THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MESSENGER

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

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"And on Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men"

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David):

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife being great with child.

And it was so, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the Heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into Heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

YOU SLEEP IN CHURCH?

Beloved, if some one comes to your home, and you set before them the best food you had, and it being rather coarse, or common, and your guest acted rather disappointed at your fare—pushed back from your table altogether too soon, it would make you feel badly, in a way, would it not? Then what about the individual who will go to church, and the preacher perchance has to take the pulpit by faith—no anointing for a message—and because the individual sees it is going to be a pull for the preacher, and similar to a brother's expression, there is nothing "fresh from Heaven" in the preaching, and though the preacher goes ahead and does his or her very best—sets before them their very best—has the "disappointed" individual any more right to act so ill-mannered as to "square themselves" for a nap, and let the poor old preacher just battle it out alone so far as their help is concerned, than has the guest in your home to act so discourteous as to show his disappointment at your table fare?

If the preacher is having a trial of faith in the pulpit, he surely needs your help—your prayers, or at least your attention for a bit of encouragement. But if you are asleep, you are in a poor condition, indeed, to be of any help—unless you are one of those ill-mannered characters, who are given to carrying on a conversation with some one during preaching, in which event you and everybody else would be better off if you was asleep, if such was the only alternative in the case! Amen.

We learned our lesson about sleeping in church nearly twenty years ago, when the preacher was calling on different ones, one night, to make an altar call at the close of his sermon. We, like some of the others called upon that night, came out of our "nap" about the time our name was called!

Do you sleep in church? If so, how are you helping the preacher, or other of the wakeful brethren, bear any burden of the hour and you gone off to dreamland?

So if it be ill-mannered to show disappointment at our brother's temporal food, it being very plain, yet it is his very best, even so does it look unappreciative to go to sleep on the preacher when he's doing his very best. We all love the anointing best; but if noticeably dissatisfied with the best to be had upon the occasion, then it's somewhat like Bro. Crutchfield is credited with having said about the corn bread—that it was good enough for any good, straight, man; but if he wasn't a good, straight, man, it was too good for him!

DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trodding seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh;
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must—but don't you quit.
Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt.
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

Anonymous

We Know HE Cares

A few days ago, as wife and I were going through one of those trying times, when from a natural viewpoint things were looking discouraging—bills to meet, and no funds in sight to meet them—you can imagine the relief we felt when the afternoon mail brought us help along the line. Among other letters (two of them) containing financial aid, was one from some dear saints in Missouri—parties whom we had never met, but who had read the little paper a few times, having gotten it from some one else—who emphasized the fact that God had put it upon their hearts to send their tithes to us at that time. And how we felt it was even so! Praise His good name for ever! Amen. The mail that day was as from Heaven.

Yes, beloved, we KNOW that He cares. For almost twenty years we have seen this wonderful salvation tested; and we've never seen a single promise fail. We have seen it tested in sickness, in the time of temporal needs, in persecution, and in those personal, spiritual assaults of Satan. And our personal testimony is, after almost twenty years on the battlefield, striving against sin and Satan, and under many trying circumstances, that it pays to live for God. Amen.

Some people will testify that they are "in the way," when as a matter of fact they surely are—in the way as a hindrance towards the progress of God's good cause!

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

1 John 2:15.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen. Ps. 41:13.
PECU LAR, BUT NOT  
"QUEER"

Speaking of Jesus, and how we should live for Him, the apostle Paul says in Titus 2:14:  
"Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Your attention just a moment, beloved, concerning that word, "peculiar."

We see here that saints of God are to be a peculiar people—righteous, soberly, and godly, as verse 12 in Paul's teaching here implies, such being possible in our lives through the atonement Jesus made for us, as expressed in verse 14, wherein we are redeemed from ALL iniquity, and then purified, or made holy, unto Him. So in our living clean, sanctified lives; being righteous, godly, and sober (not giddy, etc.), and being actually zealous of good works—all of this brands us in the estimation of the world, and it's often forms of religion, as being a "peculiar" people, indeed.

