A Clean Way

Beloved, the way of true holiness is a clean way. Isaiah, in speaking of this way, said:

"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness: the unclean shall not pass over it." etc. (chap. 35.)

One thing which looks strange to us is, how that some will take a firm stand against some things, such as using tobacco, telling falsehoods, thefts, drunkenness, fornication, etc., and yet at the same time will tolerate adultery under the guise of a marriage contract. If we are going to preach a straight, clean gospel, let's do so ALL the way! God's Bible is as much against the divorce and remarriage while the first companion yet lives, as it is against any other form of sin. Just how, then, can saints of God expect the victory in the camp, so long as they tolerate such stuff among those professing the highest experience this side the glory world? So long as some preachers will ease up on declaring this great Bible truth to their congregation, and continue to carry such stuff around with them, just that long will the real Spirit of God in all it's power, be withheld from the ranks. If God would no longer be with Israel one time if they retained the accursed among themselves, so will He withdraw today from those who tolerate such ungodliness. God commands us to withdraw ourselves from every—EVERY—brother that walks disorderly; yet some, it seems, are still clinging closely to such disorderly ones. And in the preacher, or influential lay-member, clinging to such persons, it only encourages the guilty ones to continue in the way of adultery; whereas, if the preachers and lay-members in whom they have utmost confidence, would take a Bible stand against them, it would come nearer to causing such pesons to measure up.

The marriage bed is undefiled; but God said He would judge whoremongers and adulterers. If God's precious word is against you, beloved, how can you escape the judgment of God, even if your preacher, in whom you have all confidence, does sugar-coat the gospel to you—you will meet the Judgment just as you have lived. So we feel this movement today, would be far better off, if each minister of it's pulpit would stand together on some matters that are so contrary to Bible teaching, which, possibly, are seldom mentioned by some; or, if mentioned, in a manner that moves not the guilty parties to the extent of measuring up to the Bible standard.

The preacher who will endorse such people who are living in Biblical adultery—that is, parties who have been divorced from their Biblically lawful companion, and who are now married to another whilst their first companion yet lives; or the single person who marries the party who has divorced, or divorced their rightful companion, and said companion yet living—the preacher who does this thing, will some day find themselves to be in the same boat as the guilty parties, for we are commanded in the Bible to abstain from all appearance of evil; (1 Thess. 5:22) not to be partakers of other men's sins, but to keep ourselves pure. (1 Tim. 5:22) Now, beloved, any spiritual man or woman of God, surely knows that for one to compromise with an evil thing, is just the same as if we were literally partakers of the thing, so far as it being wrong in the sight of God is concerned.

We notice there are some of this movement whom those who are guilty of adultery, as stated above, do not hang around very much; and the reason is, Satan knows where the spirit of tolerance is; and he also knows those who will not sympathize with the adulterous spirit; nor endorse the stuff. While we truly sympathize with the poor unfortunate ones, who awake to find themselves in such a trap, (not sympathizing with that adulterous spirit that is held-

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ing them captive, mind you) yet we want to say there is victory for them if they are sincere in their desire to live for God. We could point you to one home where the father and mother seen their condition in the adultery question after they were converted, and they measured up to the Bible standard. They never broke up the home; but they stayed clean from adultery, and kept their little children within the confines of a home with the care of a Christian father and mother over them. In due time it was proven beyond all doubt that the former husband of this new mother had passed away. Today that home is a real home for God. God has placed his approval upon their lives, and his cause has been glorified by their determination to live to His glory. They, by the grace of God, came clean—they lived pure from adultery, and now their home is 'a happy home. Beloved, if you have been caught in this awful trap, you too, can come clean before God, that is, if you fear God as you should, and your determination is to gain Heaven at any cost. While we are not glad that this father and mother were tangled up in the adultery question, yet, as they saw their condition before God, we are glad that they did measure up their lives during the period of time until it was proven to them by even the mayor of the town where this former husband died; the undertaker who put him away, that he was dead; (If we mistake not, they had been married when she was quite young, and he had forsaken her) and also, until they consulted ministers of the gospel, and even a county official of the county where they lived. So we are not glad that these people had all this to go through with, but in as much as they did go through the same to the glory of God, we are glad to now point to this one incident as proof, and as an example of how people can, by the grace and help of God, measure up their lives in this respect, if they really desire to do so. I will only say this in conclusion: Preachers, if guilty of smoothing this thing over for people who are tied up in adultery, you ought to either come clean on the gospel, or else quit preaching Holiness; to any guilty parties themselves; you had better begin to measure up to the real Bible standard of holiness, if ever you expect to reach Heaven. As the light comes your way, you had better walk in it. And be sure you don't close your eyes purposely against light; neither let the light in you become darkness. We possibly won't be quite so well thought of, by reason of the stand we take in this matter; but it's Bible, beloved, and we feel good in our soul in declaring the truth. This Way is a Clean Way; and remember this beloved, so far as the enemy trying to make you think it most impossible to come clean on the adultery question, that the Bible says in Romans 5:20, "But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." Amen.

