water has been piped in from the hills, and the cleaning up of the old city, so dear to the hearts of God's people, has already been begun, and Palestine is being prepared for the return of the Jews.

The Kingdom of God is at hand.

According to Daniel's prophecy (Daniel 2) the four great universal monarchies have risen and fallen; 1st, the Kingdom of Babylon; 2nd, of the Medes and Persians; 3rd, the Greek; 4th, the Roman. It has gone into history. And at last the Turkish government, which grew out of the Roman, has had its cruel power taken away. This, to one who is watching every sign, is very significant. Soon the great Kingdom of God will be set up on earth. We long for that day. Thank God, the Stone cut out of the mountain without hands, which is none other than

Jesus Christ, will fall upon the feet of the image. It means the utter destruction of every power that opposes Christ. And that Stone will become a great mountain and fill the whole earth. Daniel 7th chapter.

Many false Christs have risen in these last days. Years ago it was an unheard of thing for a man to stand up and say, "I am Christ." But in this city a short time ago, a fanatic stood in court and proclaimed himself the Son of God. He even showed marks in his hands, and he would have showed them his side if they had let him. Another has raised up, saying he is the one that is to rule the world with a rod of iron. Another says he is Christ's brother, and others that they are some great one. It is a fulfillment of the Word: "Many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ."

We are entering into a new era in this Christian warfare, when it is going to require more faith and courage for us to press the battle and win souls, than it ever did in the history of the Gospel. We know that the powers of darkness and of the prince of the air, are settling down on this earth as never before. The children of God know it. The whole earth is groaning and travailing for its redemption, which is to come when Jesus Christ comes back to earth.

It may be that the time will soon come when we will not be permitted to buy or sell without taking the "mark of the beast," and that we will not be permitted to worship God without endangering our lives. But the child of God will say like Daniel of old, that he has purposed in his heart that he will not defile himself with "the portion of the king's meat." God will make a way of escape. He notes the sparrow's fall. If we put ourselves into God's hands, we shall have all Heaven back of us.

The church, the Bride of Christ, is going through her tribulation, her tears, her time of sorrow here; but it is a time of preparation. When the trumpet sounds in our ears, the dead will have been already raised. As the lightning flashes across the sky, the Son of God will come, and take away His people. The Spirit and the bride will be taken out of the world, before the powers of darkness sweep over the earth in all their fury. It may come in a great measure before that time; but it cannot belch forth in full tide of horror, until the children of God are taken away.

God would not send that awful rain of fire and brimstone upon Sodom and Gomorrah until the righteous had escaped. And God did not send the flood upon the earth, until He had gathered the righteous into the ark and made them secure. Then He sent the awful deluge upon the ungodly. And we know that in the time of the destruction of Jerusalem which came as a complete ruin, because they had said, "His Blood be on us and on our children," that not a child of God was left in that city. Christ had warned them to escape, when the armies encompassed the city. It is all a type of the coming of the Son of God to catch away His waiting bride. Then shall the Tribulation burst forth on the earth, as it is recorded in Revelations.

Many things have taken place in the past year, and little we know what may take place before another year closes. We must be ready to meet the Lord, if He should come at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning. It matters not whether His coming be now or

speedily, we must be looking for it, that we may be full overcomers. We must keep the coming of the Lord uppermost in our mind, looking for Him, walking as in His presence; lest we leave something undone that would hinder us from making the “Rapture.”

“**Ye know not what hour your Lord doeth come.**” Many would watch if the time was set that the Son of Man was coming. They would all be watching then; He wants His people to be always looking and watching for His return. If He comes tonight, or tomorrow, or if He tarries a year, we are to be watching. “Ye know not when the time is.” You cannot set the time. But He is coming back to earth and coming soon. “Blessed is that servant whom his Lord, when He cometh, shall find so doing.” “Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me These are the true sayings of God.” Rev. 19:9.

God said, “The wages of sin is death.” He also said, “The gift of God is eternal life.” And we have proved that to be true, as the sinner has proved the wages of sin to be true. The edict went forth from God in the beginning, “The soul that sinneth, it shall die.” But Jesus went through death, that He might save men from their sins. Jesus saves us from our sins, He redeemed us from the fall. He puts something in our life that causes us to stand without sin. It is for “whosoever will.”