But to get to our main thought, let us not try to confuse just plain, out-right "queerness" with Biblical peculiarities. To be plain, we believe God wants us to be peculiar, alright, as scripturally implied above; but we don't believe He wants us to be "queer." Some good saints of God are sometimes not only peculiar, but they are also very queer. So let us not think that any plain "queerness" is any advanced degree of that Biblical peculiarity God expects to see manifested in our lives. He does not expect us to be peculiar above the main body of saints. "What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?" says Paul in 1 Cor. 14:36.

So just briefly, the Lord willing, we might mention a few things that some might be accepting today as peculiarities, but which, in the better sense, is only just being "queer." (Now if you "fall out" with us, beloved, why, Amen!)

First, by way of illustration, (and with apologies to Bro Oneal for herein referring to him) who is there of us who have heard him sing, but what loves to hear Bro Roy Oneal in his God-given talent of music, the rudimental parts

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Christmas Greetings

To all the saints scattered abroad, and to each reader of the little MESSENGER—

We hereby extend to each of you, beloved, our best wishes for a happy Christmas and a good New Year.

May our commeration of our Saviour's birth be such as would glorify His good name, and His wonderful cause.

May peace from above, good health, and the necessaries of life, be yours throughout the year to come, should God not call, and Jesus tarry.

As we pray for you, beloved, please remember us in prayer.  
May God's blessings be upon each of you.

Your unworthy servants in His great cause.  
Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Bond.

When the meeting seems to be quite a pull, too many are often wont to let the other person do the most of the "pulling."

THE MOST IGNORANT

Some people may be so narrow as to point to what they call illiteracy in the ranks of the holiness ministry, trying in that manner to create sentiment against holiness. Such being the case, what about Peter and John of old, who, according to the Bible, were "ignorant and unlearned men"—who went direct from their fishing-nets to the pulpit, you might say: yet, whose power of God in their lives, and their knowledge of real salvation in their hearts, was sufficient to confound the mighty, to save the lost, cause the sick to be healed, and to stir Satan's host—things that modern, polished, theologians of today are not doing! And it is through these lowly fishermen that we have a portion of the blessed Gospel of our Saviour.

But today, with the modern churches, the preacher's college degree is one of the outstanding requirements for pulpit efficiency. And yet the Bible tells us, "not many mighty, not many noble, are called." (1 Cor. 1:26.)

We've just got this to say: The real called man or woman of God, having the anointing from Heaven upon their lives, can be so ignorant from a literary standpoint as to mispronounce half their words in speaking, or misspell half of them in writing, and at that, there will be that "something" in their preaching, or their writing, that can stir the human heart to conviction, or bring edification and soul food to the spiritually hungry, as the case might be! And that "something" is the power of God accompanying their efforts; and which thing is not acquired by any college education.

The most ignorant, after all, are not the illiterate—but those who are spiritually dull.

What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me? —Psalms 116:12.
Editorially

THE DRESS QUESTION

The Bible tells us (Acts 17:16) that upon an occasion of Paul being at Athens, how that his spirit was stirred within him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

Some few days ago we received a letter from a party requesting some information along the line of the dress question. The sister writing us seems to have been in a discussion with some one over the question, and presumably it was another sister in the Lord (and our guess would be, it was a preacher), who seemed inclined to be endorsing, or holding up for, a line of dressing that is assuredly contrary to the Bible standard of holiness in such respect. And if we be correct in our guess, we don't believe they would have endorsed such attire some years ago—especially about the time they received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. And the sister writing us says, in connection with this question, that she has heard the remark, "that we were more living under the dictates of man, rather than Bible doctrine."

So when we had read the letter, we realized that our spirit stirred within us, when we thought of conditions in the movement today along this line—how that somebody has weakened along the way. For Shame! And then there is that spirit getting among us that opposes preaching on the dress question—that is, that of preaching against fancy, worldly, and ornamental dressing. This spirit may have control of some in the ministry—they may have compromised with such; or it may have some "bluffed out:" but we know of one, thank God, who hasn't as yet been affected by such; and neither do we expect to be so long as God gives us grace, by His help, to stand, and continues to send the message along these lines!

