Our Lord’s Return

Various opinions are held by the Christian world concerning the manner of the Saviour’s coming back to the earth. Some hold that His coming will be publicly, and one appearing only; others maintain that first there will be a secret, silent, catching away of those of the Baptized saints who are counted worthy to escape the tribulation just preceding the literal coming of Jesus, by reason of their having attained to a like experience of Enoch— that of pleasing God, using Enoch’s translation (Heb. 11:5) for an example of the silent catching away; and then the literal coming of the Lord (1 Thess. 4:16; Matt. 24:30) after the tribulation of Matthew 24, for the righteous dead, and those who are yet alive, but who failed to be so living before God as to have been counted worthy of being caught away in the rapture, as they term the silent catching away. And in this theory of the rapture, it is claimed that Jesus does not come—appear personally.

Now beloved, let us get a thought from the Bible. Let us notice how the apostle Paul taught along this line. Surely he was as deep in the Spirit, and as well informed in the ways of God, and the gospel of Jesus Christ, as you or I! Amen.

So then, will His coming be preceded by a rapture for a certain class? If so, beloved, Paul failed to teach anything along that line. By virtue of his own testimony, he was looking forward to the Lord’s PERSONAL appearing, only. We hear him say in 1 Thess. 4:16, 17, “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

Please note that he said, “Then WE which are alive and remain shall be caught up, and not ‘THOSE’ who failed to make the rapture! He here refers to them who are yet alive at the Saviour’s appearing, that they will be caught up with the resurrected saints. And this is the rapture HE was looking forward to. Confirming this, we hear him saying in 1 Cor. 15:51, 52, “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ‘In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.’”

Note how he uses the pronoun “WE,” and that this change was to take place at the “last trump” (1 Thess. 4:16, 17)—not secret rapture! Beloved, whatever views we might have along the line, one thing for sure, and that is, the apostle Paul did not preach, nor, by his own testimony, look forward to anything except the personal appearing of the Saviour. Jesus, Himself, only points to His coming as being personal. Preparation for such is the message He and Paul stressed. So IF there be a secret rapture, neither Jesus nor Paul preached it; but to the contrary, they both point us to a personal appearing; and we wish to STRESS this fact to you, beloved, that Paul, in the above scriptures, is referring to the personal appearing of Jesus—not a secret rapture; and that his hopes, as well as ours, lay in such a meeting with the Lord! Do we preach it like Paul? If not, let’s be careful for Galatians 1:8 & 9. May God bless you. Amen.
Special Appeal

To Churches, Missions, and Saints Everywhere:

Sr. Nellie Chambers, of Route 1, Mounds, Okla., widow of our late Bro. Martin Chambers (who was a minister of this faith), is badly in need of financial aid. She is also in very poor health. Was left with a very large family—nine children, most all were small. The oldest, a girl, now about seventeen; and the oldest boy only about twelve. Among them, one set of twins—little boys. Since Bro. Chambers' death, some two or three years ago, Sr. Chambers and children have resided in the pastoral rooms of a mission at the little village of Hectorville, some eight miles, or thereabouts, southwest of Bixby, Okla., where they were living at the time of Brother Chambers' death. She is now having to move, as this property has been sold.

Now beloved, we are coming to you on Bible lines in behalf of this widowed sister in the Lord, and these fatherless children, the youngest of whom is about four years old. Wife and I are personally acquainted with this widowed mother. And she has not requested us to make this appeal, but upon information furnished us after Bro. and Sr. Henegar, of near Ramona, had recently visited her, taking them some provisions, telling us of her pitiful circumstance—finding them with only two articles of food in the house, and Sr. Chambers undernourished, and afflicted in body, we decided to make this appeal in her behalf. So we are going to ask the churches, missions, and saints everywhere, to make an offering for this needy family, the mother who is so weakly able to take care of the children, to say nothing of being able to do work in the field, or other physical labour. So please, let the pastor or some one of each band of saints, take this matter up at once, and take up an offering, either publically, or privately, and send it to Bro. P. A. Henegar, Route 1, Ramona, Okla., who has agreed to receive such offerings and deliver them to Sr. Chambers. And let the sisters correspond with Sr. Henegar regarding any offering of clothes you may feel like making. She can tell you what would be suitable.

Now beloved, we preach James 1:27, which reads like this—

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep him self unspotted from the world."

So if we are going to advocate keeping one's self "unspotted from the world," beloved, let's also endorse the other — "visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction;" and here is one instance where we can fulfill our obligation in what is surely a worthy case. Let's show our faith by our works (James 5:18).

Now saints, let's take action in this case. May God bless you in any interest you may show, and reward you many fold for any sacrifice you may make.

There are different kinds of food stuffs which could easily be sent by parcels post for a few cents.

Shall we hear from you?

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." — Prov. 19:17.

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THE ONE THING LACKING

Some time ago, according to the British Weekly, a Japanese entered the study of Dr. W. T. A. Barber, in Cambridge, England, and said: "Men of the West, we have moulded our life on yours, our laws, our army, our navy, our commerce on yours—and we find ourselves worse. What is it that we have left out?"

