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


"BE CAREFUL" (Phil. 4:6.)

(Note: The following is an exposition of the falsity of the commonly called "One God," or "Jesus Only," doctrine, or that teaching which denies the personality of the three-fold Godhead, or Trinity. Such theory is only a form of the Unitarian doctrine in the guise of the Apostolic faith, and in this instance advocates the erroneous idea of a singular personage in the Deity—just Jesus only, thus excluding the individuality of both God, and the Holy Ghost. The article is by Bro. S. Crutchfield, pastor, R. 2, Cassville, Mo. Any capitalization in scriptural quotation, otherwise than original, is used for emphasis, only. —Editor.)

This morning I feel impressed to write a few words for the little paper.

Just feel to say we should be careful, for we are living in days when false doctrines, and ideas are being taught of men.

In Isaiah 8:20, we read: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

Now then, dear readers, if men do not teach according to the Bible, they are surely in an error, or false doctrine. Then I ask you, Is this "Oneness" or One God doctrine, Biblically right? I say, NO! For some Bible proofs, let us notice, first, Luke 1:30:32: "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favour with God."

"And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of THE HIGHEST; and the LORD GOD shall give unto him the throne of his father David:" Notice the statement, "the Son of THE HIGHEST." God, the Father, means "the Highest." Also, "and the LORD GOD shall give unto him THE THRONE of his father David."

Jesus, himself, says in John 14:28: "Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto THE FATHER: for my Father is GREATER than I."

Notice that Jesus says concerning his heavenly Father, "my Father is GREATER than I!"

Then note 1 John 5:7: "For there THREE that BEAR RECORD in HEAVEN, the Father, (this is God) the Word, (this is Jesus) and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one."

Notice the THREE persons of the Trinity are here distinctly mentioned.

In 1 Timothy 2:5, we read: "For there is ONE GOD, and one MEDIATOR BETWEEN God and men, the man Christ Jesus;"

Please notice the words here, "between God and men," showing a distinction between Jesus and God, that God is the highest, with Jesus between man and God—a mediator.

In Acts 10:38, note it says: "How GOD anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

Here we see all three are mentioned in one verse—God, the one who anointed Jesus; and the Holy Ghost, with which he was anointed. John 8:16, reads like this: "And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not ALONE, but I and the Father that sent me."

Then in verse 18—"I am ONE that bear witness of MYSELF, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me."

Notice Acts 2:32, wherein it says: "This JESUS HATH GOD raised up, whereof we all are witnesses."

In this statement that God raised up Jesus, note a distinction between the two—that God did the raising up So Jesus is not the Father, in this instance, as some teach such.

Hebrews 9:24: "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the PRESENCE OF GOD for us."

Then there must be a God for Jesus to appear in His presence. Then if the Bible is true, there is a God, and there is also a Jesus who went into heaven to appear in the presence of that God for us!

Then in Luke 9:33: "And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him." And in chapter 1, verse 32, of the same book, it says, "and he shall be called THE Son of the Highest;"

Now the voice of the one speaking out of the cloud must be God, for he called him his "beloved Son."

1 John 5:11-12: "And this is the record, that GOD hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in HIS SON. (Whose Son? why, God's Son.) He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

In Romans 3:4, we read—"God forbid: yea, let God be TRUE, but every man a liar;" etc. Who is a liar? 1 John 5:10—"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself; he that believeth not GOD hath made him a LIAR;" (Why?) "because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son." Then to say Jesus is the Father, is to deny the voice of God speaking in Luke 9:35, where he says Jesus is his beloved Son. And Revelation 21:8, tells us where all (Continued on page 2.)
"Be Careful"

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hars will go.

So I feel we should be careful, and follow the precious Word of God, for many false doctrines are being taught in the world today. These are only a few of the scriptures teaching us against such an erroneous doctrine of men. I love the true Gospel; but we need to know them which labour among us. (1 Thess. 5:12.)

We stand for the pure, clean, straight Gospel; saved, and sanctified, and baptized with the sweet Holy Ghost; (Acts 2:4.) and believe Matt. 28:19 is the only way God’s Word teaches us to administer water baptism.