Blessings serve as guide posts along the pathway of the Christian life. Beloved, can you look back and see a clean pathway to the last blessing you received from God? If so, you can feel the assurance that you are still on the right road. Continue living clean, and you will in due season pass another guide post. Some day the last guide post will be past, and before you will unfold the glory of that City, whose streets are pure gold!

A FORETASTE OF HEAVEN.

Sometimes to merely sit in the congregation of the righteous, looking into the faces of clean men and women—saints of God, and without even a song being sung, a testimony going forth, or a message being delivered—just sit there during a brief time in the course of the services and feel the sweet solemnity and presence of God—a holy atmosphere permeating the place, and then to realize that such is a foretaste of Heaven itself, where all will be peace, joy, happiness, contentment—no envy, no strife, nor hypocrisy to be there to marr the serenity of the saints of God; where sin is forever barred—saints, such experience is wonderful! It's been ours to enjoy a few times. And then, The half hath never yet been told!

YOU MUST UNLOAD.

Many professed Christians will go to church, hear a sermon that hits them all over, so-to-speak, and will say, "That was for me!" They will go home, and possibly that will be the end of the matter. Measure up? No; they drag along, expecting to possibly do some day; or else, hoping against hope that they can get by some way. Beloved, when we come face to face with the truth from God's Word, and it's touching our life, we can rest assured that if we ever make it through to the Glory world, we will have to come clean in every respect.

As a brother has said, and that rightly, to this effect: "Folks can either come clean, or else they will just have to stay away dirty." It sounds like Revelation 22:11—"and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still:" etc.

The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. —Proverbs 10:22.
OBITUARY.

Alice May Furland was born in the state of Indiana, on May 3rd, 1858; and departed this life March 24th, 1932, at the age of 73 years, 10 months, and 21 days.

From Indiana she moved to the state of Missouri, and there was united in marriage to W. R. Naugle, on April 1, 1876. To this union was born twelve children—seven boys and five girls, of which six of them have preceeded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her departure, her husband, W. R. Naugle; three sons, Jake and Hubert Naugle, of Coweta, Okla., and Isaac Naugle, of Rock Bridge, Mo.; and three daughters, Cathrine Conley, of Coweta, Mary Ann Conley, of Rock Bridge, Mo., and Lillie Schwidde, of Cuba, Mo.; also twenty-five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters living in Missouri; and a host of friends and relatives.

Sister Naugle had professed a faith in Christ at an early age, and later on she came in into the light of Holiness, and she lived a clean, true, holy life, and was loved by all who knew her.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. S. Crutchfield, pastor, at the Full Gospel Mission, at Coweta, Okla.

The Streets of Gold.

Jesus, I am growing old,
Soon I'll tread the streets of gold;
Slower beats my heart today.
But a spring-time waits for me
Just beyond the silent sea;
And I shall no more be old.

When I tread the streets of gold.
Eyes that beamed so brightly here,
Brighter beaming wait me there;
Tongues my soul to music stirred
There in sweeter song are heard;
Baby hands, so small and white,
Beckon there across the night—
Those sweet hands again I'll hold,
When I tread the streets of gold.
Yes, the springtime waits for me
Just beyond the silent sea;
And I shall no more be old,
When I tread the streets of gold.

Sister Naugle's death resulted from a burn received by her clothing catching on fire from a stove. A son, Jake, badly burned his hands in trying to save his mother. May God bless and comfort the sorrowing ones of this family.

A HOLY CONVERSATION.

When the Bible plainly says, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers," (Eph. 4: 29.) do you ever make the mistake, beloved, of merely repeating the corrupt words of some person, in relating on incident? You should not. You could just say at that point, "And they used a word which I do not care to repeat." If the enemy can't get you to use bad language first-handed, he may try to trick you into using it second-handed. Remember, beloved, the Bible teaches us to be holy in ALL manner of conversation! (1 Peter 1:15.)

CONVINCING IN THE MIDST OF TRIAL.

We overcome the enemy by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of our testimony. (Rev. 12:1.) Yet, the world is possibly more often convinced of our experience in salvation by our actions when we are in the midst of trials, persecutions, etc. No doubt but Daniel was most convincing to the old king, when that ruler saw the steadfastness of Daniel right in the lion's den, where he had been cast because he continued praying unto the God of heaven despite the decree of the king and his nobles. Likewise, was the king convinced of the reality of the power of God upon the lives of the three Hebrew children, when they calmly faced the trial of the fiery furnace. The king saw the forth person walking with them right in the midst of the fire, and confessed that this fourth person was like unto the Son of God! Can the world—especially our persecutors—see that Other Person—the Son of God—in our lives, when we are going through the test? It surely means much to so live before God, that even the wicked world can see in our lives, something that will convince them of the reality of the experience we profess. The world is often "reading" our lives more than it is reading the Bible; and it may be watching our walk as closely, or possibly more so, than it is listening to our verbal testimony. Possibly neither Daniel, nor the Hebrew children, could have been nearly so convincing to a wicked ruler, had it not have been for their steadfastness manifested, together with the sweetness in their souls, shown, right in the supreme test, possibly, of their very lives. Beloved, there are some good lessons along the line; and where Jesus says, "ye are my witnesses," remember that such witnessing is NOT confined to our verbal declaration of faith in Him before both the world, and the church; but, also, "by their fruits ye shall know them," speaks the Saviour.

Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. -- Ps. 30:4.
The True Bible Church.

BRO. H. CLICK, THREE RIVERS, TEXAS.

Three Rivers, Texas.
May 5, 1932.

Dear Bro. Bond, and saints of God; 
Greetings in the name of Jesus:

I am glad to report victory in my soul. Saved, sanctified, and the sweet Holy Ghost abides.

The Lord is still blessing our weak efforts here, for which we give Him all the praise, bless His sweet name.

Bro. Bond, if you will allow me space in the paper, I feel like, by the hand of the Lord, writing a few lines on the real, true Bible church, or the free church of God—not as some term us as running loose, or wild, without rules or governments. What we mean by free, is without man-made rules or discipline. The Bible contains our government, of which we will show latter. I want to say before we take up the Bible on the church, that the biggest block, and most deceiving thing the devil ever got among God's children, is the different organizations, of which has no foundation.

Jesus says in St. Matthew 16:18, "upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (The rock is Christ.) Some teach that the church was not yet started then; they say Christ's followers were not in the church. We'll let the Bible settle this question in Acts 7:38—Stephen said, "This is he that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sinai, and with our forefathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:" Paul, in Romans 11:16-25, illustrates the church as a good olive tree, and the Gentiles, or sinners, as the wild olive tree, and that we were grafted into the good olive tree, or church. Hear Paul again in 1 Cor. 10:4: "And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ." So Christ said, Upon THIS Rock I will build my church. He was building then, and will build until the last chance for souls to get saved has passed.

GETTING IN THE CHURCH.

Paul says in 1 Cor. 12:12, "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ." Here the apostle Paul compares the church (not churches) to a body. Some will say, How do they get into the church? The 18th. verse (same chapter) says, "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body as it hath pleased him;" and in the 28th. verse, "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." (Read also, Colossians 1:22-28: Ephesians 5:23-27.) Let us see if we can find more proof on how we get into the church: In Acts 2:47, "And the Lord (not man) added to the church daily such as should be saved." Now some will say they were saved, and then joined the church. Well, let's reason a little here. The church is the body of Christ, and He is the head, representing it as man and wife. Turn to Isaiah 66:8: "for as soon as Zion (or the church) travailed, she brought forth her children:" also Psalms 87:5, "And of Zion (the church) it shall be said. This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her." Now dear ones, when a child is born in a home, do we have to present it for membership, and vote it in, before it is a member of the family? Now none will question that. It is the same with the family, or church, of God—when they are born, they are in the church.

CHURCH BOOK.

Where is the record kept? In Psalms 87:6—"The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah." So when one is born of God, he is in the church, and God records their name in the Book of life. Jesus says in St. Luke 10:20, "but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven:" and in Hebrews 2:3, we read, "To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven:" (Not on some man-made book.) and in Revelation 20:15, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

DEACONS.

Some will say, If you are not (Continued on next page—5.)

And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord God. Ezek. 34:31.
organized, how do you have deacons? Just like the Bible says. Acts 6:1-6. The first deacons were here ordained by the the laying on of hands, and prayer. For qualifications of a deacon, read 1 Tim. 3:8-13. [Elders likewise. 1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9. ---Ed.]

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Some will say, If you are not organized, the members will run wild, and you can’t do anything with them. Well, let us see St. Matthew 18:15-18—

"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

"But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

"And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." (Or, that is, as any other sinner.) [Note also 2 Thessalonians 3:6 & 14. —Ed.]

Here is what Jesus meant in St. Matthew 16:19, when He said, "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Exodus 32:33, "And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book." So dear ones, you see there is no place where man’s book is mentioned in receiving them, or getting them out. But we do find in Jeremiah 17:13, "O Lord, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters."

Now dear ones, as God has placed us members in Christ’s body, or the church, is it not the same as a wife joined to her husband? So if the wife go and be joined to another man, she has forsaken the first man, and is therefore in adultery. So, if after God has made us members of His dear Son’s body, or church, and we then go and join some man’s organization, haven’t we committed the same act—spiritually—the woman did in joining to another? and also that which is mentioned in Jer. 17:13? Read 1 Cor. 6:15-17, and let us note what it means. Then turn to Rev. 17:5 — MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. Who is this Mother? and who are her daughters? Beloved, if you are honest, the question is easy to answer. You read Malachi 2:11: "Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the Lord which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god ". Now dear ones, Judah had joined to something here, and it wasn’t a woman.

Read 2 Cor. 6:17-18; and Rev. 18:4—"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Dear child of God, this isn’t sinners He is talking to; and if YOU are joined to any man-made organization, or a secret order, you had better come out of it!

WATER BAPTISM.

Water baptism by immersion only, according to St. Matthew 28:19-20.

ORDINANCES.

The Lord’s Supper: (1 Cor. 11: 23-34.) washing the disciples’ feet. (St. John 13:1-17.) "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” Thank the Lord for free holiness.