"Christ," replied Doctor Barber.

The awakening and resurgent nations may have everything else, but if they have not Christ in the center of their life they leave out the very key-stone from the arch of their civilization. —Sel.

THE BIBLE ROUTE

People will yet have to forsake all sin, and repent with a godly sorrow, if they ever expect to get saved; then make a deep, full and complete consecration—lay everything on the altar of sacrifice for God, if they ever expect to get the blessing of old time sanctification in their lives; and then walk in the line of obedience (Acts 5:32), if they ever expect to receive the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost.

We know there are many counterfeit's in the world today; but thank God, He only has the genuine, and which people can yet receive, if they are only hungry enough, and are willing to pay the price.

Then we had better bear in mind that anything we had to give up in order to get the blessings of this great salvation, we will have to keep laid aside if we keep the blessings, for we hear the apostle Paul say, "For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor." (Gal. 2:18.)

Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days. —Ecclesiastes 11:1.
OAKGROVE, ARK.

February 14, 1894.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond, and all readers of the little paper;

Greetings in Jesus' name;

Just felt like writing to the little paper today, to say the blessings of God are yet mine, and how thankful to know I possess a hope of eternal life.

Bro. Henegar, of near Ramona, Okla., closed a revival here (Boyd Dist.) Sunday night. He laboured faithfully for two weeks, but without avail as to any one being saved, though some sought the Lord; but one sister with the call of God upon her life for several years, yet “fighting” it all the while, acknowledged her call, and preached her first sermon last Sunday. So if she obeys God, this meeting may mean the salvation of many souls after all; therefore, we praise God from whom all blessings flow.

The saints received good from the meetings, though at the same time our hearts were aching, and heavily burdened, over the loss in our community, and in sympathy with the family of Bro. Andrew Kiper, who's dearly beloved wife, Sister Lula Smith Kiper, suddenly taken her departure on February 2nd., to her eternal Home with Jesus and the angels.

Sr. Kiper had been sick something better than three weeks, but was thought by all to be well on the road to recovery, when suddenly she suffered a heart attack, and death came almost instantly. We were praying so hard for her to be able to be back in services with us again, when the Death Angel quickly caught her spirit away to the hillsides of Glory, to a Meeting far better than any here, but it was so hard to understand why, at first, as she left a tiny infant, near a month old; two other children; a Christian husband, to whom she was so very devoted; a sorrowing band of saints, and neighborhood. At first I would stand in my front door or window, and look at the little plot that holds her earthly house, and think: “Lord, why can't we yet have her voice in our choir, and her presence in our midst?” but twice since she has been gone have I been able, when in prayer, to catch a vision of her face so much brighter and happier than it ever was here, and I'm sure she wouldn't come back to this world of trouble and sin if she could; but I ask all the dear saints to pray for the bereft family, for these days and hours are so hard for them.

This is the first time during all the years of my pastoral work, to have to give up one of the sainted sisters in the immediate church of my labouring. It's hard for us all; but especially remember this family in prayer; and if any can write them a letter of sympathy and encouragement, I'm sure it will be appreciated very much. We can only now look forward with fond hopes to the day when we can meet Sr. Lula again, where death never comes, and tears are wiped away.

Funeral services were conducted at the Hale cemetery, at 2 P. M., Sunday, February 4th., by Bro. P. A. Henegar, of near Ramona, Okla., and myself. Some of the saints from the White Oak community (near Harrison, Ark.), together with Bro. Mornie Loftin, of near Mineral Springs, Mo., who were present, visiting the revival, assisted in the choir. They rendered well, “My Name Is In The Book Of Life,” as she had sung that for a testimony near the last, if not the last time, she had been with us in services. And truly, we believe it was so.

Written by her pastor, and one who loved her dearly,

(Mrs.) Phyrne Hulsey.

Our Sympathy.

With deep regret we received the sad intelligence of the passing from midst, the beloved wife of our dear brother in the Lord.

It was our good pleasure to have enjoyed fine Christian hospitality in the home of Bro. and Sr. Kiper while in that community just about a year ago when we were engaged in a short series of services at Boyd school house; and little did we think that would be the last opportunity of being with them in this life—an unbroken family. And as much as we are able to understand Bro. Kiper's heartbroken condition, and that of the children, our heart goes out to them in sympathy. And while we sorrow with them in their great loss, let us also rejoice in the hope of some glad day again being united with sainted loved ones who have gone on before, if only we shall live for God in this life.

May God bless and comfort the hearts of Bro. Kiper and the children in this, their great sorrow, in their loss of a devoted wife, and a loving mother, which only means Heaven's gain. And may He bless the pastor, and little band of saints, who have had to surrender to the inevitable will of Him who doeth all things well, and makes no mistakes, in giving up the earthly possession of one whom they loved and cherished as a sister in the Lord.

Long may God bless the memory of Sr. Kiper to her loved ones and friends.

The Editor.

Righteous art thou, O Lord, and upright are thy judgments. —Psalms 119:137.
A Request For Prayer.