Pray for us.

S. Crutchfield,
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We surely got a good thought from Bro. Crutchfield’s reference to John 14:28, in the above article, relative to the Saviour’s words to His disciples concerning His going unto the Father. The thought we got from it centered around the fact that they should have rather rejoiced when He said He was going to the Father. This fact alone is enough to bring one’s understanding of the reality of a separate existing Father. Give it a thought. Then again, how plain the fact that the two are not one personage, as taught by those of this false doctrine, from the Saviour’s own statement in this verse, of, “my Father is greater than I.” How could the two have been just the one person, in view of the fact that the Father was GREATER than Jesus? As has been said to this effect, Can a man be greater than himself? Also, remember that in John 5:7, the reference here to the three being one, does not infer they are “one” numerically, but alludes to the fact that they are “one” spiritually—unity among themselves, or one in agreement, as the next verse following bears out. In other words, the three in the God-head are one in a similar relationship as the Bible teaches a husband and wife should be one; and, that all who are sanctified, including the sanctifier, are “one.” —John 17:11, 17-21; Heb. 2:11.

—Editor.

“WHO WILL COMPOSE THE BRIDE?”


Dear Bro. and Mr. Bond, and readers of the little Messenger:

I thank God today because I am yet in the land of the living. That He has seen fit, in His mercy and goodness, to permit me to write a few lines on the subject named above—’Who Will Compose The Bride?’

There has been much said and written on this subject, but to my satisfaction, I haven’t as yet read or heard any Bible for some of the so-called teaching I have heard on this wonderful subject. Readers, this is an important subject.

Let us turn to Malachi, the 3rd. chapter. We notice in the 7th. and also in the 8th. verse, that the people of that day had failed God in two important points—in tithes, and offerings. Then the 16th., 17th., and 18th., verses tell us of some future events. In the 17th. verse, God says the people who returned to the two points wherein they had turned away, that pay their tithes to His cause, He tells us they shall be His when He makes up His jewels (Bride).

I can’t believe that any person who fails to pay their tithes, can possibly be in the Bride, no matter when, nor where, the catching away takes place.

I desire all saints to pray for my complete healing.

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No doubt many will be glad for another word from Bro. Buckles, for many years a beloved leader among many of the Apostolic faith in this section of the country, who, since about the 20th. of last August, has been confined to his room, suffering from a paralytic stroke which has deprived him of the use of his left arm and lower limb. May God bless Bro. Buckles, and grant him deliverance from this severe affliction, and that his latter days in God’s cause, should Jesus tarry, be the most blessed of all his many years in the Master’s service. Let all the saints continue to pray for his complete healing.

—Editor.

NOTICE

We are in receipt of an unsigned “note,” containing $2.00, money, with commendation for the little paper, bearing a McAlester, Okla., (No McAlester Sta.) post mark, apparently from some one not on our mailing list. So if this party will send us their name and address, we would write them our acknowledgement, and place them on our regular mailing list, if they so desired. However, we do thank them, and may the dear Lord bless and reward them for their thoughtfulness of us.

—The Editor.

JERUSALEM

Another link in the chain of progress for Jerusalem and the Palestine country, is the recent opening of a 720 mile telephone line connecting Jerusalem with Bagdad. And each step in progress for this homeland of God’s chosen people, is only bringing nearer the final restoration of the Jewish nation, which in turn is a matter of vital importance in the line of prophesy fulfillment for these last days, pointing also to both, the closing of the Gentile age, and the soon coming of Jesus.

If the report be true, a change in England’s divorce law is expected, which will increase the number of divorces by nearly 29,000 a year. New grounds will include, death sentences commuted to life imprisonment, three years’ desertion, drunkenness, drug taking, cruelty, or five years’ insanity.