May the Lord of Heaven bless these few lines to His glory; and that they may be a blessing to those who read them. The Lord’s will, later on we will bring out more plainly on different ideas and opinions of men, and the evils of such.

I covet the prayers of all that I will just stay humble, and be clay in the hands of my dear Saviour.

As ever, your humble servant and brother,

H. Click.

[Note: In addition to the above, with apologies to the writer, we feel that it would be well to state the name of the church. Seven times, at least, in the New Testament, it is referred to as the "church of God." Six of these seven times, it is called such by the apostle Paul in his own letters; 1 Cor. 1:2; 10:32; 11:22; 15:9; Gal. 1:13; 1 Tim. 3:5; and once, in Acts 20:28. And the faith of that church today would surely be that of the Apostles; hence, we prefer the title, "The Church of God," and for identification purposes, since there are various bodies of professed Christian peoples using the same title, we use the further descriptive phrase, "of the Apostolic Faith," giving us the appellation, The Church of God, of the Apostolic Faith; the descriptive phrase being purely for identification purposes only: and NOT as being an integral part of the name of God’s church. ---Ed.]
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BIBLE THOUGHT.

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. —St. Matthew 4:19.

Editorial.

The preacher—of any faith—who has reached the point where he thinks he is quite a preacher, indeed, is only the victim of an exalted spirit. There may be quite a bit of “fuss” in his preaching; or, he might make a grand display of eloquence in his oratory, but he is sadly lacking in the power of God. And to the real Christian, such an one’s boasting of his theological qualifications is very distasteful, indeed.

“And if any man think that he knoweth anything, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.” (1 Cor. 8:2.) In this, somebody can get their picture.

King Solomon was permitted to experience the riches of this old world. He had all that heart could wish of it’s splendors; and after all of it, he leaves for you and I the testimony that it is all vanity. Can we not take him at his word, and not desire the things that profit us nothing in the matter of living for God?

If a church member can sin each day, and still yet be called a Christian(?) just how would you describe a sinner?

What about people of today belonging to a church of the which the apostles of old never heard of; neither is there any prophecy concerning such, further than that which the apostle Paul spake concerning some who became divided in their views, and began to say, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos. (Look to 1 Cor. 3:4-7.)

Paul denounced such as carnality. Why the various organizations of today, saying, I am of “This”; and another, I am of “That?” Could God be the author of such? Let wisdom answer.

Imagine the person joining some church organization in order to be where crooks and their like could be dealt with! Alright, beloved, are the ranks now clean? We’ll say this for the sake of illustration, (and with due respect to the sincere of every organization) That IF there is a church organization in existence wherein Satan hasn’t got a representative—and possibly a good delegation—it must be one of which he has never as yet heard of! While it’s sad to see people stick their heads into an organization “halter,” to to-speak, yet it is almost amusing to see intelligent people take such steps, thinking they are getting where Satan will be more easily handled!

When the leaders among God’s people fail to do their duty, the saints of God have much suffering to go through with; and worse yet, disastrous results are sure to follow such neglect of duty, both to the individuals, and to the cause in general. There IS a Bible way to carry on God’s work; and it’s possible that neglect in executing the Bible commands by those properly in authority by virtue of their calling and position in the body, has caused some to seek refuge (?) in the organized bodies, as per the thought in the paragraph above, but possibly getting themselves away from perfect liberty in the Spirit, and into the bonds of cold formalities. Saints, let’s not forget the old paths, wherein is the good way; but let’s seek them, and walk therein. (Jeremiah 6:16.)

Was Christ divided? Then do organizations today represent His body—Christianity?
Babylon.

When God spake in His Word, in Revelations 18:4, "And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues," just who do you suppose the "her" referred to meant? According to verse 2, of the same chapter, He is referring to Babylon. Spiritually speaking, what does Babylon mean? It means "confusion." What is more confusing today, than the great mass of organizations, which has divided, and sub-divided, God's people? Beloved, if you want to be free from her sins, and escape her plagues, you had better come out of "her." According to verse 13, part of "her" merchandise was the souls of men; "And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth." (verse 24.) Do YOU care to "belong," or, that it, be a part of "her," when she begins to reap for these things? You might think that a spirit of blood-shed of God's people would be far removed from the ranks of organized Protestantism today. But right there you are wrong, beloved. Today, there is strong opposition to the preaching of the full gospel in its purity, right in their ranks, even to the extent of hindering saints of God from obtaining places of public worship; trying to limit their duration of services by stipulating a closing hour for them, etc.; persecutions in some times violent forms, as bodily injury, casting into prison; and doubtless many would take the very lives of God's true saints today, were it not for the fear of the law of the land! When the time is come wherein is fulfilled the following scripture, "yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service." (St. John 16:2) then you will no doubt get a big surprise when you find people from the very ranks of the organized bodies lined right up with the forces that are heaping persecutions upon the saints of God. In their ranks today, is found that spirit of hatred towards the full gospel messenger; and such hatred as is only murder of the heart— not yet loosed in it's fury, because their hour of darkness is not yet fully come. God is truly calling His people to come out of "her." What is there today within "her" boundries by way of soul food for the spiritual-hungry saint of God? "Her" children, in the greater majority, cannot be told from the rest of the world. The minstrel show, the ball team, the banqueting hall, and such like, have prominent parts in "her" field of activities, to say nothing of the outside social life of many of "her" members. No wonder "she" has hatred in her heart against the true way of clean holiness, when God-called men and women are decrying against "her" ungodliness; and are exposing in the light of the gospel, much of "her" hypocrisy, and evil deeds. Don't think that in the greater part of 17 years in the ministry, preaching, by the help and the grace of God, a clean life above sin in every form, that we haven't came in contact with "her" influence and power. We have, beloved; and some of the hardest opposition and persecutions experienced by men and women today, who are out on the great battle field, crying out against sin in reality, is coming right from "her" very ranks! So far as we have yet ascertained, the Roman Catholic church brought the first organization into existence about the year 160, A. D. Now of late years there is a stir amongst certain of the organized Protestant ranks for a uniting of the Catholic and Protestant faiths. The Pope of Rome has declared himself on the question. He has said that "they went out from us; now let them return." (Or words to that effect.) Will they return? You may be surprised some day, beloved, to see the organization go back home! God has some good people in "her," and to them He is calling: "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." (Note: If you haven't already did so, read the article on the church question, by Bro Click, of Three Rivers, Texas, appearing elsewhere in this issue. We had the opposite page—page 6—already printed, and also the first column of the above article set to type, before we received Bro. Click's message, let alone us knowing he was even going to send such. Surely God has a thought for some one in this issue.—Ed.)