A sister writes from Mineral Springs, Mo., requesting prayer that she, together with the rest of the little band at that place, might receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost; also, that the true Gospel may be sent to the community of Battle Creek, Neb. She gave us a party’s name for the little paper at that place.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;—Ps. 107:2.

APOSTOLIO

February 23, 1934.

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

I am glad this morning for old-time salvation. I want to thank God for saving me from sin, sanctifying, and baptizing me with the sweet Holy Ghost. I praise God for a clean way (Rev. 22:15). Am glad I was born into the family of God—didn’t “join” in (John 3:3). It is now five years since I found my Saviour, and I feel like going on for God.

I want to thank God for what He has done for His people here. He has given us a little mission in which to worship; and thanks to Him for yet adding to the little band. We are still trying to lift up a standard for the people, and not lower it in any wise. And we extend a hearty welcome to any straight, clean, threefold Gospel preacher, to come our way and help us. So I will close. Pray God will have His way in this place. Also pray for wife and I, that we will be at our post of duty.

As ever,

An unworthy servant in the Master’s work.

B. R. Moon, pastor,
Simmons, Texas.

IN THE FLESH.

A very disgusting sight it is, to see some one professing salvation, trying to induce a blessing. Real blessings from God never come in this manner.

Some few years ago (possibly 2 years past), we saw an individual trying to do this very thing. It was in a revival meeting. Some days before my wife and I, with others, arrived at the meeting, it was said the Lord had wonderfully blessed the day service (Sunday), and this brother had received, with others, a wonderful blessing. If we remember correctly, this brother, with others, like our company, was from other parts, and after this wonderful Sunday of blessings, had returned to their homes for a few days, and then came back to the meeting. It was after their return, possibly, that we arrived. So it seemed that each time this brother in question arose to testify, he would do his best to get another blessing! Of course, his efforts were in vain. Such actions seemed to us as being very disgustingly. We had, before this time, been in services at his home place, and seen him when he had really gotten a touch from Heaven. In all, he was a good man. He was, though, in this instance, making a mistake—his zeal for a blessing had gotten such a hold upon him, that the flesh was predominating the Spirit in his life. We could, in spite of all, understand the situation better by reason of our having seen the brother when he was really in the Spirit, whereas, it caused those with us—some at least—to form a doubtful opinion of him, it being their first time to meet him.

So it pays people to be careful. An overzealous spirit can get folks into trouble in various ways. And professed saints of God and in many, many instances, let us greatly emphasize that word, “professed”), have caused the the true way of holiness to suffer reproach, in instances where they had gotten into the flesh by way of manifestations, trying to get under the anointing, etc., insomuch that such actions have possibly been the cause of some good saints of the faith taking a stand against certain real Biblical manifestations present at times when God is blessing His people. Those taking such stand are more or less referred to as “power fighters.” So it places us right squarely where we belong—right between the two extremes, taking a stand against the flesh on the one hand, who so often think that EVERY manifestation they see is of God, and that they haven’t much of a meeting unless there are more or less manifestations on hands; and that class, who, because they have seen some go beyond the Spirit and get in the flesh, take a stand as a result against certain truly Bible manifestations. So while we don’t enjoy the “hurrah” of the flesh a bit more than the “power fighting” brother does, but we can’t afford to condemn nor turn down the real when it comes along, just because some overzealous Christian, or some out-and-out hypocrite, does something purely in the flesh; neither can we come any ways near to endorsing everything we see by way of manifestation in services sometimes just because the Bible teaches a blessing of that nature, for we know there is a counterfeiter, the same as the real. The Bible teaches the real, thank God.

So beloved, let’s be zealous of good works, and that lead by the Spirit of God: let’s live the life, quench not the Spirit, and God will take care for the blessings. Watch out for the flesh; stay in the Spirit: be not overzealous; then when you get up to testify, or when God does begin to bless your soul, then true saints of God who are careful along these lines, will never have occasion to hang their heads for shame on your account, in the presence of the congregation. And remember—the Spirit has no fellowship with the flesh; so don’t expect nothing else only for people in the Spirit to form a bad opinion of you, if, upon their first meeting you, they find you in the flesh!

Think how God’s cause has suffered along these lines.
ORVILLE EARL SALA.

Orville Earl Sala, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Sala, of La Salle, Colo., was born at Nampa, Idaho, on April 1, 1915. Passed from this life, the result of an automobile accident, at Cushing, Okla., on January 12, 1934. Age, 18 years, 9 months, and 11 days.

Orville had been away from home about two months, during which time he had visited with two of his sisters, Mrs. W. D. Reed, of near Drumright, Okla., and Mrs. Frank Cheek, of Afton, Okla.

He was a Christian young man, and had been lending his assistance with song and guitar in a revival meeting at the Apostolic faith mission at Drumright, just prior to his sad death, and was visiting in the home of his sister, Sr. Reed and Bro. Reed, at the time. He had planned to return to his home in Colorado on the day of his death.