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“The Handwriting on the Wall.”

YOU’LL REAP WHAT YOU SOW.

“Some day you’ll reap what you have sown,
 Some day, you know not when;
 But fruit and tares maturely grown
 Will all be gathered then.

“Some day, you cannot tell
 Just when, so don’t delay;
 Prepare to meet thy God,
 Get ready while you may.”

“WEIGHED IN THE BALANCE—FOUND WANTING.”

Belshazzar, the king of Babylon, sat in his royal palace with a thousand of his lords, a monarch of fame and honor; but in the height of that revelry, while they drank from golden vessels in the banquet hall that night, the hand of God shot forth and wrote upon the plaster of the wall, sealing the doom of that wicked king. (Daniel 5).

Then the king’s countenance changed, his knees smote together. He stood aghast, amazed, horrified. He knew it was the hand of God Almighty whom he had defied. He had disregarded the power and supremacy of God. He had spurned the God of the Hebrew children, the God of Daniel. But in his dire extremity, when the Chaldeans, the Astrologers, the soothsayers all failed to read the writing, he sent for the prophet Daniel; and by the Spirit of the God of Heaven in whose hands Belshazzar’s breath was, Daniel declared the doom of that heathen monarch. The words were, “Thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting.”

And Daniel said: “Thou hast lifted thyself against the Lord of Heaven; and they have brought the vessels of His house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, they wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them. And the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified.” Dan. 5:23.

If God were to write the decree of every sinner tonight, those very words would cover the case, “The God in whose hand thy breath is hast thou not glorified.” People have looked to everything for security and have praised everything but the One alone that can satisfy, that can give security. The One that is so neglected, the One least thought of, the One to whom men turn last and least of all, is the very one on whom the soul must depend for eternal welfare.

God cut that king off right in the midst of his sin. He was desecrating the vessels of the Lord’s temple. He was in the height of his glory and pride, but little he knew what was before him in but a few hours. Little he realized the awful end that should come in just a few moments when he was right in the midst of that awful debauchery and idolatry. “He that being often reproveth hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed and that without remedy.” Prov. 29:1.

His kingdom was numbered and finished. That very night the armies of the Medes and Persians marched in through the gates of the Euphrates, entered into that gorgeous palace, and the same night was Belshazzar the king slain.

People in the world are doing the same thing today. They are desecrating their lives by sin, that were created for God's glory. They have forgotten God, and He says of such, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." They will meet their reward just as sure as God sits on His throne.

If God should stretch out His hand and write your doom, if He pronounced your sentence as your life stands on the books of Heaven and before the throne tonight, would you be weighed in the balance and found wanting?

"Weighed in the balance, and wanting,
Weighed but no Jesus is there,
Weighed but thy soul has been trifling,
Weighed but found lighter than air."

"ESCAPE FOR THY LIFE."

That was an awful night in Sodom, when the voice of the one righteous man was heard crying, "Up, get you out of this place, for the Lord will destroy this city." But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons-in-law. God had sent two angels to bear the news to Lot in Sodom, because their sin had come up before God and He could no longer suffer it. And the angels said to Lot, "Whatsoever thou hast in this city, bring them out of this place; because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord, and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it." (Genesis 19.)

Lot plead with his sons-in-law to escape from the city; but they made light of it. God had sent the message to those men, if for nothing else than for a witness against them. They refused it; and God from that time was not responsible for their souls or their lives.

And when the morning came, the angels hasted Lot and his family and said, "Arise, lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city!" Still they lingered. Many people linger around sin. They hang on to the world as long as they possibly can. You will linger a little too long some day. Then the angels laid hold upon their hands, ("the Lord being merciful unto them"). The Lord is merciful to ever sinner. If it had not been for His mercy perhaps you would have been cut off long ago. He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

And the angels brought them out of Sodom and said, "Escape for thy life—look not behind thee!" And as soon as they were escaped, the smoke of the city went up as a great furnace. One of them looked back, because her treasures were in Sodom; and she became a pillar of salt. Jesus said, "Remember Lot's wife."

“Escape for thy life”—that is what God is saying to this world. It applied to Lot and his family and it applies to you. You are in the city of destruction. “Escape for thy life!”—not merely your physical life, but your immortal soul. God says that He will again rain fire and brimstone upon the wicked; “Upon the wicked He shall rain snares, fire and brimstone and an horrible tempest, this shall be the portion of their cup.” Psalm 11:6. And again He says, “Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” Rev. 20:13.