Preacher, you had better take a firm stand against every known sin, else God will be against you in the day of Judgment. If He has called you to preach His Word, He means for you to not shun to declare ALL of it. Read Paul's testimony in Acts 20:26-27, concerning how he felt pure of the blood of ALL men, because he had not shunned to declare ALL the counsel of God—God's advice, plan, etc., unto them. Preacher, have you did as much, or have you been "casing up" for the sake of some—"sugar-coating" it? For Shame!

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. Isa. 45:22.
Coffeyville, Kansas.

600 No. Willow St.
May 2, 1932.

Brother O. H. Bond,
Dear Brother in Christ:

I receive your little Apostolic Faith paper regularly and certainly do enjoy reading it and then passing it on to my friends. I enjoy it, and I know that all who read it enjoy it, too. I am glad that God put it upon your heart to publish a little paper like that, it brightens lots of little corners in this dark old world. There are lots of people who never get to go and hear God's word preached, who are shut-ins, and yet they can get the messages of God's people through this little paper. Praise the Lord. May God bless your work, and may it prosper in my prayer.

How I come to get your little paper, Brother Henegar came to South Coffeyville, Okla., for Bro. Lewis, and held a meeting there in a store building, and the last night of the meeting he told me about it, and how it is supported by tithes and offerings. God bless Bro. Henegar in his work for his Lord. He certainly is a man of God, and he will receive his reward some of these days.

The Lord saved me February 11, 1923. I had served the devil for forty-two years, and the Lord saved me from a life of sin and reckless living. Later on He sanctified me with the blood of Jesus, and I laid it all on the altar, and my title was clear again. Bless His holy name! My, but I feel like shouting! About seven months from the time I was saved, I received the precious Holy Ghost, and the evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and as experienced on the day of Pentecost, according to Acts 2:4. It has been the happiest nine years of my life and I really feel like living on for Him. He surely keeps the joy down in my heart, and as the song goes, "I Feel Like Traveling On." I want to keep standing true to the Lord, and always be found ready, whether He comes or calls.

Bro. Bond, if we never meet in this world, we will surely meet in the World Beyond, so let's stand true. I would truly like to shake your hand, and look into your face, but perhaps I may sometime.

There is a Friend for all God's children above the bright blue skies,
A Friend who never changes;
Whose love will never die.
Our earthly friends may fail us,
And change with changing years;
But this Friend is always worthy Of that dear name He bears.
Yours in Jesus,
Jason F. Poe.

Arkansas City, Kans.

May 1932.

Dear Bro. and Sister Bond, and the readers of the little paper:

This date finds me at home again, and in a good old-time holiness revival. The Lord is wonderfully blessing, and manifesting His power among us. Souls are getting saved, sanctified, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. God is wonderfully blessing us all. Pray for the revival.

A brother,
Roshel Colburt,
724 So. 4th St.,
Arkansas City, Kans.

[Note: Bro. Colburt failed to date his letter, but it was post-marked, May 11. May the Lord bless Bro. Colburt, a young minister of the gospel, and all the faithful at Arkansas City. —Ed.]

Camp Meeting

There will be a TEN DAYS' Camp Meeting Held at Lead Hill, Ark., conducted by the Church of God, of the Apostolic Faith, Beginning JULY 1st.

We Stand for, and Endorse, the Three-fold Plan of Salvation—Justification by Faith; Sanctification, a Second, Definite Work of Grace; the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, with the Bible Evidence of Speaking in Other Tongues as the Spirit Gives Utterance. (Acts 2:4.) The Meeting will be Supported by Free-will Offerings. Services will be in Charge of Brother J. F. Atchley, and Brother P. A. Henegar. No Arguing will be Allowed on the Camp Ground.