For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. —Rom. 6:14.
Headed Somewhere

The recent ruling of the United States Supreme Court against the President's farm program, declaring the AAA to be unconstitutional, is possibly of more vital importance from a prophetic standpoint than the country realizes, in that it may prove the radical turning point from the old order of events to the acknowledging of the "new deal" in stern reality, which, within itself, bears every semblance of the introduction of final dictatorship for our country, which in turn, is only contributory to world-dictatorship at large, such having for it's final consummation, the ushering in, or centralization of the beast power (Rev. 13), which for three years and six months will, under the domination of one man, designated by a mysterious numerical totaling 666, (Rev. 13:18), relentless rule and control all business, commerce, and things religious, which carries with it, the sealing of the doom for all who ascribe to the dictates of this man of sin (Rev. 14:9, 12). During this time, the trials, tests, and persecutions of the saints of God, are going to be terrible; but then will God's people have a chance to prove their faith in Him, and to profit by the examples of Elijah, Daniel, and the three Hebrew children of old—that, by our steadfastness to His cause, and purity of our lives, He can and will make a way for us, when there seemeth to be no way, thanks to His good name for ever! Amen.

So back to the thought of what it possibly means for the Supreme Court to have declared the President's farm program as being unconstitutional—such action will doubtless lead to a constitutional amendment being passed by Congress (steps in this direction already indicated), granting the government power to act in such matters as provided for in the farm relief program, thus doing away with the authority of ANY tribunal to interfere with government action in such matters, because the constitution will then uphold all such actions. The act of the Supreme Court, which is the last appeal for justice for those of our great commonwealth, in matters of this nature, is NOT to define the choice of the people, as expressed by one of the six justices ruling against the farm relief act, but merely to determine the legality of such in light of the constitution of the United States. So with the last barrier overcome—that of interference by a Supreme Court decision where the validity of the act is considered by the Constitution—and with that ever present and attendant spirit that is in the world today—that crazed, and ultimately will, lock the doors of personal liberty against the world—it would then only be a short step, so to speak, to final and absolute dictatorship among us. And legislation that will adapt the constitution to such measures as deemed necessary to the powers that be, will then rob the Supreme Court of all power to interfere, thus paving the way for the "new deal" to swing into full force and effect, unresisted, and unhindered. In his recent message to congress, the President had this to say: "The congress has the right and can find the means to protect its own prerogatives."

No, beloved, we are not trying to "inject" any politics into this thought. And our few remarks made here, are with ALL due respect to the officials of our government, from the least to the greatest; but God's Word is being fulfilled day by day, and things of governmental nature come in for their share, or participation of such. That God sometimes deals with a nation as a whole, is set forth in the truths of the Bible.

In changing the order of events, there is one thing we dread above all others (if a child of God should be affected by any dread), and that is the probability of the first amendment to the Constitution of our country being attacked, which thing has already been attempted under the "new deal" regime, but God, in His mercy, thwarted such, whether the world would believe the hand of God was in it or not, thus extending us an unrestrained liberty for a time yet—possibly including in the reason for such, that a few more precious souls be warned. While the attempt to modify the first amendment, carried for the reason of such, protection from radicals, etc., in publishing things detrimental to the government in time of war—to be an emergency measure. For that matter, the religious press, in dealing with prophecy—with NO intent of ill will toward the government—might quickly be restrained under such provisions. At any rate, this was about the gist of the plan.

If you do not fully understand, in the first amendment to the Constitution, provision is made, granting us liberty in the free exercise of religion, the freedom of speech, and of the press—which things will never be tolerated under the beast power. Encroachments are already being made against the free exercise of religion in respect to the trusting of God for healing—such thing is assuredly a part of the Gospel—through enforced medical attention, in a manner, in schools in many instances; and also, requirements for a doctor's certificate in places before a burial permit will be granted.

In our humble opinion, concerning the government's attitude toward farm relief activities, it's only a matter of time, the chances are, until the farmer will be told just how much corn, wheat, cotton, etc., he can farm; and how much livestock he can raise. Other activities possibly coming in from time to time for their share in the program of limitations.

Truly, beloved, we are headed somewhere. And all indications point to the fact that we are headed for a dictatorial form of government, which will put us in line with other nations who are of a like caliber—in position to receive that great dictator—the beast.