“Flee from the wrath to come.” Think of the wrath of God. The grossest punishment that the law could inflict would be nothing compared to the wrath of an angry God, the wrath of the Lamb. He has all power in heaven and in earth, the God that holds the sun, moon and stars in His hand, that measured the earth with a span and stretched out the heavens as a curtain, and counts the nations as the dust of the balance and as a drop of the bucket. That God’s wrath will be turned on the sinner who rejects His Son, Jesus Christ, and spurns His mercy.

The warning has gone forth, “Except ye repent, ye shall perish.” The Word obeyed will save you from eternal destruction and the wrath of God that is to come. “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

Few stop to think that any moment may land them in eternity without one moment to repent. Every time the clock ticks souls are launched into eternity, and many of them without one moment’s warning or chance to repent, without one opportunity to cry to God for mercy.

“**There was a certain rich man**, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day.” Mark it—the Bible says “There was.” Jesus said it, it was actual history. “And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus which was laid at his gate full of sores.” Luke 16:19-31.

“And it came to pass that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died.” God said, “It is appointed unto men once to die.” One thing you cannot get away from—death. It’s on the track of every man, woman and child. You do not know what moment God will sound the death knell in your heart and life. If you are ready to live, you will be prepared to die. If you are ready to die, you will be ready and fit to live.

“And in hell he lifted up his eyes.” There is a hell. The Bible says so. Some say it is purgatory, some say it is Hades, some say it is annihilation. The next line tells you what it is—“Being in torment.” Then it is a place of torment. There are only two places after death; one is called Heaven, the other hell. And the Bible says hell is the place where the rich man lifted up his eyes.

The scene changed after death. Prior to death, the rich man, clothed in gorgeous apparel, passed by the beggar at his gate unnoticed. He did not give him the crumbs that fell from his table, nor bind up his sores. But the beggar was right with God; he died and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom. And when the rich man opened his eyes in hell, the one

he had ignored and spurned was the first one he called for. His prayer was that Lazarus might come, and dip the tip of his finger in water and cool his tongue, for he said, “I am tormented in this flame.”

He called on father Abraham for mercy. And Abraham said, “Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed.”

There is no place of purgation, after death. The Blood of Jesus alone purges our sins—not in hell. There is no place, hereafter, called “The fountain for sin and uncleanness” that was opened on Calvary. God said, “Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation.” In time—not in eternity. Here you may find the door of mercy, the door opened for the soul that is burdened with sin. God’s mercy can reach you while you are here on this side of eternity.

The rich man fared sumptuously before he died. He had his good things in this life; but the time came when he had to face death. Many people are straining every effort to prolong their life. They are not ready to die; they have a fear of the judgment. Those people do not like to believe in hell. They know if there is such a place as hell, they are doomed for that place. Why? Because their conscience tells them so. Their heart condemns them. God is greater than our heart. “If our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart.”

God says that hell is eternal. It is a place where “their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched.” The very same word that is used to denote the eternity of the righteous in Heaven is used to designate the eternity of the punishment of the wicked. “These shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.”

The world is on the broad road to hell, and “Hell hath enlarged herself and opened her mouth without measure; and their glory and their multitude and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth shall descend into it.” Isa. 5:14. The cup of iniquity of this world is almost full, and the wrath of God is soon to be poured out to the utmost.

We are not always going to live in this world. “It is appointed unto man once to die; but after this the judgment.”—Not after death, the chance of salvation—Not after death, purgation—No, but “After death, the judgment.” When God sits in His judgment seat, and we are summoned before the great God of Heaven to give an account for the deeds done in the body, you will find that every soul will be judged according to their attitude toward Jesus Christ, God’s only begotten Son. “As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” What? “That Jesus is the Christ, to the glory of God the Father.”

If you are under a load of sin, if you are weighed in the balance of God’s Word, and know you are found wanting, do not let this day close till Jesus speaks peace to your soul. There is nothing can do away with the condemnation but Jesus Christ. He is the Prince of peace, and the peace of God that passeth all understanding will rule in your heart, when you believe

Him, obey Him and accept Him as your Savior. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today and forever.