Everybody is Invited to Come. Come Praying.


Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety. —Prov. 11:14.
Sanctification

Is it a separate experience from that of Justification?

That the doctrine of Sanctification as a separate experience from that of Justification, is the correct Bible doctrine, is an unmistakable fact, upon the authority of the following scriptures:

First, let us note who the blessing is for—

"For this is the will of God, even YOUR sanctification," etc. (1 Thess. 4:3)

And in the 5th chapter, he tells them what to do that they might get the blessing. (Verses 14 to 23, inclusive)

That the experience is for the believer, only—one who has been born again. (1 John 5:1) is plainly evidenced by the Saviour's own words in His prayer, according to the 17th. chapter of St. John. In this prayer we note the following:

Who was He praying for?

"I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me: for they are thine." (Note specifically that the Saviour said that He was NOT praying for the world—the sinning element, or unconverted; but that He was praying for the one class alone—His disciples.)

What specific plea does He make for these disciples in this prayer?

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." (v. 17.)

Why is He asking God to sanctify them, since they are already saved?

... that they may be one, as we are; (v. 11) ... that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves; (v. 13) ... that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. (v. 15)

Was the Saviour praying for those only of that day and time?

No. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." (v. 20) Note that His prayer for the experience of sanctification was for "them also which shall (future tense) believe on me through their word; also it was for the believer, only. And since the "believer" is one who has passed from death unto life, (chapter 5:24) hence we find that the candidate for the experience must first be a converted person.

Was not this prayer offered before the Saviour's death on the cross; and was not the plan completed in His death, hence this was the cross we receive the experience simultaneously with that of Justification?

His prayer was before the cross; but since the cross—this side the crucifixion—we find the apostle Paul preaching the experience of Sanctification to the converted only. Read Romans 12:1-2. (Here he refers to it as the "will of God," as per 1 Thess. 4:3-7; also, chapter 5:14-24; Ephesians 5:25-27.) In fact, all the way through the Bible—from Genesis to Revelations—wherever the doctrine of holiness, or sanctification is mentioned, it is ALWAYS addressed to God's people; exhorting them to the experience.

The next question to arise is: to whether or not the experience is a definite one; or just the life as you daily live it. Pray tell us, beloved, how you could live out ANY experience you had not sometime previously came in possession of? In the Bible we are commanded to be holy; sanctification, the answer to our consecration, is the experience that produces holiness. We are told the very steps to take in making the consecration in Romans 12: and 1 Thess. 5:14-22. We are told plainly in 1 Thess. 5:28, following the conditions, "And the very God peace sanctify you wholly; (which means completely, or entirely) and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." And the next verse tells us that He that calls us is faithful, who also will DO IT! Do what? Why, sanctify wholly; those who will never be the conditions! Then, by grace, if we follow instructions in regard to seeking an experience promised us of God, shall not we, upon our exercising present faith for the blessing, receive such from the hands of God? Would we then not know when and where we received such experience? And would not such experience be a definite one? Beloved, if you possess the experience of holiness, can you point back to the time and place where you made your consecration complete, which act alone brings the experience into our lives? Did you meet the conditions laid down in Romans 12:1-2; 1 Thess. 5:14-22? If not, you haven't got the experience. If you have, you have the blessing; and furthermore, if you have not been taught such from a doctrinal standpoint, the experience will manifest itself in its sweetness when the Bible truth is unfolded to you,—there will be no spirit of opposition, but a blending of your spirit with the Bible teaching.

Both Paul and Jude addressed letters, "to them that are sanctified." The verb "are," being of the present tense, denote they had the blessing—not merely bringing out the thing from day to day, as so many now teach. It's something that comes into our lives—it's the Blood applied to our hearts by the Holy Ghost. (Hebrews 13:12; Romans 15:16.) Then how could it be something we just live out ourselves? It's the doctrine lived and taught by those who first received the Holy Ghost when the latter rain began falling some 32 years ago. Though false teachings have arisen since that time, but think ye that God has ever changed the plan? Nay, verily. Amen.

Yours for the original doctrine—the three-fold plan of salvation—in all its purity; and minus any organization, and any discipline except the Bible itself. O. H. Bond.

(Note: We have the above article in tract form. You can help spread the gospel by passing out tracts. Shall we mail you a small packet of this, and two other tracts, all of which we have only a limited supply? Ed.)

For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. —1 Thessalonians 4:7.
Just Why--

Do some people want to join an organized (?) church, thinking they will be in easier ranks?

Do some people seem content to risk an acceptance of God in the day of Judgment, when they KNOW they are not where they ought to be, so far as living the life is concerned?