And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. —2 Thess 2:6.
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DOCTRINE,
(Below are some of the principal doctrines taught by the Apostolic faith.)

We preach Christ, His birth, baptism, works, teachings, crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and His soon coming. We teach the personality of the threefold Godhead; and contend that the very same Gospel in its purity and fulness as was delivered by Paul, and the other apostles, to the early church, is the only Gospel for us today.


SANCTIFICATION — Sanctification is that act of God's grace which makes us holy. It is a second, definite work, wrought in the heart with the Blood of Jesus [Heb. 13:12], by the Holy Ghost [Romans 16:15], through faith. Heb. 10:10. "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

2:11; 13:12. 1 Thess. 4:3; John 7:15. 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:2.

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST —The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the gift of power upon a clean, sanctified life. Luke 24:49; Matthew 3:11; John 7:38; 39; 14:15, 16, 17, 26. Acts 1:5, 8. This experience may be received at any time, even before we also receive the same sign, or Bible evidence, as did the disciples on the day of Pentecost [Acts 2:4], at the household of Cornelius [Acts 10:46], and at other times [Acts 19:1-7]—of that speaking in other tongues [or languages], as the Spirit gives utterance. Note also Mark 16:17; 1 Cor. 14:21, 22.


THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS — The return of Jesus will be just as literal as was His going 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 points us to. 1 Cor. 15:51-53. 1 Thess. 4:15-18.

WATER BAPTISM—Water baptism by immersion [single], in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, being preformed as the answering of a good conscience toward God, is unmistakably the form set forth in the Bible. The word baptism is taken from a Greek word meaning, "to dip." Jesus was baptized of John in Jordan. Matt. 3:15, 16; 28:19. Acts 10:47, 48. Mark 16:16. 1 Peter 3:21.


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

THE TRIBULATION—Jesus prophesied a great tribulation period, such as was not from the beginning of the world, Matt. 24:21, 22, 29. Rev. 13th and 16th chapters. Also note Daniel 7:15-25; 8:15-35; 9:20-27; 11:20-45, and 12:1; Isaiah 26:20, 21.

Upon authority of Matt. 24:6-8, by virtue of recently past, and now current, events, it is easily refer- tered into the "beginning of sorrows," or the great tribulation period, which is to be climaxed by the three years and six months reign of the beast power prophesied to us in Rev. 13.

THE MILLENNIUM—The Bible teaches a 1,000 years peaceful reign with Jesus upon earth. During this time Satan will be bound. Rev. 20:1-6.


THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT—All nations shall be gathered before the great white throne, for every work done and spoken by them—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. 2 Peter 3:12, 13. Rev. 20:11; 21:1-3.


RESTITUTION—The Blood of Jesus will never stone for any sin that we have committedaccording to our conscience void of offense toward both God and man. Restitution means making the thing right wherein we have wronged our fellow man—taking back, restoring, for stolen articles, settling for goods obtained by fraud, etc.; paying up old debts, returning things borrowed, etc. Ezekiel 33:14-16. Luke 19:8, 9. Other confessions sometimes have to be made.

WAR—It is our firm conviction, supported by the Word of God, our conscience bearing us witness, that we cannot take up arms against our fellow men, however great the provocation or however just the cause might seem: it being the teaching of the spirit of the Gospel presented by Christ in His Sermon on the Mount. Matthew 5:38-48. Also Rev. 13:10. Luke 18:18-20. Hebrews 12:14.

We maintain the highest regard for our flag and teach absolute respect for the laws and officials of our country, according to Romans 13:1-7, and 1 Peter 2:13-14, as long as it does not violate our conscience, for "We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29 We hold the unalienable right to worship God as the dictates of our own conscience.

Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee. —1 Timothy 4:16.
### Editorial

Some Protestant preachers may view with horror such doctrines as Christian Science, Russellism, Seventh Day Adventism, etc. True that such doctrines are misleading - not of the truth, but it is not such teachings as these alone that are leading thousands astray today. Worldliness right within the modern churches is doing possibly as much toward sending it's thousands to torment as are UnBiblical doctrines of other creeds.