Orville leaves to mourn his seemingly untimely death, his father and mother; four brothers: Delmar H. Sala, of St. Louis, Mo., James N. Sala, of La Salle, Colo., Kenneth L. Sala, of Greeley, Colo., and Robert W. Sala, of the home; four sisters: Mrs. W. D. Reed, of near Drumright, Okla., Mrs. C. A. Gleason, of Borger, Tex., Mrs. Frank Cheek, of Afton, Okla., and Miss Jean Sala, of the home; and other relatives, and a host of friends. The parents and all the brothers and sisters being present for the last rites.

Funeral services were conducted in the First Baptist church in Drumright—selected to accomodate the large congregation expected, who were present with a beautiful floral offering—by Bro. Stone, of Shamrock, Okla., and assisted by Bro. E. A. Buckles, pastor of the Apostolic faith mission in Drumright, where Bro. Stone had been engaged in a revival during the holidays, in which young Bro. Sala had assisted.

Interment was made in the north Drumright city cemetery, with Peck and Smith, funeral directors, in charge.

In Sympathy.

So far as we are able to comprehend their great sorrow in the loss of their dear son and brother, we extend to the members of this family, some of whom wife and I personally know, our sympathy in their bereavement. May God bless and comfort their saddened hearts with that comfort which only God can give. And in the morning of the first resurrection, may Orville be among those who arise to meet the Lord in the air, and to forever be with Him and all those who have so lived in this life as to be accounted worthy in that wonderful day.

The Editor and wife.

PIERCE, COLO.

January 30, 1934.

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

I do want to praise the Lord this evening for old time salvation and for His love and goodness to me. I am glad He has redeemed my soul, sanctified me, and baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost. His blessings are sweet to my soul.

I am determined to do God's will. I do ask an interest in the prayers of all the readers that I may press on up the Shining Way, as I realize it will mean much to be found faithful when Jesus calls.

May the Lord bless all who read this.

A sister in Christ Jesus,

Jeraldine Hargis,

Pierce, Colorado.

better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right. —Proverbs 16:8.
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DOCTRINE.

(Below are some of the principal doctrines taught by the Apostolic faith.)

We preach Christ, His birth, His baptism, His works, His teachings, His crucifixion, death burial, and resurrection, ascension, and so on, to be second coming back to earth again. We teach the personality of the threefold Godhead, and that the very same Gospel in its purity and fullness as delivered by Paul and the other apostles to the early church, is the only Gospel for us today.


SACRIFICE — Sacrifice is that act of God's grace which makes us holy. It is a second, definite work, wrought in the heart by the Blood of Jesus through faith. Heb. 2:11-13; 1 Thess. 4:3; John 17:1, 17; 1 John 1:7.

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST —The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the gift of power upon a clean, sanctified heart— MAT THEW 3:11; John 7:38, 39-14:15, 16, 17, 26; Acts 1:5, 8.

And when we receive the evidence, we also receive the same sign, or Bible evidence, as did the disciples on the day of Pentecost [Acts 2:4], as the hold of Cornelius [Acts 10:46], and at Ephesus [Acts 19:6], of speaking in other tongues [or languages], as the Spirit gives utterance. Teaching for doctrine, those principles taught by the people of the Apostolic faith since the outpouring of the Spirit in the beginning of the latter rain dispensation (Lopeka, Kans., 1900; Los Angeles, Calif. 1906).

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT OF JESUS —The return of Jesus will be just as he went away [Acts 1:9, 11; John 14:3.] Preparation for His return was the message He stressed to His disciples [Matthew 24:44]; and such event was that which Paul looked forward to, and I Cor. 15:51, 52, 53. 1 Thess. 4:16, 16, 17, 18.


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 as I have done unto you." John 13:14, 15. Teaching humility.

THE TRIBULATION — Jesus prophesied a great tribulation, such as was not from the beginning of the world. Matthew 24:21, 22, 29. Isaiah 26:20, 21; Dan el 12:1; Rev. 13th. & 16th. chapters. (And upon authority of Matthew 24:6-8, by virtue of recently past, and at new events, the world has now entered into the "beginning of sorrows," or tribulation period.)

THE MILLENNIUM — The Bible teaches a 1000 years peaceful reign of the Son of God upon the earth. At the end of this time Satan will be bound. Rev. 20:1-6. This will truly be a day of rest for God's people. Hebrews 4:11. Note Isaiah 11:6, 9; 65:17-25; Hosea 2:18; Zech. 14:9, 10; Isaiah 2:1-5.

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT — All nations shall be gathered before the great white throne of God for eternal judgment. Here both small and great among men will be judged according to their works. Daniel 12:2; Matthew 25:31-46; Rev. 20: 11-15.

NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH — The Bible teaches that this earth, which is polluted with sin, shall pass away, and that there shall be new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. II Peter 3:12, 13; Rev. 21:11; 21:3-4.

AN ETERNAL HEAVEN, AND AN ETERNAL HELL — The Bible teaches that hell is as eternal as heaven. Matthew 25:41-46. The wicked shall be cast into a burning hell—a lake of burning, with brimstone forever and ever. Rev. 14:10, 11; Luke 16:23; Mark 9:43, 44.