Surely there's not a genuine spirit-filled, holy Preacher in the movement, but what knows that the Bible sets a standard of dress for saints of God. But those professing holiness, and having lowered the standard—gone back and picked up the things they once had to lay down, are not GENUINE any more, but are now, according to Paul, transgressors, for we hear him saying in Galatians 2:18, "For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor." Of course with some professed saints, Bible warnings like this one of Paul's, will make no difference with them, since they have already compromised with the enemy along this line, and now "have a head of their own," so to speak!

If the Bible condemns anything in the world, it condemns pride. A proud look is listed as being an abomination before God, and something that He hates. (Prov. 6:16-17) And in the matter of dress and adornments, is found the chief outlet for that pride in the heart, which is also one of the things that defile man, according to the Saviour's own words in Mark 7:20-23. And we are told in Rev. 21:27, that the things that defile can in no wise enter into that city John saw descending out of heaven from God.

The time was some years ago, when pride was boldly denounced by preachers in general, in the movement; and God blessed such preaching, and its fruits were seen among the saints, who often received such teaching with joy—were glad to measure up to God's Word. But the same kind of preaching isn't so welcomed today by some. But let us say, beloved, that the Bible reads the same today, as in days gone by; and pride is just as assuredly condemned by its teaching, as is adultery, lying, stealing, murder, drunkenness, etc.—the same Bible that condemns the one, also condemns the other.

We wish to call attention to one scripture for the benefit of those who may be trying to justify themselves in a little worldly dressing (and in some events, not altogether TOO little, possibly). In 1 Peter 3:3, where it refers to “putting..." (Con't on page 6.)
THE CIGARETTE EVIL

If one was given to a bit of droll philosophy, they might comment on the question of which was the most popular brand of cigarettes among those advertised today!

This is one evil that surely has its grip on millions today. It is bad enough in the lives of men and boys; but when that God-given example of purity—our fair womanhood—lowers their standard of modesty in such, it becomes a shame, indeed.

It is beyond reason to attempt a denial that there is no moral advancement to be gained in their use; but to the contrary, it ought to be admitted that they are contributory to a degrading effect. Who of sound moral principles, to say nothing of a spiritual understanding, can look upon the fair womanhood of our land, in both their actual use of them, and the flagrant advertisements showing them doing so, without a sense of feeling of the immodesty of such, and of the level to which they have stooped? Satan surely put over a big one, when he succeeded in breaking down the moral code of standards and introduced this filthy habit among our girls and young women. There is a spirit about cigarette smoking by women and girls today that did not accompany the old fashioned pipe smoking of the old time grandmother. There’s plainly a difference—and the pipe was bad enough. If this present evil isn’t a stain on womanhood, what would it take to produce such?

We might wonder why do not moral reformers, club women, teachers and preachers, rise up against this evil; but when we realize it has become fashionable to indulge, and too many guilty themselves, it is no use to wonder. They use to be against such. It was once taught against in our schools as being harmful to both body and mind; but now you will find somebody in the ranks of the medical profession who will stoop so low (and possibly for the dollar) as to attempt an endorsement of cigarette smoking against any harmful effects, but maybe as being the rather stimulating.

One feature in advertising them today makes the appeal that they are refreshing—will relieve fatigue! Bold advertisements as this, “Students get a lift with a Camel,” are going unchallenged. (And we mean no intimidation of the makers of this particular brand.)

Personal endorsements of cigarettes by movie stars, and those in different walks of life, are an advertising feature today. We haven’t as yet seen one from the professional ministry; but dare say somebody could render their testimonial along this line! For Shame. During a recent session of the central Texas Methodist conference, the question arose concerning the use of tobacco by the young trial preachers. The bishop in charge ruled against such, citing the plainness of their church law in such respect; but also ruled that the older ministers who were admitted before that law was adopted, might go on smoking their cigarettes and cigars, and then waved the matter aside!

Woman’s influence upon a nation is much greater than may be imagined in things either moral, or immoral; so when they become willing to sacrifice their feminine modesty, and take to indulging in these things that tend to lower the moral standards—smoking, drinking, dressing in a manner that promotes sex appeal—that nation can only expect the inevitable to happen, for no nation will prosper under God, who disregards, or disrespect, the moral code of life.

