APOSTOLIC IN NAME ONLY

The thought which we herein wish to express may be taken by some as directed against God's good cause—but not so—only against the guilty, thank God. We believe there are those within the ranks of the faith who are REAL before the Lord—sainted men and women who would lay down their lives for the Gospel's sake—people who have charity; who, as the term is used, DO have their all—self, family, possessions—on the altar for God; who preach and testify to divine healing when in good health, and then prove their teaching by trusting God for their healing when they get sick! But as it is in these last evil days, when so many are lukewarm in their soul, careless, and indifferent, due, in part, to that compromising spirit in the land, or evil influences of the day in general, there are TOO MANY who are testifying to the fulness of the blessings of old-time salvation, who are "Apostolic" in name only!

When we read in Jude 3, this injunction, "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints," we are reading something that belongs to THIS generation, also; and something that covers a great scope of territory in meaning.

First, these few words will carry us back to the early apostolic days.

In Acts 2:41-47, we read:

"And they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. "And they continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. "And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. "And all that believed were together, and had all things common; "And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, "Through many dangers, toils and snares, We have already come

"Twas grace that led us on thus far, And grace will lead us Home."

---Sel.

and breaking bread from house to house, did eat; their meat with gladness and singleness of heart. "Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

This, in brief, is a description of the effects and influence of the Gospel upon the lives of men and women in the early days of the faith. So as saints in the days of Jude were exhorted to look to the faith delivered to the brethren in those days, we are quite sure such is the faith for you and I of today.

In verse 42, we note how in those days, they CONTINUED steadfastly, or unmoveable, in the doctrine, or teaching, of the apostles. They were not switching from one thing, to something else. There were no "new light" issues in their midst. But we get a picture of a group of people appreciative of the Gospel—receiving the messages that God was sending—not questioning Holy Ghost preaching, but all speaking the SAME thing; and not as so often is the case today among some professing the Apostolic faith—"Well, if God ever condemns me, then I'll quit so-and-so," when God had already sent along one of His servants with the Bible, and condemned such! These are, in this respect, "Apostolic" in name only.

And by their adhering to the original teachings of the apostles, so living as to keep the spirit of fellowship among themselves, worthy of participating in communion services, and continuing IN PRAYER—not letting up on their prayer life—there was a deep and convincing impression being made upon the worldly class round about them: and miracles were being performed, according to verse 43. No doubt this meant that the sick were being healed, etc.—that people were reaching the throne of Grace with the prayer of faith! What's wrong then, today? (YOU answer!)

Then in verses 44, and 45, we get a glimpse of the fruits of a truly consecrated life, and a life of real brotherly love—they possessed ALL things common—none
THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MESSENGER

claimed his goods as just being his alone—there was none that lacked (Acts 4:32, 34.) among them. While we realize that it would be most impossible for saints of God to carry out this procedure today, as in those days, by reason of the growth and spread of Christianity today, as compared to the body, and centralization of Christianity of that time; but the thought that impresses us in this respect is, that if we are standing for the faith once delivered unto the saints, we should have the SAME consecration in our hearts that prompted them to put into action, their love for their brother in the Lord—only with us, ready to help where help is needed—proving our faith by our works. Many will say, “O, I have everything on the altar for God.” And if you will pardon us our reply to some such professions, let us say, figuratively speaking, “Yes, and they are keeping close watch over it, that none of it gets out into circulation among the ministry, or the poor of the saints!” Amen.

If a real saint of God desired a loan, or some other assistance, he might go to a brother possessing this world’s goods—that certain class, understand—and if he did by accident, get help, it would possibly be accompanied by anything but a free spirit—a willing action! Again, such are “Apostolic” in name, only.

Then in verses 46 and 47, we find them in one accord in the house of God—standing together as one, in their services—none of the painful differences, and petty grievances, existing in their midst, as is too often the case today. Even their sociability—visiting from home to home; and their real and sincere praising and magnifying of God, helped them to have an influence with the people, and souls, thereby, were being saved every day! Now we are not to expect wholesale revival efforts in our midst right up to the close; neither are we to expect the world to look upon us with any degree of tolerant favour right up until the end—such would be contrary to prophecy—WE are literally living in the very closing days of time—the Gentile age almost gone—with spiritual darkness fast covering the world; days when such scriptures as Lk. 21:17, “And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake;” and 2 Tim. 3:13, “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived,” as entering into fulfilment; but we do believe that God wants us possessed with that same spirit, and same deep consecration; exponents of the faith delivered up, to those early day saints, right up until the end!

Keeping in mind the sincere consecration of these early day followers of the Lord, let us think of that class today professing a like experience of their former brethren, but who are so close with their goods, that they will practically scheme and manage, if they as much as pay tithes at all, lest the Lord’s cause get a penny more than the EXACT TENTH—and maybe this paid through some kind of dealing that means a profit, after all, to the person in question—and with scarcely NO free will offerings on their part in the meanwhile. Yet they profess the old-time Apostolic faith—want prayer in sickness, etc.—they are also, in name, only.

Then there is the class, who, at church, can put up a big testimony—how they are trusting the Lord for their all-in-all—but who, at the first sign of a headache, are off to the kitchen for a simple home remedy of some kind; and if of a more serious nature, out to the hospital! and possibly some sincere minister of the Gospel right then trying to preach the Bible message of divine healing in such person’s home church!