NO DIVORCE — The Bible teaches that marriage is binding for life. It gives no grounds for a divorce and marriage to another while the first companions lives. Jesus plainly told the Pharisees in Math w 19:8, when they were tempting him along the line of divorce: "Noes because of the hardness of your heart, ye have set your hearts to put away your wives, but from the beginning it was not so." Note that the Saviour said that it was "NOT S" —that a man should put away his wife. Remember the Scriptures always harmonize, and never contradict. Matt. 5:31, 32, 19:9. Mark 10:11, 12. Luke 16:18. Romans 7:2, 3.

RESURRECTION — The Blood of Jesus will never atone for any sin that we can make right. We must have a void of the substance of the body and blood of Jesus. Repentship means resting where you have confessed or stolen, paying back debts, etc. Luke 19:9, 8. Ezekiel 33:15. Confessions often have to be made. —

SOLEMN FINGER POSTS.

There is awful solemnity in the days in which we live. History has never known such a generation. The signs already witnessed in this twentieth century point to it as the generation of which Christ said: "Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away." Luke 21:32, 33.

Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:44. —Sel.
"WHEN IN ROME"

Sometime ago, a preacher (and a holiness preacher, too!) had his mouth framed to tell us, "The Bible says, 'When in Rome, do as Rome does.'" He never got the expression all out. Evidently he seemed to catch himself, about the time anyway, when we remonstrated with him. In: the first place of course, the Bible contains no such teaching. And it's possible that such saying was first used as a purported Bible quotation by that class of professing Christians who think it no harm to indulge in a bit of worldliness upon certain occasions. And to prove to you the unscriptural aspect of any such argument, let's say for the sake of illustration, that, suppose you are professing the blessings of old time salvation, and happen to be in "Rome" on Sunday, and "Rome" decides to go fishing; or, it being a busy time through the week, "Bro. Rome" decides to take advantage of the day, and fix up the fence around the farm, mend harness, or work on the car; or maybe "Sr. Rome" decides to put out the family washing, make her new dress, or work in her flower garden; or maybe you happen to be in "Rome" when the circus comes along, a big prize fight going to take place, a ball game or picnic, etc., on hand—would you, professing to be a follower of Christ, feel like falling in line and joining "Rome" in its activities? If you loved God well enough, and feared Him, you would not. Surely if you know anything about the Lord in reality, and honest enough to admit the truth, you will agree that genuine Christianity and worldliness do not go together—will not mix; and the profess-
ed Christian indulging in such things is not following in the footsteps of Jesus, therefore is not pleasing God. The Bible says (Romans 8:14.), "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Now we know the Spirit of God will never lead into questionable places.

But Robison, a noted holiness preacher (Nazarene, we believe), is accredited with having said that he, too, believed "once in grace, always in grace," IF you kept the grace! So we, in like manner, believe it would be alright, when in "Rome" to "do as Rome does"—providing "Rome" DID the right thing! You remember that Lot was living in that wicked city of Sodom, and was led out, together with his wife and daughters, just before God rained down fire and brimstone, destroying it and its inhabitants. Now just suppose that Lot, while in Sodom, had did as Sodom was doing—would he have escaped the wrath of God? No, beloved, he would have perished alongside the others, among whom we might say, figuratively speaking, was a class who, too, possibly believed, "When in Rome, do as Rome does," with the added provision of, as no doubt many of their spiritual descendants of today believe—"regardless of what Rome does!"

No, beloved, the Bible no where teaches us by precept or command, etc., when in "Rome," "do as Rome does;" but to the direct contrary, in cases where "Rome" is missing the line, we hear the apostle Paul saying to Timothy, "neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure." (I Timothy 5:22)

One trouble with lots of professing Christians of today—too many are looking to "Rome's" standard, and not to God's standard! Amen.

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A just weight and balance are the Lord's: all the weights of the bag are his work. —Proverbs 16:11.
S. S. LITERATURE
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teach and explain chapters as they come. Some chapters have a fundamental thought that is not to be understood by children, there fore are not educational or interesting to them. Some chapters produce a wonderful thought that children can grasp; while others are even hard to be understood by saints and Bible scholars.

Many churches of our faith use literature of Cook’s, Gospel Trumpet, Pentecostal Holiness, and literature of other faiths. If every one was APT to teach, these things would need no consideration, but it is not that way. So the ones that have that God-given talent cannot be everywhere teaching. It could go out in print, so that most any one could teach a S. S. class intelligently.

So let us hear from you, beloved, if interested in this part of God’s cause. We like a good Sunday School; and wherever there is a band of saints, there ought to also be a good Sunday School, with classes for all ages, and real Christian teachers for each class. There may be some good people among the saints, who, bordering just a little on the fanatic, do not “believe in Sunday School,” but who, maybe, if the fact was known, allow their children to roam the country, so to-speak, on Sunday, associating, possibly, with questionable characters, whereas, if both themselves, and their children, were in a good Sunday School, where the word of God was taught in all its purity, there would at least be less danger of these children getting into things detrimental to their moral welfare, to say nothing of the possibilities of seed being sown in their young and tender hearts that in after life might re-dound to the glory of God in the salvation of their souls, if Jesus tarries. If lots of professed Christian people were as greatly concerned about the moral and spiritual welfare of their children, as they possibly are about keeping up the quality of their stock, keep

Read This


David says, “O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.”