SOMEBODY’S CORNER

What about the parent, who, in family prayer, will ask God to bless their children, to help them to do the right thing, etc., and then for them to go about all day, fussing, quarreling, nagging at them, trying to find some fault, it seems, with most every act of their lives?

Some people (among the saints) will possibly get “put out,” so-to-speak, at the preacher for doing what they think is missing the line in some respect, and they, themselves, right then guilty, perhaps, of robbing God in tithes and offerings!

Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech. —Isaiah 32:9.
GOOD MEETING AT DRUMRIGHT

Under date of Dec. 14, Bro. Buckles, pastor at Drumright, Okla., gives the following report of the revival there, which comes to us after having made mention of this meeting elsewhere in this issue:

"We have had a wonderful revival at the church here, conducted by Bro. Lee Wheeler and wife, of Haskell, Okla., which began Nov. 17, and continued until Dec. 12. We had quite a lot of bad weather which hindered the meeting; but it was fine, any way. I think there were about seven saved, and three sanctified. Thank the Lord. Bro. Wheeler did some good, soul-stirring preaching; and we can recommend him to any and all churches as a good man of God, and a good revivalist. If any pastor would want a revival in their church, I am sure they would make no mistake in calling Bro. Wheeler."

Note: Am sorry to have to report, that accompanying the above, was the word that Bro. Buckles had suffered another heart attack. Let all the churches and the saints scattered abroad, take it upon their hearts to pray earnestly that God will give Bro. Buckles complete and lasting victory over this serious trouble. God wonderfully touched his body a short while ago, and it was hoped at that time that his healing was complete. We know something personally about a battle along the line of keeping the victory in healing. Some five years ago this past fall, in a siege of the chills, God undertook for us a time or two before lasting victory came; and when it did come, it was right in the midst of a chill, thank God. So may the dear Lord wonderfully bless Bro. Buckles, and give him complete deliverance from this affliction, and return him back to active service in his home church, and among other churches and saints at large, among whom he has carried the burden of leadership for these many years. So as the church one time effectively prayed for the apostle Peter's release from prison, let the churches, and saints in general, earnestly pray for Bro. Buckles' release from this affliction, which intermittingly, is of some years standing. Be sure to call prayer.

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on of apparel," we just want to say this, beloved: if you have any understanding of things spiritual, you are bound to admit that the spirit of the apostle's word here refers to an out of the ordinary line of just plain and simple attire. If the spirit of these words, then, does not reach out to condemn fancy, showy, superfluous, and worldliness in general, in dressing, then who is there today that has any concept at all of the spiritual application of the Gospel?

We know what the trouble is—it's like the Indian Christian man said of some young women Gospel workers, who, when first met them, they were modest examples of holiness; but upon seeing them again a few years afterwards, during which time they had begun to rather "doll up" at an extent, his comment was, "Huh, musta slid back some!"

So regardless of the opinion of any preacher or lay-member who may be on the compromise all this line, we mean by God's grace and help, to stand against this spirit of pride that is trying to force itself upon the movement today. If saints of God could not adorn themselves in worldly attire a few years ago, and find favour with Him in so doing, we're sure they can't today. Let's watch out for a scared conscience. Amen.

Uncle Joe Gott says the Lord has no use for a stingy man, a lazy man, nor a coward!

REQUEST FOR PRAYER

Sr. Bertha Hull, of Route 1, Chetopa, Kans., asks us to request prayer through the little paper, for healing in the family. So please remember her request.

Also, remember Bro. Buckles in prayer.

And please remember our mother when you pray.

