"Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."
—Romans 8:34.

We have heard the story (so long ago we fear the best part of it has slipped from our memory) of the controversy between the Christian and the Mohammedan, concerning their respective religions. As best we remember, it was something to about this effect: The Mohammedan, in trying to point out to the Christian the futility of such religion, thought he was making a good point when he inferred the Christian didn't have anything to point to as a foundation of such faith, whereas they (the Mohammedans) DID have their prophet and leader's body yet in it's casket, so-to-speak! whereupon, such assertion gave the Christian the wonderful opportunity of quickly pointing out the superiority of an Empty Tomb over that of a dead, lifeless, body, yet in the tomb! that their (the Christians) Leader was ALIVE, thank God, through, of course, the power of the resurrection! and that their leader, Mohammed, was yet dead.

There is a spiritual thought in this alleged conversation that appeals to us as being so full of meaning—a message within itself. Amen.

At this season of the year wherein all the professed Christian world is looking forward, in at least pretended, joyous anticipation to the celebrating of Easter Sunday, commemorative of our Lord's resurrection, and a day that is referred to in the Bible (Acts 12:4.), our minds are brought to the realization of the importance of this most wonderful and blessed event after all, of our Saviour's life and experiences.

While we realize how that except our precious Saviour had been willing to, and did, come to this low ground of sin and sorrow, and die the ignominious death on Calvary's cross, there would have been no plan of redemption for us—yet on the other hand, it was just—as necessary that He come forth in resurrection, or else our faith after all, would be in vain; we would yet (Con't. on page 2.)
The Empty Tomb

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be in our sins, for we hear the apostle Paul say in 1 Cor. 15:17, "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins."

So in that Calvary was necessary, yet was that Easter morn more necessary, in that it taken that Empty Tomb in the Garden close by, to confirm Calvary! Amen.

"Who was delivered for our offenses, and who was raised again for our justification." (Rom. 4:25.)

So while the world, so-to-speak, looks forward from time to time for the approach of the Christmas season, with all their decorations, gift planning, merry making, etc.—the occasion having been commercialized to such a great extent, as well as "Paganized"—yet we feel, that so far as a commemorative occasion would be concerned, there should be something about the remembrance of our Saviour's resurrection more touching to the hearts of true Christians, than the observance of His birth. To some, this may be hard to understand. Wars are never won until the last, decisive, battle is fought, as it were—and won! When Jesus arose from the dead, He came forth a Conqueror, thank God, over death, hell, and the GRAVE!

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory?"

So in our blessed Saviour's triumph over the grave—in such we are not only conscious through faith of His own victory, but in it we feel the sweet assurance of like victory for ourselves, and loved ones who have gone on before—perchance it be our lot to be called in death before our Lord's return,

for we again hear Paul, in 1 Thess. 4:14-18, addressing these words of assurance, which not only applied to the church at Thessalonica at that time, but which was a Gospel message to all the world:

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

"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.

"Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

So as Bethlehem is the sweetest story ever told; Calvary the saddest ever told; yet that Easter morn, back yonder across the centuries, constituted the groundwork for the most joyous, where in the angel announced to the inquiring "Mary Magdalene and the other Mary," and whosoever may have accompanied them, as they resorted to the sepulchre about dawn on the first day of the week, "He is not here: for he is risen."

Then while both Bethlehem and Calvary means much to the world, yet that Easter morn—that Empty Tomb, with those discarded grave clothes—means more! For without such, the earthly babyhood of Jesus, His life, and ultimate death on the Cross, would have ALL been in vain.

So briefly, in the words of Paul as recorded in the text above, let us notice the stress he puts upon the Saviour's resurrection as being worthy of more consideration than that of His death. Here, in the great apostle's exhortation to the Roman brethren in speaking of God's sacrifice in giving His only begotten Son for us—in measure, His care for us, etc., we notice how that Paul, in referring to Christ who died for us—how that he further emphasizes the fact of, "yea rather, that is risen again." So in this emphasis of "yea rather," we get the thought of the importance—the valuation—of the resurrection over even that of crucifixion. Therefore, believe we do not merely preach a crucified Saviour—but one who has rather been raised again!