David had missed the line. He had gotten away from God in a measure. He knew his condition—knew he was in no shape to die. So he prays God to spare him, that he might “recover strength”—or, that he might get to where he ought to be spiritually—before he departed from this life. David was sincere about this. In Psalms 51, we find him coming clean before God, asking for deliverance from the thing that had him bound. He is praying for deliverance from “bloodguiltiness.” (Psalms 51:14.)

If people today, who are failing God—who have done something they ought not to have done—if they would be as earnest and sincere before God as was David, they, too, could get deliverance as did David. This is why David is referred to as having been a man after God’s own heart—not that David sometimes missed the line; but that when he did do so, he was honest enough to confess the thing, and willing to come out of it. But too many of today, will just drag along in a thing that is separating them from the victory that would otherwise be theirs in the Lord, possibly hoping some day to get out of the thing; but David got busy, thank God, and was sincere and honest enough, and wanted to reach Heaven bad enough, to get right down to the seat of the trouble, and seek God earnestly for victory over such.

O, that there were more ‘David’s’ today—not people missing the line; but precious souls who ARE NOW OFF THE TRACK, would be willing, as was David, to come clean before God and man. So beloved, if in guilt, you had better begin to pray, and in earnest, as did David:

“O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.”

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”

—John 14:3.

Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud. —Prov. 16:19.
JEWS EXTRUSIONS.

The world-wide activities of the Jewish people today surely denotes something of serious importance to every Gentile of the civilized world. Step by step, in solemn procession, are they moving forward under the guidance of the unseen hand of God, to the goal set for them—the re-establishment of their natural homeland, Palestine. Why this movement is of such importance to the Gentile is, that the final organization of the Jews into a recognized nation in their own homeland, and with Jerusalem as their national capital, marks the spiritual closing of the Gentile dispensation—the day of grace for the Gentile. (Luke 21:24.)

Various agencies are at work today, instruments in God's hands, in bringing about the fulfillment of prophecy concerning the return of the Jews to Palestine, from the different nations of the world, where God had scattered them centuries ago in His fury, because they rejected Christ, the Messiah; and from where He promised to again gather them in His mercy, and place them again in their own land.

The recent uprising against the Jews in Germany, is not doubt an act permitted of God to stir up activities among the Jews, causing them to move out toward their homeland. Many sought refuge in Palestine. While no doubt the action taken against the German Jews by Hitler, was thought to be a purely self-interest proposition on the part of the German chancellor and Nazi followers, but beyond doubt, God permitted this very thing to arouse an interest among Jewish people that they be come concerned more about the question of a return back to their native land. It is according to the Bible that God has to sometime turn the enemy loose upon people in order to get them to move out and obey Him, or fulfill His will. (Joshua 24:12; Acts 8:15.) And possibly it will take something on this order to get Jews of certain nations to break away from their present surroundings, and be willing to return to the land of their fathers. Such arouses a world-wide interest among them.

Recently a half million dollar fund was pledged in a conference meeting held in Philadelphia, Pa., of the Jewish national fund of America. This fund was pledged toward the world-wide fund for the colonization of Jews in Palestine. Of this amount, $100,000 was to be turned over to the Kfar Ussishkin $1,000,000 fund for the establishment of a colony in Palestine in honor of the seventieth anniversary of Menahem Ussishkin, world president of the Jewish national fund, and leader of the Zionist movement; the remainder pledged, to be used in continuing the work of the organization in buying land in Palestine.

Italy, through Premier Mussolini, is encouraging the German exile Jews to the establishing of a state of their own in Palestine. Whatever designs the Italian dictator may have in this action—whether it is toward protecting Italy from an influx of German exiled Jews, or what not—one thing is sure, and that is, Italy's encouragement of the Jews in the matter, and the suggestion that certain Italian government controlled steamship lines may be commissioned to transport German exiles to Palestine at reduced rates, if the organization of a Jewish state be perfected there, are only incentives that can be greatly used of God in His plan to again place Israel in their own land.

A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps. —Proverbs 16:9.

CAMP MEETING

Instead of being at Lead Hill, Ark., as in the last two seasons, this Camp Meeting will be with the saints in the WHITE OAK community, 16 mi. south of Lead Hill, 10 mi. n. e. of Harrison, and 3 mi. so. of Bergman, Ark.,

BEGINNING

July 20th.

We stand for the old-time threefold 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: Divine Healing for the body.

FREE TABLE TO ALL

Freewill offerings will be taken. Bring tent, and own bedding, if possible.

Services to be in charge of Bro. J. F. Atchley, pastor; and Bro. P. A. Henegar, of Ramona, Okla., R 1.