Peculiar, But Not "Quer"

(Con't from page 3)

having been developed under the teaching of some former instructor in music. Yet there are some so "quer," they would hardly counteract a singing school in their midst, taught by a saint of God, fearing a drift into formality. Yet they are glad for some new songs occasionally; and how could this come about, if some one didn't know something about music? Paul tells Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Tim 2:15.) So if studying the Bible is necessary that we be able to rightly divide the truth, why not a little study of music be good in helping to better handle the same? And so far as any formality is concerned, people need not get into such, unless they just want to. There is no argument to advance against the right kind of instruction in either vocal or instrumental music, having in mind the sole intention of using such talent to the glory of God, being careful all the while to giving way to the leadings of the Spirit of God in the matter, which is sure to keep us away from cold formality and worldliness. Of course, there are many, many, songs today used in advanced music which are for the sake of the musical harmony alone—the poetry in them being dead, so far as real spirituality is concerned. But the songs that are honoured of God, they are spiritual—their poetry carrying a real message: this kind of a song, set to a fitting harmony of music, makes a soul inspiring combination, the use of which kind, in our humble opinion, would be safer to use against that "high toned," and strickly formal class of church singing. We are against going to the extreme in vocal music just for the sake of harmony alone, and trying to substitute such in the Gospel work. But we favour the proper kind of musical instruction. Be peculiar, beloved: but don't be "quer!"

(Another thought next issue, D. V.)
VAN BUREN, ARK., Nov. 4, 1934.
Bro. and Sr. Bond, and all:
Greetings in Jesus:

This leaves each of us enjoying health; and for myself, am enjoying old time salvation, thank God. Saved by grace; sanctified through the precious Blood of our risen Lord; and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and still looking for Jesus to come. We can see so many signs being fulfilled spoken of in the Bible, but they of the world are going on just as they always have, giving no heed at all.

These last few days I want to live closer to the Lord than I ever have, because I see it's going to take a close walk with Him to go through. So many pit-falls on every hand, Satan surely is trying God's true saints.

With no one in the home to help me in living for the Lord, sure makes it hard; but God is able to make me an overcomer. So pray for me, and for the little band of saints at this place. We are very few in number, but the Lord has, and is yet blessing. We would like for any straight preacher in passing through, to visit us. We do not have a pastor at present; but we hope that we may in the future. Would like to hear from some straight preachers. Our place of worship is in Riverside addition. Most any one can direct you. When there, inquire for the Holiness church.

Sure did enjoy the paper this time; and the good testimonies. I always enjoy it, but it was extra good, I thought this time.

Don't forget to pray for us.
Your unworthy sister in the Lord,
Mrs. Alma Graham,
219 N. 15th. Street,
Van Buren, Arkansas.

NEED SOME ENERGY!

Sometimes saints will go to church and pray for God to have His way, and then will sit around and drag the praise service. This is one fault that could easily be overcome, if guilty parties had enough of the right kind of “get up” about them to move out for the Lord.

CASSVILLE, MO., Nov. 20, 1934.
Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond;
Greetings in Christ Jesus:

Have been reading the good messages in the little paper, and wish to add my testimony to help others know of my wonderful Saviour—how He keeps me by His love and power each day. I find Him my all in all. I praise His matchless name, that He ever counted me worthy of His great love. He saved, sanctified, and filled me with the precious Holy Ghost. Though He spares me many years, I can never praise and magnify His blessed name enough. I can see the signs of His blessed appearing. His promises have never failed. How can I doubt this one? Glory to His name! He is coming after the faithful. It is my desire to see people give their hearts to God, and prepare to meet Him on that wonderful day.

Pray for me, that I may do as God would have me to do for His glory.
My prayers are with you in the good work.

Mrs. E. R. Bishop,
Route 2,
Cassville, Mo.

GOODMAN, MO., Nov. 14, 1934.
Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond:

I praise God this evening for salvation that keeps us from sin, bless His holy name.

I sure love this little paper, and I realize what an effort it must be on your part to send out so many. I read them over and over, then hand them on to some one else.

Bro. Lyle West has been holding a series of meetings at the homes of Christian people; also preached several times at the Eagle school house. There have been several conversions.

I have been in poor health for some time, and ask the prayers of the saints for the healing of my body; also that I may go on with the Lord.

As ever, your sister,
Mrs. J. M. Parker,
Route 2,
Goodman, Mo.

Revival At Newkirk, Okla.