Thank God for Easter—for all that it means.

I SHALL NOT-DIE

I shall not die:
Though slain by sword, or poison gas, or gun,
Tho heart stop beating, and my breathing's done.
I shall not die.

I shall not die;
Tho racked by pain or fever, care or sorrow,
I only pass into a New Tomorrow.
I shall not die.

I shall not die;
Tho heart stop beating, and my breathing's done.
I shall not die.

No,—Never. My life shall never cease,
Tho to Paradise my spirit wings in sweet release.
I shall not die.

I shall live again.
Christ rose from death on Easter Day.
Dead bodies shall God's Resurrection Trump obey
And live again.
I shall not die;
For Christ has proved that Life can never die.
Tho changed in form or substance, I am I;
I shall not die.


And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. —1 Cor. 15
Oakgrove, Ark.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond.

Just a line to let you know I am still living to the best of my knowledge for the Lord. Still more than glad that I feel I am His child. It means much to be His child, I think.

Never have sent in my testimony to the little paper; and I do love to read the testimonies from not only of God's children—especially the young in the Lord.

...and I have been in the way a long time, and know the road is short from here on out, and sure do want to live for, and please my Master. Surely wish I could tell the world more about God and His love to mankind. Have been attending a revival at Nauvoo, Mo. (Bro. Wheeler.) Had good preaching, and the saints received lots of strength. Two saved. Quite a lot of conviction, but so hard to get people to seek the Lord any more. Makes us feel that surely the end is near. We are praying God to give us a revival here at Boyd (school house). Please help me pray that He will send some one who can cause people to want to get saved. Just a small band of saints here. Several have left, and some have grown cold; but those who come to church, surely loves the Lord and each other. We need the prayers of all of God's children.

Pray for me and mine.

Mrs. Myrtle Garris,
Oakgrove, Ark.

Yonkers, Okla.

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

Greetings:

I have just been reading this chapter (Heb. 11). Without faith we cannot please God. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

I just want to send in my testimony for Jesus. I can't thank Him enough for what He has done for me. I praise Him for saving, and sanctifying me, and baptizing me with the sweet Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in tongues. I am not tired of the way. Nothing in this old world to turn back to. But I get so lonely; never get to go to church—out here in the backwoods. I get so hungry to hear the word of God. I am trying each day to live a life that will be pleasing to Jesus. Have many trials, temptations, and persecutions, but letting Jesus have His way in my life. He is my healer in time of sickness. I want to be ready when the summons comes to meet Him in the air. I am asking all the saints to pray for me, that I may be faithful. Feel so weak out here without the saints of God.

Enclosed you will find money order for fifty cents to use for your printing press, praying that some one may read the little paper and learn of Jesus.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Nancy Rhodes,
R. 1. Yonkers, Okla.

Cyclone, Mo.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond.

I have been so glad for the comfort I have received from the little paper. So thought I would send in my testimony.

I have found the Christian life is like a great war. We, the soldiers, are fighting against the enemy; and sometimes I wonder if we realize just how serious is the condition. The victory is ours, if we stand firm and do the best we can. But so many times we become alarmed at the advances of the enemy, and begin to look back. This is the wrong thing to do. It weakens us, and gives Satan a good chance to win. Let us look this old man of sin straight in the face, and say, "The victory is mine through Christ!" Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw nigh unto God and He will draw nigh unto you. So it is a good fight if we will stand upon the word of God.

I would be glad to hear from some of the saints, especially those who are not permitted to be in meetings very much.

With love to all,
A sister in the Lord,
Marie Studivan,
Cyclone, Mo.