Possibly some would not attend a theater, or picture show, but would tune in on a similar program on the radio, thus getting the "dialogue" of a performance! Spiritually, what is the difference?

Some people pay tithes by spells - and rather short "spells" at that, possibly!

It is disgusting to be in the home, at prayer time, especially, when family prayer is just a cold, heartless affair. We are speaking of the home where the blessings of full salvation are professed. And such attitude of prayer is only an evidence of having left the first love.

Another Christmas season has come and gone, and with it is seen an increase in Pagan activities in the so-called celebration of our Saviour's birth. While the world may not admit it, but Christmas celebrations are growing more and more heathenish in observance. "Santa Claus" is growing more popular. Thousands will turn out in the cities to view a "Santa Claus and reindeer parade," some going for several miles from other towns. What draws them - the Spirit of God, or merely the spirit of the occasion? We are sure the Spirit of God is not prompting such.

### Room For Improvement?

A brother in the Lord used to remark, concerning his Christian life, that there was always "room for improvement." By this he meant there was continually places here and there that could be improved upon.

From this remark we get a thought in a somewhat different sense. No doubt but what in many of our lives there is need of improvement, alright, but the great question is, "Is there really room for such viewing the application of the term in the same scriptural sense as we do that wherein it was said of Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus, who, having to take refuge in the stable - "because there was no room for them in the inn." No doubt, spiritually speaking, there was much need of the Christ-spirit in that hotel on that day, the same as there is much need of Him in the hotels, homes, business houses, the hearts and lives of multitudes of today, but is there any room for Him - this is another question? You know the thought, how there is room for worldliness in most every form in the homes, etc., and lives of many, but not much, if any, room for Jesus.

So in a different sense of the meaning of the term, with many of God's people there is need of improvement, alright - but the question is, is there really room for such - will we take the rebukes, admonitions, reproving, etc., that comes our way that tends toward improving, or correcting our lives? So with many of us, we could possibly the better say, There is need of improvement all along, but is there room for it - will we have the thing in our lives that make for improvement?

Hope all get our thought.

### John 17:17

Jesus prayed the Father in John 17:17, to sanctify the disciples - people who had already been converted; yet there are professing holiness preachers today, professing to be followers of the Saviour, who would not pray such prayer. And that the Saviour had all converted people at heart for the same blessing - down to you and I of today - is manifested in verse 20, of this same chapter, when He included in that prayer, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on my through their word." Please note that "which shall," here refers to the future; and, "believe on me," to a condition; hence, He is also asking the Father, then, to likewise, in the future, sanctify those who are believers (saved people) on Him "through their word," or, their teaching. To be a candidate, then, for the blessing of sanctification, it is here plainly set forth that one must first be a "believer," or one who has passed from death unto life - a truly regenerated, or born again person. (John 3:16, 3:24, etc.)

Yet for all this, there are those professing holiness today within the ranks of so-called Penteoost - who deny the blessing, heap ridicule upon the teaching of the same, claim "new light," etc. Can they do such and in the meanwhile be following the Saviour in reality? Just how does it sound to infer that "we have new light on the doctrine of sanctification now," when such assertion would literally mean that the Saviour was not in the true light of the teaching at the time He uttered this prayer! Such an idea is absurd, preposterous, and infidelic in reason. Can't you sense a trick of Satan in any denial of teaching as set forth by our Saviour?

Some will say, "This was before the crucifixion." Do you not understand that Jesus stood as a lamb slain from the foundation of the world, for that matter? (Rev. 13:8.)

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**Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!** — Psalm 133:1.
HEADED FOR ROME!

Another advance from the ranks of Protestantism towards seeking unity with the Roman Catholic church, is now under way. This time it is from the Episcopalian church, a body of people not too far separated, though, from Rome, to begin with. Note the following press report:

"Question of reunion with the Roman Catholic church urged by 29 high Episcopalian churchmen and accompanied by a letter from the Rev. Dr. Franklin Joiner, above, rector of the St. Clement’s church of Philadelphia and chairman of the church council committee seeking union, met mixed reaction from churchmen throughout the United States. The appeal for union was made to combat rampant anti-Christian forces in various parts of the world," reads a clipping, carrying photo of rector named above, in a daily press report of just recent date.