Location is rear a big, fine spring, of good, cold water.

EVERYBODY INVITED

Committee:


Sr. C. M. Edmonson in charge of kitchen.

Sr. C. G. Blevins, Sec., Route 4, Harrison, Ark.
**Bible Questions**

“So as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel unto you that are at Rome also.”

—Romans 1:15.

**NOTE:** As far as we are able to do so, we shall endeavor to answer practical Bible questions each issue, if the Lord will.

Q. “Who crucified Christ, the Jews, or the Gentiles?”

A. Gentiles. Pilate, a Gentile, sentenced the Saviour to be crucified: the Roman soldiers doing the actual deed.

And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again. Matthew 20:19.

Q. “Who spoke the words in Luke 16:8, 9; and please explain?”

A. Jesus. In verse 8, He is referring to the unjust steward’s master, who is called “lord” in verses 3 and 5. He is merely repeating the commendation of this “lord” or rich man toward the unjust steward: in verse 9, Jesus is speaking of Himself, exhorting His disciples to a lesson in the wisdom, not the unlawful deeds, of the steward.

We have different times remarked to this effect, concerning some of the activities of the present day outlaws, that IF a person is going to be mean, they ought to use a little wisdom with it, when we have noticed some of their “blunders.”

It seems the best thought we can get from this lesson is, along the line of wisdom, and mercy. Of course there is an unrighteous wisdom, and it seems from this lesson there is an unrighteous mercy. This unjust steward is displaying wisdom when he looks ahead for sustenance when he realizes his present means of livelihood is gone. To make sure of his plans, he shows what we might call “mercy,” toward his former lord’s debtors, in hopes they will receive him into their homes when the final steps are taken in putting him out of his stewardship. Let us note that he begins his tactics of wisdom and mercy AFTER that he has failed, whereas the Saviour is exhorting His disciples to profit by this example BEFORE they fail. This steward’s “mercy” consisted of reducing the bills of his lord’s debtors. If he had then honestly charged at first, he is acting unlawful toward his lord. Our Saviour would have us shew mercy, and that of a lawful kind, thank God, towards mankind as we are living the Christian life: then if we fail—lose out with God—we can face the unrighteous mammon with possibly a better conscience than could the unjust steward, if we assume he had been crooked in his dealings with either his lord or the debtors one. Which he evidently had, according to the accusation against him in verse 1, and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.

Speaking of wisdom, and how that oftentimes the people of the world act with wisdom more than do professed Christians, we might use this illustration: For instance, here’s the person who uses medicine. Say they live in the country. Along comes the rural mediciner (remedies, spices, extracts, etc.). He is making his regular medicine and in the cabinet and finds they are out of ‘chill tonic, salve, and liniment.’ Though there are none sick nor ailing on the place, yet they figure they had better ‘stock up,’ for fear somebody might get sick or crippled before the agent gets back around again, which might mean anywhere from thirty to ninety days. They realize it is wisdom to be prepared in case of emergency. Oh, that God’s people would always use wisdom! This person realizes that if he doesn’t need the medicine today, that he can just lay it on the shelf, that it will keep until he does need it—if ever; and that might be tomorrow!

How often saints of God are careless, neglectful, putting off doing things they know ought to be done. Go to church and hear a message that is right to them, and maybe never “take it home with them.” Even if the message is not for them at the time being, if they would show an equal wisdom of the medecine user, they would treasure up the message in their heart, “lay it upon the shelf,” so-to-speak, realizing they might need it “tomorrow!” No wonder the Saviour says in Luke 16:8, “for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.” Wherein the children of the world exercise care—uses wisdom—in temporal things. God would have his people use wisdom in things spiritual.

“Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy:

“That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

“Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.”

---I Timothy 6:17 19.

By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil. --Ps. 16:6
February 2, 1934

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond, and saints scattered abroad:

I feel like sending in a few words of praise for God's goodness to us.

I am still enjoying old time salvation. Saved by grace; sanctified, as a second work of grace; baptized with the Holy Ghost, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues; and victory in my soul, looking for the Lord to come. Still trusting in God for my healer. Praise His dear name.

I do thank God for the little paper, for many things I would be pondering over, and I get the paper—and find my mystery would be solved.

Oh, I do praise God for His goodness to His children. We had one good meeting at Hulbert, this last fall. Sr. Carrie Cochran (Avant, Okla.) conducted a four or five weeks meeting. Sure was fine. Several saved; and one received all the blessings.

How do pray for God to lay it upon the heart of some true child of His to come to Hulbert, for we are like sheep without a shepherd. I pray God would send some one this way. We have prayer meeting on Saturday and Sunday nights. I feel so weak and unworthy to try to conduct prayer meeting. So let each one who reads this, pray God to send some true child of His to this place.

As ever, a weak child of God, seeking a robe and a crown, which are awaiting me, if I am faithful unto the end,

Mrs. Lora Rutherford, Hulbert, Okla. Route 3.

The way of true holiness, means a clean way.

Just Plainly Speaking

It's not what one KNOWS about the Bible that will save them—it's what one DOES about it!