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

TIMES OF DARKNESS

To every Christian there comes seasons of darkness, when it seems that God is far away and has hid His face from us; when it is difficult to pray; when the springs of joy fail and the lamp of hope burns low; when the remembrance of our miserable failure overshadows the soul and we feel that we can only be outcasts. I do not say that it ever has to be or ought to be so; nevertheless so it is sometimes. Those are also times of spiritual danger. The adversary will be whispering, "What is the use?" and "Do as you like —why stickle at this or that—it makes no difference anyway."

Well what can be done about it? The best remedy is to go right on —without joy, without enthusiasm, without hope, if need be, without feeling or satisfaction —go on with the thing you know to be right, though for a time you see not a particle of use for it —do good, read, pray, give, obey, show kindness for Jesus' sake, refuse temptation. "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God." Isaiah 50:10. When the skies clear up again (and they will likely clear soon) the fact that you have stood fast through the season of darkness will bring you a peculiarly rich reward of peace and joy and confidence for the days to come. (R. H. Boll.) —Gospel Gleaners.
CONFERENCE MEETING AT NEWKIRK

The recent conference meeting, held with the church at Newkirk, Okla., was of two days duration, coming to a victorious close, Wednesday afternoon, Apr. 6, after a most wonderful gathering of saints from several different places in attendance. As we remember, there were those who were present for the day services, from Bartlesville, Ramona, Fairland, Drumright, and Bixby, Okla.; Van Buren, and Scranton, Ark.; and Anderson, Mo. Then for the night service on Tuesday night, brethren from Arkansas City, Kans., near by, were present. All these, aside from local community, and one brother, who lives about 35 miles away, but who, with his family, are faithful in attendance there.

Special services were held on Monday night, preceding conference on Tuesday, on account of those who arrived the day before, to be on hand for the opening of the first day’s session. This was a wonderful service, in that the power of the Lord was present in song, prayer, and testimony, and with Bro. Moon, pastor at Van Buren, Ark., bringing the message, pointing out a few different types of “Jonahs,” so-to-speak, literally carrying the message at times to the back of the house! Then on Tuesday night, following the first day of conference, the dear Lord again met with, and blessed His people. This was a most wonderful service. The power of God fell in a wonderful way. During the praise service, the Lord began to bless, and saints were shouting, rejoicing, and dancing in the Spirit. Then following the praise service, Sr. Ruby Steel, pastor at Drumright, Okla., brought the message, God wonderfully anointing her to preach on elders being endued with power, according to prophecy of the God, making it plain how so many supposed-to-be elders in the churches, but who haven’t a “spoonful” of the real power of God in their lives! This was fine.

FIRST DAY

With Bro. P. A. Henegar, of near Ramona, Okla., in charge, and the welcoming address by Bro. T. B. Ussery, pastor, following opening services of song and prayer, the first day of conference was given mostly to talks by various ones by way of exhortation for the good of God’s cause, expression of thanks, appreciations, testimonies, reports, etc., with only two or three propositions being brought up for discussion—one being a question concerning the toleration, or not, of sinners, in worldly attire (dressed in ways, etc., contrary to the general teaching of the movement) being allowed to sing in the choir, or to accompany with musical instruments. The voice of conference was, that we use due-tolerance in such matters. Another was, Should ministers go among those of other faiths—upon invitation—to preach the Gospel? The sentence was, To accept “open doors”—but be sure that it was God opening the doors! Another was concerning a point relative to the tithing question, which had been settled at a previous conference. Bro. Moon also presented a proposition from the church at Van Buren, Ark., of deeding ground there for a permanent camp meeting site. This was deferred to a more suitable time for discussion.