In another clipping, under date of Dec 25, (an Associated Press dispatch) those making appeal for union, are quoted as denouncing American Protestantism as being "bankrupt ethically, culturally, morally and religiously."

Quoting the clipping, in part:

"Their declaration, in a published pamphlet, asserted:

"Never has it been of greater importance that all Christians everywhere should be united, for Christian civilization is threatened as never before."

"The pamphlet coupled Russia, Mexico, Spain and Germany with the assertion 'there is a design, open in some countries, secret in others, to break down all belief in God and the church and to destroy the whole Christian civilization and moral code.'"

It is to plain evidence, beloved, that the gap between Protestantism, generally speaking, and Catholicism, is gradually being lessened; and you can rest assured that the gap, when closed, will find backslidden Protestantism on the side of Rome!

In view of the fact that the great compromise spirit is at work today, gradually drawing Protestantism towards Catholicism, then is one to be too severely criticized for asserting that any move toward church unity among now divided Protestant groups—as the now proposed unification of the three largest bodies of Methodism in this country—has for its definite goal in such action, the possibly better preparedness of such bodies for final unity with Rome? And are we wrong when we assert that such organizations as the "Ministerial Alliance," or that organization of the pastoral groups, composed of preachers of various denominations, now so commonly prevalent in the larger towns, and cities, together with the Federal Council of churches, are merely "stepping-stones" to universal unity? The following thought from the Tulsa Herald, (church paper) will give a faint idea of what may be expected along the line of compromise within the ranks of a modern Ministerial association. This is a 1935 happening:

"Catholics, Jews and members of every religious denomination will be welcomed into the Memphis Ministerial Association which has just changed its name from the Protestant Pastor’s Association in order to admit clergymen of all faiths and creeds. This unique step was taken as a concentrated action to protect the youth and homes of Memphis after the association had launched a vigorous program against the repeal of Sabbath, prohibition and gambling laws in Tennessee."

If this type of Protestant pastors will unite with the Catholic priesthood under these circumstances, what might they eventually do under some possibly more “grave” situtation say for instance, like saving(?) Christianity from perishing under Communism, etc? Can’t you see where we’re drifting?

Note this from same issue of same paper:

"Catholic and Protestant churches of Toledo, Ohio, will unite again this year in a campaign to secure the cooperation of business firms, clubs, lodges and churches for more reverent observances of Good Friday and to secure larger attendance at services between noon and 3 p.m."

(Wonder how many good Protestant people, who, finding fault with these Protestants for joining with Catholics in religiously observing Good Friday, are careful, in their gardening, to plant their beans on Good Friday! or, to also plant potatoes on St. Patrick’s Day—the 17 of March——another Catholic day! Amen.)

A SATISFYING PORTION

"Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

“But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." (John 4:13 14.)

AN OPEN LETTER

Three Rivers, Tex., December 30, 1935.

To All Praying People Everywhere:

I have missed the line—did wrong, but have made wrongs right—asked all whom I come in contact with to forgive me. Now I’d love to beg space in Bro. Bond’s paper to ask every one throughout the country to call my name in prayer. It’s not advice I need—it’s prayer, that I may do the thing I know I ought to do. I am facing a New Year. I would love to live the year 1936 without a mistake in my life. Ask everyone to forgive me Let me start 1936 anew, with you having me upon your hearts.

Would love to receive letters from any one who feels like writing me. My desire is to make Heaven.


I know the prayers of a righteous man availeth much.

Pray for me.

W. M. Porter, Minister, Three Rivers, Texas.
SISTER ANNIE REECE

Mrs. Annie Reece, daughter of Joe and Cynthia Vann, passed from this life to be with her Saviour, on November 14, 1935, near Yonkers, Oklahoma.