Do some parents professing holiness, allow their children to wear certain brands of jewelry—finger rings, necklaces of beads, etc.—when they would condemn such if worn by the grown-ups professing salvation? Is such actions in accord with the Bible teaching on training up a child in the way it should go? While they no doubt are far from meaning such, yet some parents are doing nothing short of mocking God and His word; in the very manner in which they are allowing their children to grow up (could you hardly say, Raising them?) in these days. We have seen mothers turn a little child loose during services to run around over the floor, thus disturbing services. Such is wrong; and besides it is unnecessary, for a few times correcting that child in the right manner will stop such habits in it’s life. Some parents, nor children either, know nothing, it seems, about what conquering means. Parents would not take the little child to some of the fine churches and there turn them loose to disturb services—it would be looked upon as being bad manners. (Further, it would not be tolerated.) Then why not have some manners, and respect for the service of God, in the Holiness church building? We hope that

Any parents who are guilty along these lines, will take note of this, and giving God the glory, they will measure up, and never let such conduct be named among them again.

Would the professed saint of God, who, having a set of artificial teeth made, have one of them crowned with gold? Would not such be closely akin to “wearing of gold,” as forbidden in 1 Peter 3:3?

Would a preacher with a nice, shiny, gold watch-chain adorning his person, preach against the woman wearing gold? How could he preach 1 Tim. 2:9, or 1 Peter 3:3, to the people? Good, servicable chains of other material can easily be had; and at a cheaper price.

Do you seldom—if ever—see among the congregation of the fashionable churches of today, the man whose attire is of the patched overall class; and the woman whose head-dress is of the bonnet type? Are not their lives precious; and their souls worth being saved? Did not the Saviour die for this class also?

In India they have caste distinction: in our land, there is “class distinction,” and that right among professed Christian people. Such aloofness from the poorer class by the ‘higher ups,’ only helps us to more fully understand the meaning of the Saviour’s words when He said: “and the poor have the gospel preached to them.” But of these things, the most disgusting is to see so-called Full Gospel people begin to strut, and starch up, and beginning to try to emulate the fashionable churches in their preaching, etc. Zacchaeus had to come down from the tree; even so will some world unwrapped, so-called Full Gospel people have to come down, if the Saviour would abide at their house!

And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? —St Luke 6:46

Persecutions.

A sister in the Lord, living in southeastern Kansas, writes the following:

“At school, the children and teacher calls my oldest girl the name that we have to be called by worldly people: but the other child’s teacher is so kind. The other is a Catholic, and tells them it is wrong to eat meat on Friday. It hurts to see them act so; but I’ll have to stand more than that, if I stay with Jesus. Pray for me, that I’ll go all the way, and pay the price that it costs. I know that I am unworthy, but I do want to live for Jesus.”

Beloved, one of the hard tests which the saints of God are doubtless going to have to stand—those who have children of school age is, the persecutions heaped upon their children, possibly, in some schools. It will surely take much prayer, and living close to God, in order for parents to keep sweet in their soul, and to be able to overcome. We are promised persecutions in this life, if we live for Jesus. (Read St. Mark 10:29-30. Note that with the promise of the good things that we here receive for making such sacrifices, that we are also promised persecutions.)

Persecution is sometimes a forerunner of a wonderful blessing, for it only tends to drive the Christian to a closer walk with God.

Think of the thousands of church members who know nothing of such a thing as being persecuted for righteousness sake! Then we ought to be glad that we are counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. (Acts 5:41.)

“Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.”

“Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.” (St. Matthew 5:11-12.)
God Has A Standard.

"Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: . . ."

—Isaiah 49:22.

Inasmuch, dear reader, as God, in the prophecies, has declared a standard for the Gentiles, had not the Gentile professors of Christianity better closely examine their lives, and see whether or not they are measuring up to it?

Some are relying pretty strongly on a church discipline for a mode of living. Just how, then, does your discipline line up with God's standard? If it completely lines up with the Bible, then, Why the Discipline?

You'll never find anything so closely outlining the life for a Christian to follow as God's Word; therefore we fail to see the merits of a church discipline, which could not be a better standard than that which God has set up; neither could it be a lower standard, and get you into Heaven.

Mankind, in many instances, seems to want a hand in God's plan; but God has wisely planned the way for us; has condensed such into the form of the Bible, and given it unto us. So let's lay down theory, etc., and try to exercise ourselves unto real godliness, and see if we cannot measure up to His standard!

The athlete has his standard of living when in training for the contest. God's people are in a contest—a race, striving for eternal life. And we must live up to the standard prescribed for us, if we should win in this race.

Some will greatly bewail the chain store merchant, charging some of them of selling under the standard of weights and measures. Possibly these same people will profess Christianity before the world, attend church and take an active part, and—at the same time both living, and endorsing, a standard of so-called Christianity that is far below God's standard.

Some people will endorse a sinning religion—such is their only conception of the Bible standard of Christianity; but just let some one sin against them—let the merchant short weight them for instance, and them listen at them hollow! Possibly the merchant has heard their own pastor preach that one can't help but sin every day! Why don't these sinning Christians (?) first get saved, themselves, and then go after their sinning pastors, and then when the merchant goes to church, possibly he won't hear a sermon one time on, that it's wrong to short weight the people—that such is sin; and then possibly the next time at services, hear the same preacher tell the people that "we can't help but sin every day in word, thought, and in deed!"

Some professing Christians (?) don't always care so very much how much "skinning" in business goes on, unless they happen to, or, are in danger of, themselves getting "skinned!"