SECOND DAY

The second day was given more to the heart of things concerning us as individuals, and the movement at large. First, after the opening services of song and prayer, followed by an address by Bro. Henegar, was an exhortation by Bro. Chas. Roberts, elder, of near Fairland, Okla., in substance, on, Letting one first bear the fruit in their own life, using for a scriptural foundation, thoughts from Romans 2, and 1 Tim. 4. This was followed by a few brief sustaining remarks by Bro. Auth. Davis, of near Scranton Ark., with a response by Bro. Roberts, followed in turn by Bro. Wheeler, pastor, of near Scranton, Ark., and Bro. Moon. Bro. Ussery, local pastor, then brought a thought from a portion of Romans 1, which was followed by Bro. Ira E. Rice, pastor, near Ramona, Okla. A note of apology by a brother was freely acted upon. Next, an exhortation by the writer to concern the movement in the work in the “regions beyond”—that we should take to heart, so-to-speak, the matter of helping establish a work for God in places where needed—that churches who are in the clear, and in shape to be laying up a surplus that such places take it upon themselves to help weaker places get established—a place for worship, support of pastor, etc. To this end, the proposition of considering a treasury for such was taken under due consideration, to be acted upon at annual conference, following camp meeting, this summer. This stands almost as a challenge to to the movement—our interest in the regions beyond our own individual home church sometimes. Remember how that the command from Jesus was, to “go teach all nations,” “preach the gospel to every creature,” etc., just how much

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“And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.” — Acts 15:6.
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Conference Meeting at Newkirk

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are we exercising ourself in this matter as we really should? Just think of it—not a missionary on the foreign field! little apparent concern at times about reaching out as we should right here at home. Are we thus doing our part in helping fulfill the words of our Saviour in Matthew 24:14, wherein He said, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Just how much of a part are WE exercising, beloved, in helping fulfill this part of the Bible? While we realize the possibly often much need of improvement in our personal lives—need of due exhortation along this line—but why not a bit of awakening toward our responsibilities in this respect, which is a PART of the Gospel we preach? Next was a lesson (by request) by the writer, on Isaiah 65:17-25, which concerns the 1,000 years millennial reign. (2 Pet. 3:8; Heb. 4:1-12; Rev. 20:1-6.) Bro. Moon, pastor at Van Buren, Ark., expressed appreciation for privilege of being at conference; also invited, and urged all to attend the Easter meeting at their place. Bro. Henegar also urged all to attend camp meeting this summer. At this point, conference voiced authorization of delivery to Bro. Henegar, Gen. Chairman, re-called ordination papers formerly held by a minister among us, now in possession of another party. In answer to an inquiry by the writer, all ministers present on last day expressed themselves as observing the doctrine of tithing.

In closing, Bro. Ussery, pastor, expressed appreciation for all being there, and extended an invitation to all, to visit them.

So after a wonderful closing hour, in which the Spirit of the Lord truly came on the scene in power and blessing, we came to the final adjournment at about 3:35 P. M., with a leave-taking in song, and old-time handshake.

There was an estimate of about 15 preachers present each day, besides those of the laity.

On account of being unable to attend this conference meeting, Bro. Delmer Stone, of Shamrock, Okla., was ordained to the ministry, at that place, on Saturday night, April 2. Bro. Henegar and others enroute to Newkirk, were at Shamrock for services that night.

In all, it was truly a good conference meeting, though lacking in representation as it should have been, from some other places. The approval of God, as was clearly evidenced amidst the closing hour, should be proof enough that such gathering was in order with the Lord. Praise His good name for ever. Amen.

May God bless the good pastor, and the good saints, and friends to the cause, at Newkirk, for their kindness, hospitality, and brotherly love shown the visiting saints. This was our second time to be with them; and hope, some time, to visit them again, and for a longer period, if God will, and Jesus tarries.

The Editor.

CAMP MEETING

We are withholding further notice about this summer's camp meeting until a more definite date is agreed upon, if possible, as some feel that July 20 is somewhat too early. So watch for definite date and particulars in next issue, D. V.

BUT GOD...

I know not, but God knows;
Oh, blessed rest from fear;
All my unfolding days
To him are plain and clear.
Each anxious, puzzled "Why?"
From doubt or dread that grow,
Finds answer in this thought:
I know not, but He knows.
I cannot, but God can;
Oh, balm for all my care
The burden that I drop,
His hand will lift and bear.
Though eagle pinions tire—
I walk where once I ran—
This is my strength, to know
I cannot, but God can.
I see not, but God sees;
Oh, all-sufficient light!
My dark and hidden way
To him is always bright.
My strained and peering eyes
May close in restful ease,
And I in peace may sleep;
I see not, but He sees.
---(Anonymous) Gospel Gleaners.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. —Gal. 6:2.
March 29, 1938.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond.