Sister Reece was 61 years of age; and was a patient sufferer from an almost three-weeks' (just lacking one day) attack of what was pronounced as inflammatory rheumatism, which sickness brought about her death. She suffered greatly, but bore it all patiently, trusting her Saviour unto the end, leaving a testimony that she was going home to Glory; that she was ready, and wanted to go. And this, her last illness, surely redounded to the glory of God, as it was noted how she sweetly and comically endured such intense suffering, so completely resigned to God's will.

Sister Reece leaves to mourn her passing, an adopted son, Felix Reece, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; her aged mother, of near Yonkers, Oklahoma; and two sisters: Mrs. Bell Fine, of near Yonkers, Oklahoma; and Mrs Bertha Still, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and other relatives and friends, together with brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Following funeral services conducted by Bro. Floyd Steen, at Downing cemetery, near her home community, on Friday, November 16, her body was laid to rest beside that of her husband, Rufus Reece, who proceeded her in death some years ago.

In the passing of Sr. Reece, the saints of God have lost a sister in the Lord, and His cause a devoted follower. She had been in this faith possibly about 25 years, having been a Christian in the Baptist church before getting the light on the experiences of sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which blessings she enjoyed in her life until the time of her death. And she was not unmindful of the temporal needs of God's cause, but leaves remembrances of her devotion along that line.

May God bless and comfort sorrows ones left upon earth, and may they find consolation in the assurance that her soul is at rest in Jesus, as her body is free from sickness and pain.

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." (Rev. 14:13.)

SOWING BESIDE ALL WATERS

Connected with the life of Sr. Annie Reece, whose obituary appears above, is an incident helping to prove the fruitfulness to be sometimes experienced through "sowing beside all waters." (Isaiah 32:20) This no doubt refers to the scattering of the Gospel seed among all peoples. And in this particular instance shows the effect, or power, of merely a Gospel paper, and that in a peculiar manner of how it was brought about—in bringing light to an honest soul.

As we remember, Sr. Reece, a native Cherokee Indian, told us upon an occasion some two years ago, or there abouts, when we was in her community a brief time for services, how she came into the light of the full Gospel. She was a member of the Baptist church, walking, of course, in all the light she had in a justified state, honest before God. And it seems that some one who had previously lived in the house where she was living at the time in question, had, on some account, left some household goods, or any way a dresser; and in looking through it one day, she ran across a copy of an Apostolic faith paper of some kind, which contained some references on the experiences of sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. So beginning to search her Bible, she was led into the light of the blessings, which she then sought for, and obtained, and which doctrine she held to until the end.

So beloved, we never know where a sermon, a testimony, a Gospel paper, or a little Gospel tract, may go. Possibly the one who placed that Gospel paper away in that dresser drawer, had no thought, or idea, that it would, from that obscure place, be the means of leading a soul into the deeper teachings of the Bible, and of the influence the life and testimony of the one affected thereby would in turn have upon others.

After all, you may never know how much it will pay to sow—good seed!

God bless, if living, the one, or ones, responsible for that Gospel paper being there; and may He also bless the memory of this good woman to all who knew her, throughout the days to come. Just another one of God's dear children has outstripped us, beloved, in this good race—has overcome the last trial and temptation, and gone on before to help enrich Heaven. In this, earth's loss is Heaven's gain.

The very glasses we are using through which to see in setting this to type, as well as for all our work necessitating such, and for reading, are a gift from Sister Reece, and were the property of a departed loved one. —Editor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFERENCE MEETING

The next Conference Meeting of the Church of God, of the Apostolic Faith, is dated for March 12, 13, and 14, 1936, to convene at 10 A. M., at Oak Grove church, five (5) miles north of Subiaic, in Logan county, Arkansas. This is possibly about 60 miles east and a little south, from Ft. Smith, and just north of Highway 22. Correspond with Bro. Ira. E Rice, Route 1, Charleston, Ark. Visiting brethren entertained free.