Some people are possibly wanting MORE light on the Bible all the time, when as a matter of fact, what they really need is, to be walking in the light which they ALREADY have!

Speaking of ornaments (and old time holiness people knows the Bible condemns outward adorning, wearing of jewelry, etc.), there are some professed holiness people today, who wouldn't wear a bracelet at all—UNLESS it had a wrist-watch attached to it!

Nudity portrayed in pictures on the walls of your home, beloved, may be classed as "art" by the world; but in the light of the Gospel, and in the name of decency, it has another name—immodesty, in the least; or possibly, vulgar.

When professed Christians get to the place where they think it just about takes a certain preacher for their place or they can't have a meeting, they possibly have what is commonly called, "preacher religion."

Did you ever see a professed Christian, who was an addict to the "old brown weed," try to hide his old pipe when he seen you coming? You know why? Possibly convicted of his own conscience (John 8:5); and still try to argue that it's no harm to use the stuff!

We don't care what you profess, beloved, you can't walk, talk, dress, and act like the world, and at the same time be living a real Christian life. Christians are not to be of the world—but to be the light of the world. (Matthew 5:14.)

So it isn't altogether what one "professes," that will take them through, beloved; but it's what they "possess!"

Conference Meeting

The next regular Conference Meeting of the Church of God, of the Apostolic Faith, will convene at 501 S. E. 16th. St., OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., SUNDAY A. M., APRIL 1ST., 1934. (D. V.)

All Christian people of the faith, and others interested, are invited.

BRO. E. A. BUCKLES, Presiding. BOX 1446. DRUMRIGHT, OKLA.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD. —Psalms 4:5.
WITH THE EDITOR

Since our last issue (in January) we have been privileged to be in several services for the Lord in different places. Some good ones, and some "battles." We were with the saints at Lone Star, near Anderson, Mo., for something over a week; two nights at Goodman, Mo.; three at Hickory Grove, near Fairland, Okla.; one at Drumright, Okla.; and one at the new mission in Haskell, on our return from Drumright. Bro. Lee Wheeler is pastor at Haskell, and this is one of the places where we enjoyed the service. Would have liked to stayed over with them for a few days, the Lord willing, as there seemed to be a little revival spirit there at the time. Bro. Buckles, pastor at Drumright, had gone to Mulberry, Kan., for a meeting. We enjoyed the company of Bro. F. A. Armstrong, of Lone Star, who, with his family, were visiting in our home, on our brief business trip to Drumright. So our being away in a few services, among other things, has contributed toward our being late with the little paper this time.

It will be fine, beloved, for as many as can, to make arrangements to attend the camp meeting at White Oak, near Lead Hill, Ark., this summer. Some fine saints of God in that country. It is often food for our soul to meet with some of our brethren whom we have never seen before. Go if you can, D. V.

We are expecting, the Lord willing, to visit a small band of saints at Lone Star school house, about 24 miles northwest of here, Saturday night (March 24), and over Sunday, and possibly for a few days longer if we can get the little paper mailed out this week. And speaking of visiting this band, no doubt but there are different bands of saints scattered through out the country, who would be glad for an occasional visit from some of the brethren. Pardon us, beloved; but it seems that too often preachers, especially in these days, just about have a "beaten out path" from one certain place to another, so-to-speak, with little groups of struggling saints on the side lines hungrying for help. Are we wrong? Amen.

Over thirty new names go on the mailing list for the little paper since the last issue, which was in January. Kentucky, Nebraska, and Illinois, being new states represented. In all, it is now going into 14 states, including Oklahoma. And giving God all the glory, no doubt but through this medium, a portion at least, of the Gospel of our Saviour is going into many homes, and out of the way places, where otherwise people would seldom ever hear a message. Please help us pray that it may be a blessing to some one, and always go forth in the spirit, purity, and the power, of the Gospel. That this may be accomplished, we can't, therefore, endorse every thing, and everybody, going forth these days in the name of holiness, and as a result we may not be quite so popular, nor the little paper so highly esteemed, as might be the case if we would only "broaden out" just a little—as lower the standard of old time holiness. But popularity is not our goal, thank God; and we read in the Book, "for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God." (Luke 16:15)

REQUEST FOR PRAYER FOR HEALING

Sr. Nellie Chambers, Route 1, Mounds, Okla., is requesting prayer for the healing of her body. Thinks she has T. B.

(please let all the saints remember this request, earnestly; and let all churches have special prayer for her. This is the widowed sister in the Lord for whom we are making an appeal for aid on page 2, this issue. — Editor.)

A CORRECTION

Since having printed the Conference notice in this issue under date of April 1 for convening, as we was originally informed it was to begin the first of April, we have received an invitation from Sr. Sanders, pastor at 501 S. E. 16th. St., Oklahoma City, to an all day's service on Easter Sunday (April 1), and stating that Conference would begin the next day, Monday, April 2. So remember the date. By going early, you may have the privilege of being in a good service Easter. May the Lord bless at this time.

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When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. — Prov. 16:7.