Greetings in Jesus' dear name:

In answer to your good letter, I will say was glad, indeed, to hear from you people again, and want to report victory for myself, and the few saints in our vicinity. We are grateful for the rich blessings of our Master, hungering for more of His grace in our lives. We are glad for the good people of the community in which we laboured this winter; but also glad to return to the good people of our home community.

Soon after our return, we attended several nights, a revival that Bro. Wheeler conducted in the Nauvoo community. Then he visited Boyd one night before returning home. Since his services closed, we have gone a number of times to the new church near Lampa Junction, in Mo., which was dedicated January 29th, I believe it was. A Bro. Taylor and Bro. Andrews have been preaching there.

Our midweek prayer circle still visits the homes on Wednesday evening of each week and we have the usual testimony and prayer service (also study Bible subjects), with our regular Sunday night; and third Sunday at eleven services. We are hungry for a revival, and praying God to move upon the particular one He can best use here, and send them this way.

I am keeping up my regular appointments. On the first Sunday, I go to Liberty Union Church at eleven o'clock; on the second Sunday, I preach at Antioch at eleven o'clock, and Nauvoo about 3:30 P.M. The third Sunday at Boyd; and the fourth Saturday night and Sunday, I preach at Cassville, at the new church. Also, on Saturday night before the second Sunday, I preach at the new church at Lampa Junction.

We feel we are very small in the sight of God, compared with His greatness, but we do love Him, and want to live for Him, and be worthy of His rich blessings.

Pray for us; and all the saints who read this, remember us, and visit us when you can.

With best wishes to all the readers of the paper, and a prayer for all of God's saints everywhere, I am a sister in Jesus,

Phyrne Hulsey, Route 1.

Oakgrove, Arkansas.

March 21, 1938.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond;

Greetings in Christ:

Just closed a 4-1-2 weeks revival at our little Fairview Mission, near Kendrick, with four coming back to the Lord. Had a wonderful meeting, which I feel will never pass from the minds of the people.

Sr. Viola Ashburn, of Oklahoma City, did the preaching.

There will be an all day meeting at this Mission, on Mother's Day, May 8. Come and enjoy the day with us. Expecting the Lord to bless us all.

Any good, clean minister invited to come our way. Would be glad to have them.

Pray for us: we need your prayers.

Your brother in Christ,

Lew Messer,

Kendrick, Okla.

La Salle, Colo.

March 14, 1938.

Bro. and Sr. Bond;

Greetings in Jesus' name:

I do want to add my testimony to the good paper. I sure do enjoy reading the Messenger, and all the good testimonies. It's really food for my soul.

Bro. Bond, I am glad for old time salvation that saves from sin.

Glad I am sanctified, as a second definite work of grace, thank God; and baptized with the Holy Ghost. And the good Lord cares for me. I love Him far better than anything I know. My tongue just can't tell of His goodness to me. Jesus is one who never fails. I couldn't possibly get along without Him. For a day in the courts of the Lord is better than a thousand years without Him (Psa. 84:10).

Dear children of God, if there is any thing I love better than Holiness, it is MORE Holiness. I believe in living it clean, and preaching it clean. If peoples' lives will not line up with the good old Bible, they will never make Heaven. I don't believe in adding to, or taking from (Rev. 22:18-19).

Just taking it as it is. So pray for me.

A brother in the Lord,

Henry Utter,

Gen. Del.

La Salle, Colorado.

Scranton, Ark.

April 7, 1938.

Bro. and Sr. Bond:

Praising God for His goodness to me. Saved, sanctified, and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost. Yet trusting God for healing. Bless His name.