CAMP MEETING

Webb City, Oklahoma, has been selected as the place for the Camp Meeting this summer, the Lord willing. Date and particulars to be announced later in this paper. Webb City is near Shidler; between 20 and 30 miles n. w. of Pawhuska.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. — Psalms 116:15.
CONCERNING THE PAPER

This little paper is being published free, and to the glory of God. We make no charge, whatever, for it. It comes to you just like the spoken word of the Gospel—free. We make no personal appeal through its columns for financial aid for our selves. It is supported through tithes and free-will offerings; however, these are not always sufficient for all our expenses, but God always undertakes for us in some way. Our living is included in the expenses. So the poorest can have the little paper without any excuse—they are welcome to it—if they can only send us their name. But the thought we wish to reach is this: There are no doubt some who will not send in their names—even a whole band of saints, possibly—putting up for an excuse, that inasmuch as they don't feel able to send in an offering towards it's support, they feel they shouldn't send in their name, when maybe right at the same time some are subscribers to the home newspaper, some farm, or household magazine, or possibly a big city daily! How do they manage this?

If you want the little paper, beloved, send us your name regardless of your circumstances.

Last minute word comes from Bro. S. Crutchfield, R. 2, Cassville, Mo., to the effect, expecting to have their new church building ready for services the 25th of this month.

NOTICE

All who desire a copy of the Minutes of the last Conference Meeting, held at Bro. Street's Mission, near Ramona, Okla., in last November, write to Bro. L. L. Wheeler, Box 221, Webb City, Okla.; or to this office. If convenient, send a stamp.

KENDRICK, IDAHO

November 7, 1935.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond;

Greetings in the name of the Lord:

I was converted March 2, of this year. Jesus is truly a wonderful Saviour to me. Bless His name! I am glad He has taken temper out of me, for all anger and confusion are of the devil. At times I am tempted in that way, but God's Word tells us that He will not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able; but that He will with the temptation make a way for our escape, that we may be able to bear it. He has proven Himself to me in many ways.

I love the Lord, and want to put on the whole armour of God, that I may be able to stand in the evil day. Praise His name.

I wish you to continue the little paper; I love to read it.

Want the prayers of God's children.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. Lora Kahler, Kendrick, Idaho.

A Special Service

If it will be of any benfit to any of our readers, we will offer a "definition" service through the medium of the paper. We are blessed with the ownership of a genuine, Unabridged edition, of Webster's Dictionary, which is an undisputed authority. Definitions requested must be confined to words relating to Biblical subjects only.

Also, as far as able, will extend a Concordance service. Any passage of scripture you are unable to find, write us, expecting reply through the little paper.

A Clean Way

Though often perverted, yet the way of true holiness is a clean way. Nothing short of a clean life will ever enter Heaven. Job 27:8, reads: "For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?"

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Sr. Maggie Barrick, Goodwater, Okla., requests prayer for bodily healing for herself; their baby boy; Dorthy Barrick, afflicted eyes; Harmon Barrick, rheumatism in lower limbs—can scarcely get about; and for a Sister Brown, in a hospital, afflicted with tuberculosis, who requested prayer.

Bro. Buckles also sends a special request for prayer at this time. Feels that if he might just be able to kneel in prayer! Remember how he has been afflicted with a paralytic stroke in the left side, since in August, of last year, and since that time, has been confined to his room, where he lives, in Mulberry, Kans., and only able to lay in bed, or sit for brief periods in a chair. Pray that God will undertake.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

Some questions sent us some weeks ago, to be answered through the little paper, will appear in next issue, D. V., which we hope to be a 12 page paper. Expect to make such department a regular feature if demand is necessary—so far, of course, as we shall be able, the Lord being our helper, to Biblical-ly answer practical questions.

Answers To Last Questions

Answers to last "Bible Questions For Sunday School," are given in order below. Beginning with next issue, the Lord willing, we expect to continue this feature in a different manner—the questions on one page, with answers on another, in same issue, thus avoiding delay between questions and answers.

1. Lazarus (John 12:9 11.)
2. Job. (Job 42:12. A "yoke" of oxen would mean two animals.)