Bro C. S. Morgan, of Webb City, Okla., who was assisted by other saints of that place, has recently been engaged in a revival meeting at Newkirk, county seat of Kay county, and near Webb City, which closed Saturday night, Dec. 8. Fourteen reported saved, six sanctified, and four receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Bro. Lee Wheeler has been in a revival at the Mission in Drumright, the past few weeks, and was to have closed Dec. 11. Also, Bro. Henegar and Bro. Gott (Uncle Joe) have recently been in services with the saints in the Hickory Grove community (old Hickory), near Fairland. No definite report from either of these places, we are unable to give particulars.

Last report from Bro. C. A. Glesson, of Borger, Texas, he was in services with a little band at Quitaque, in that state. Had some real good services. Thinking some of going on to Simmonds, and Three Rivers.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous; and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart. Ps. 32:11.
"DYING HARD"

A successful candidate one time said of certain who were lamenting over their loss in an election: "They are just dying hard." The losing faction had previously been what you might say, the dominating party, and leaders were taking the defeat rather seriously.

From the remark, "dying hard," we get a thought along the line of Christian living. You remember how that Paul said, "I die daily," which is an explanation of our manner of living after we have received the blessing of sanctification in our lives, which comes through that deep consecration (Romans 12:1-2) wherein we surrendered completely to God's will, which means that we consecrated every known thing of the present, and by faith also yielding the future and whatever it might hold for us, into His hands. Then as things transpire, or come up in our daily lives after having promised God we would do His will whatever it might be, we find ourselves confronted with propositions that we have to die out to, so-to-speak, in keeping our promise to God concerning the future. And possibly on the account of our dispositions along certain lines, maybe our "dying out" in some instances to things that may arise in our daily lives is more difficult in some things than in others. So if the progress seems to be rather slow concerning a growth in grace for us in some things, maybe we are, as the man said of those of the defeated party, "just dying hard!" Amen.

Surely you get our thought.

It means more to live a real Christian life today, than it did yesterday, so to speak: and it will mean even more to do so tomorrow, than it does today!

"THAT \"BESetting SIN\"

The Bible says for us to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us," etc. (Heb. 12:1)

Possibly there are many today professing Christianity who complain of their "besetting sin," that is, the some certain evil which they claim they can't overcome. Such people need not expect any justification from God, using the plea of "can't help it," in the light of the above scripture, for herein has He told us what to do in the case of a so-called "besetting sin"—He tells us to lay the things aside. Then since Paul says in Philippians 4:14, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," and further realizing that God is no respecter of persons—that He will gladly do for us anything that He did for Paul—who has the individual any grounds for justification in doing the thing that is wrong through a plea of "can't help it?" or, "it's my besetting sin?"

So beloved, if beset with some evil, let us do just what the Bible says—doing such in truth and sincerity—and we are sure that victory will follow. Amen.

The Greatest Battlefield

The greatest battlefield is not Verdun, Santiago, or Gettysburg. The greatest battlefield is in the human heart. The enemy is not a soldier of an opposing army, but one's lesser self. —Sc.

The most dangerous infidel is the one in the pulpit—the preacher that doesn't believe the Bible.

Walking In The Light

"But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

(1 John 1:7.)

Walking in the light means to be doing the things we ought to do, and to not do the things which we ought not to do. In substance, light means knowledge. And we preach that no one is justified in walking behind light—that is, in doing that which they know to be wrong; nor in failing to do that which is right.

The wages of sin is death.

BIBLE QUESTIONS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ans. to October questions:
1. A third cousin, if Mary and Elizabeth were first cousins. (Luke 1:35 36.)
2. Elymas, a sorcerer. (Acts 13:6-11.)
4. 2 Chronicles 32:31.

1. Of what race of people were the actual crucifiers of the Saviour?
2. According to the Bible, Jesus uttered seven statements while hanging on the cross. What were they?
3. How many instances of life being restored to the dead can you find mentioned in the Bible? This not to include resurrection of Jesus.
4. How many countries of today, are mentioned by name in the Bible?

(Answers next issue.)

Who can quote 2 Cor. 13:5, without making a mistake?

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. — Romans 10:17.