I have just closed a meeting at Mulberry, Kans., wherein truly, God did bless. There was only one saved, but others sought God for salvation, as well as for higher blessings. We had some wonderful altar services—one especially, which lasted for three hours.

I am desiring the prayers of God's people, that I will be what He would have me to be. Amen.

Yours in Him,

L. L. Wheeler,

Route 1.

Scranton, Ark.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. —1 Corinthians 15:58.
Our Young People

"DIG DEEP"

“For the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.”

—1 Cor. 2:10.

Not long ago I was drawing a bucket of water from our well. It is a deep well, and requires some strength and will power to get the water. As I tugged and pulled at the rope which draws the bucket out of the depths, I thought how much nicer it would be if we had a well like the one at a place where I had been staying a short time before. This well was very shallow, and with almost no effort, or time, one could have a bucket of sparkling, clear, water drawn. I remembered, however, that this water was very flat and tasteless—unlike the cool, refreshing water that I had just drawn from our well with so much effort. Upon comparing the faults of each well, I soon was thankful that ours was a deep one, and much of the drudgery was taken from the work of drawing the water from it when I remembered that the best water comes from the deep wells.

Another advantage of a well that has been dug deep is, that it isn’t so easily effected by weather conditions. When the floods come and wash rubbish and surface water into these shallow wells, the water from ours is just as fresh and clear as ever. Though a drought may come, and the shallow wells dry up, we still have plenty of water in ours, because it is deep.

Therefore, the easier things aren’t usually the best. In fact, those things which are more precious to us, and are valued higher, do cost us more, either in effort, or money, than anything else.

I have a Christmas story that brings out this point beautifully. A woman was telling about her stockings that she hung by the fire place on Christmas eve when she was a child. She said that on Christmas morning she would find candy, nuts, toys and various other gifts, in the top of her stocking, but as she dug farther down she found better and more appreciated gifts; then after much effort, and sometimes making a second or third attempt, she reached the toe of her stocking. Here was always hidden the most precious of all the gifts. Sometimes it was a very small package, but no matter how small it was, it meant more to her, and was really a better gift than any of the others.

It’s like that in our experience of salvation. The farther and deeper we go, the more joy we find in salvation; and the harder we work for the Lord, the more precious He will be to us.

One has said that God has no use for a lazy person, and I believe he is right. It’s so much easier, though, and many people seem to choose to drift along in the same current in which they started, and never try to “launch out into the deep” as Jesus commanded His disciples to do. They are like the shallow wells, and when spiritual droughts or storms of discouragement come, they are not very useful in God’s service. Their experience is too shallow to stand.

Others, who have gone through trials for God’s cause, have laboured and prayed until they are deep in God’s love, and have an experience founded on the rock—are very hard to be over come by the enemy in any way. They have “dug deep” and laid a foundation, and have a well of living water in their soul “springing up into everlasting life.” They are so far from the worldly allurements that they have no other desire than to live true to Jesus, whatever the cost may be.

Some people would like to have a strong experience, knowing they would find more happiness, but because it takes more effort to have it, they just settle down to try to get through easier.

Did you ever sit around and pine because you weren’t as successful in life as some one else? I have been guilty, but have found out that it is useless worrying. The Lord brings us nearer to the goal that we would like to reach if we would be as successful as someone else, there is probably a great sacrifice to be made in order to do so, and if we have a strong determination, our goal can be reached. We should never take something less than what we want, just because it is easier to get.

Let’s set our hearts upon things that are higher, and better, and never be satisfied until we reach the highest heights, or deepest depths, of God’s love.

One time I was willing to go on enduring what I couldn’t enjoy, just because I was too lazy to DIG DEEPER!

Before I was saved, I longed for salvation, but it was so hard to make the start.

Oh, once my heart was filled with doubt; “Twas hard the Bible to believe.

One night the Lord brought it about, That I a message did receive.

An invitation to, Come see That God is good and merciful.

I drank from that blest fountain—Began to sing, “Tis wonderful!”

Old Satan then my heart did try; Again I went to God in prayer: The blood of Christ did sanctify; Brought joy to me beyond compare.