It is really rather amusing to us to think of the person so stoutly preaching a sinning religion—a "you can't help it," kind—and then of how they will howl when somebody happens to sin against them—runs off with their wife; breaks into their smokehouse; tells them a lie in a horse trade, etc. They feel like THAT sin was ONE which the poor old "can't help it" sinner OUGHT to have 'helped;' and, "they've got a law to handle such people!" My, but they can howl when they have to reap their own sowing! Amen.

How can they expect anything better from an out-and-out professing sinner, when all the while they have been preaching that even a Christian can't help but sin? and why howl so vehemently about the person committing the "big" sins—-the kind that they think to be "awful"—when they're preaching right along to them, that one can't help but commit the little ones! If one CAN'T overcome the smaller temptations, pray tell us, sinning Christian(?), how would you then expect such people to overcome the bigger temptations! It looks like, Mr. Sinning Christian(?), that you could see the shallowness of your doctrine!

Reader, let NO man deceive you: God's standard of salvation will lift you up out of the quagmire of sin. Jesus has said, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Search your Bible; there is no promise of Heaven held out to any only the pure in heart. Then inasmuch as the Bible says, "For of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh," (St. Luke 6: 45.) show me the individual who is pure in heart, and we will show you one whose words, thoughts, and deeds, are free from sin in every form—one who is living up to God's standard. There is no other Way.

The apostle Paul says in 1 Cor. 15:34, "Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." Then shame upon the professed Christian who hasn't enough knowledge of God to know that they ought NOT TO SIN! 
OUR PERSONAL WORD.

Greetings to the saints scattered abroad, and to all the faithful in Christ Jesus:

Beloved, it we could all gather together in one company, and exchange “experiences” on how we feel, doubtless but what we would most all have an experience in common to relate, and that is, that we are going through a period of very trying times, spiritually. It surely seems that we are entering more and more upon a faith route. We can’t feel the spirit of conviction upon sinners that we one time could; we can’t get a burden of prayer for them as we had a few years ago. In these days there is more of a crying out in our hearts for a closer walk with God; for power to overcome, and to stand the tests; for a preparedness in our lives that we might be ready to meet the Saviour. We are doing, it seems, more actual praying for ourselves than for any body else. Some may think it strange when we speak of there no longer being a spirit of conviction upon sinners as there one time was, when so many are joining the churches all around us. That is nothing very strange, beloved, when we realize that we are living in the days of prophecy fulfillment, when Satan is making his last stand, so to speak, and is now deceiving thousands by getting them to make a cold profession, and joining the church. There is no change of heart with them, for their daily lives prove such. “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” (2 Cor. 5:17.) So, by their fruits ye shall know them.

While going through a time of trial, and of burden bearing, some days ago, when it seemed dark all around us, we thank God for giving us a real comforting thought, in the book of Job, chapter 23, and verse 10, which reads: “But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.” It seemed the first clause of this verse—“But he knoweth the way that I take,” was the thought spoken to our hearts that morning, just after we arose. We had been going through a very discouraging period of time. We searched for the thought in the Bible that day, and found it as given above. We then read the entire chapter, and it seems food for the one who is undergoing a period of testing wherein it seems we can’t pray through—thank God, “he knoweth the way we take;” He knows the trial we are suffering, and the cross we bear—He fully understands; and best of all, He cares.

Beloved, we are truly entering a time of testing for God’s people. The Bible teaches us that He is going to have a tried people. We read in Zechariah 13:8-9, where two parts of the people shall be cut off, and the third part shall be brought through the fire. We are going to be tried as gold is tried. There probably will not be much shouting as we are going through the test. God is seeking for souls who will stand true to Him regardless of the surroundings. Most any body will stand for God so long as they are shouting, but to stand true to God in the midst of trials, and during the days we have to walk by faith, is the test of our genuineness. So if we had to speak for you beloved—those of you who are really sincere in living for God—we would dare say that you are not shouting as you are one time did; but that you are having a test of your faith possibly even greater than ever before. God is going to see if you are going to stand. So let us be as the song says, “If at times I do not see Him, I will trust and give Him praise.” We read in the Bible where God one time left a man—Hezekiah, a man of God—that He might try him, that He might know all that was in his heart. (2 Chronicles 32:31.) No doubt but this was a peculiar experience to Hezekiah: no doubt but what he felt like most anything except shouting. If he had been one of those who go so much on feelings, he might have given up right there; but he knew how he had lived before God, and he had the thing in his heart that caused him to be determined to live for God, feeling or no feeling. God tried him, that He might know ALL that was in his heart. Beloved, will your heart stand the test? If your heart rings true, it will.

We get a thought like this: As we are passing through the refining process, God is looking on the scene, just as the blacksmith is watching his irons in the fire, and at the very proper moment he draws them forth for the welding process; so when God sees we have been in the furnace long enough, we shall then “come forth as gold!” Amen. The thing for us to do, beloved, is to purpose in our heart to stand true, and to never falter by the wayside. If we are living the life, as was Hezekiah, then with confidence we can face the test of being left alone as God tries our hearts.

“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith: prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?” (2 Cor. 13:5.)

Your unworthy servants in Him,

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Bond.