Oh, God had been so good to me. But still some doubts I had to fight. Then one night up in Mulberry, All doubts and fears were lost from sight. The Holy Ghost came in to dwell, And brought more joy than I had known. I’ve drank from that eternal well, And in God’s grace and power have grown.

(Miss) Lovene Pendergraft, Route 2, Anderson, Mo.

“Truly Wonderful”

There is a song carrying the above title, having for its theme, “It is truly wonderful, what the Lord has done”—referring to the spiritual experiences of justification and sanctification—what wonderful blessings these have wrought in our lives. And truly indeed, is such wonderful. But with the more elderly—those for whom life has been greatly spent—it might not appear so unusual to see them whole-heartedly trying to live for God; but to see young people of today, wherein sin in such allurements is abounding on every hand—to see young people in spite of all these temptations, living clean, quiet, pure, and

“Praise the Lord . . . Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children”—Ps. 148:7 & 12.
Our Young People  

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One more hindrance to success is an unforgiving spirit—holding malice and harboring hatred. It is poison to our own soul, darkens our vision, puts out our fire, deadens our finer nature, weakens our faith and finally wrecks both soul and body. Let us shun the spirit of revenge and hatred as we would a poisonous viper. Many a poor fellow is at the foot of the ladder today because of allowing hatred to enter the heart and brooding over some injury.

If we are in the center of God's will and living a life of humble prayer, then no thing and no person can hurt or hinder us. God will make the wrath of man to praise Him.

- (Wesleyan Methodist) Gospel Gleaners.

FAVOUR WITH GOD?

People need to be careful, and "rightfully divide" the word, as we are taught in 2 Tim. 2:15. To say that a certain preacher, possibly, has "favour with the people" does not always infer that THAT preacher has favour with God! Some exponents of absolutely crooked doctrine, THIS day and time, are taking with the masses more than genuine saints of God who are standing for all the principles of the old time Gospel in both word and deed. Amen. In the early day, there were but the two classes, so-to-speak—Christianity and those yet holding to the law—the battle, therefore, being between those two. But now, the really hardest conflict for true saints of God comes from the divided ranks of professèd Christianity—"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord," warns our Saviour. So today, when many are seeking an easier route, don't forget but what Satan has got some preachers, at least, lined up to suit just such occasion! and naturally, they are quite apt to be taking more with the masses than some one who is fearlessly and un-


compromisingly standing for all the truth. God wants people who will stand as did John the Baptist—decla e against adultery, or any other sin, though it means go to prison, or the chop-block, for doing so. We admire those who will Biblically stand for the truth; but we surely have no time nor place for any who are trying to "build up a following" among the people, or trying to "take" with the masses. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If this reaches you in time—Remember the All Day's meeting at Van Buren, Ark., on Easter Sunday. 620 Washington Street. Bro. B. R. Moon is pastor. Go.

Camp Meeting is announced for the same beautiful location this summer as last—in the White County community, near Harrison, Ark. Particulars in next issue, D. V.

A probable chance in the date of July 20, as first announced, is reason for holding up information.

Remember the general fellowship—meeting—all day services as announced for Boyd school house, near Oakgrove, in Carroll county, Ark., (about 12 mi. n.e. Berryville) for the fifth Sunday in May (May 29th), to which saints and friends throughout the movement are freely invited to attend. Dinner on the grounds. There will also be services: on Saturday night before, on account of those who may come from afar. Come—enjoy a trip through the beautiful Ozarks to get here—and as we hope and pray above ALL—a real blessing from the Lord on this occasion. Sr. Phyrne Hulse, pastor. Oakgrove, Ark.

There will be an All Day's Meeting at Fairview Mission, near Kendrick, Okla., on Sunday, May 8, to which the invitation is extended to come, and enjoy the day with them. Expecting the Lord to bless. Kendrick is a north of Davenport but a few miles.

Bro. Lew Messer, Kendrick, Okla.

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.  —Matthew 16:24.