No wonder genuine saints of God so often face such a pull in prayer and ministration in the body—there are too few of the real APOSTOLIC faith; and TOO MANY, IN NAME ONLY!

GOD’S PLAN

Born OF the Spirit—
Sanctified BY the Spirit—
Baptized WITH the Spirit—

Thus, it is easily seen that God’s plan of salvation is a three-fold plan, when it is unmistakably true that each of the experiences mentioned above are Biblically obtained in just such manner (chapter and verse proof: John 3:7; Romans 15:16; Acts 1:5.)—the words, OF, BY, and WITH, all having different meanings in their applications herein referred to.

BOASTING IS NOT GOOD

When the preacher begins to “brag” about the quality of his or her preaching, it is a bad sign—a little something in their heart besides humbleness! They need to think about Prov. 25:27, wherein it says, “so for men to search their own glory is not good;” and also, 2 Cor. 10:18, “For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.” These ought to have a bearing on such cases—if not. God is yet able to sit folks down, until they can think to give Him the praise, and leave self out of the picture!

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.” —Matthew 7:21.
SHALL WE ESCAPE?

The Spirit-filled saint of God is not so puzzled as to the outcome of the terrible chaotic condition of this world—it just means the end is drawing nigh! Peace has been taken from the world; and lasting peace shall not be known, until the Prince of Peace comes in power.

To a great measure, it has become less interesting to follow closely, the minute details of the activities on European battlefields, well knowing there is, in the light of prophecy, but one ultimatum—universal dictatorship. The thing that seems to concern us the most, is, How much longer shall we be able to carry on for God in the Gospel work; and will we be able to stand?

Some of the dear brethren in the Lord are hopeful that the translation will occur before the ushering in of the beast power. If they be right, we are sure it will be as well for the Spirit-filled saint, who is unenlightened, as for the other class, for we are sure that God is no respecter of persons—oil in the vessel, and innocence before Him, equips us for ANY emergency. Praise His good name! And as for Luke 21:36, holding out any promise to ANY of God’s people, immunity in the form of deliverance FROM the tribulation period, we are charitably honest in saying we can’t see it that way. since the Saviour’s words in Matthew 24:8, “All these are the beginning of sorrows.” (or tribulations, in exact meaning) also applies to the 21st chapter of Luke, and refers to wars, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes, as being the ushering in of that time of trouble; and it is QUITE evident that THIS generation has NOT “escaped” FROM the majority of the things implied in verse 36, but many dear saints HAVE escaped with their souls, many things herein listed, just as Daniel, and the three Hebrew children “escaped” in their day—not FROM contact with, but from the power OF! Amen. Remember how that Job “escaped” by the skin of his teeth!—not the test; but from the power of the trial—he never lost his integrity with God; but came through by a narrow margin! Just so does Luke 21:36 mean—not that we shall be delivered before facing the things therein referred to—it couldn’t mean THAT! since we have already faced many of them—but that through the power of prayer (and there is no power in prayer except by right living), we might be counted worthy of God’s protection, and able to stand before the Lord. The former World War days meant much to many dear saints of God, so far as persecutors, etc., was concerned; and think what some of our dear brethren in the Lord may have, and are RIGHT now, possibly, suffering for righteousness’ sake; and further more, what of the outlook here at home?

God bless you, dear ones, whoever reads these few lines. May our hearts be united in the love of God, and that we will lawfully strive for a home in Glory, there to praise throughout all eternity, the One who died for us, that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly. Remember—preparadness is the greatest lesson for us in the Bible. Are WE ready? Amen.

The proud in heart has no more chance for Heaven, than the adulterer in heart.

WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE?

What’s the difference in the sectarian churches compromising with the world in the matter of pride, and professed holiness people doing the same?

A lot of good Methodist and Baptist women and girls, are nothing ahead of a lot of Holiness women and girls, when it comes to wearing short skirts! Of course, some good Holiness women—as yet—wouldn’t wear short sleeves (no, not nearly so short as their skirt in proportion)—only about three-quarter length for them! and as for “make up”—they don’t believe in being “gaudy” with it—you know—just enough to take off the shine—put just a “little” colour in their cheeks! and as for nail polish—no! not that ludicrous red—NOT NOW, AT LEAST—butf the more modest, “natural” shade; and as for a “hair set”, it wouldn’t be right (?with some!) to go to a beauty parlor—just a few “bobby pins,” pan of water, about two mirrors, the right kind of a comb—possibly a few other gadgets—and some deft fingers—and there! right at home! they can come forth—finally—with about as nice a job in the form of a combination “scallop-permanent”, as is dare worn in the name of Holiness!

So, What’s The Difference? Not too much oftentimes in appearance; and maybe NONE in heart!

We have heard the story of how the young lady pursued the young man of her choice, until HE caught her! So likewise, if the world is not careful, professed Holiness is going to catch up with it! Amen.

Somebody will doubtless be lost—not for doing the wrong thing—but by merely failing to do the right thing!

“For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?” ---Rev. 6:17.
GIVING THANKS UNTO GOD

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: . . ." Ps. 107:1.

The above text shall be the basis of my theme.

In the 107th Psalm, there are nine verses exhorting us to praise the Lord, and to give thanks unto Him.

I'm wondering how many of the good children of God fail to praise Him as much as they should? The 22nd verse of this chapter says: "And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing." "SACRIFICE" the sacrifices of thanksgiving! Now it seems to me that when things are not going so well, and when we feel downcast, and "blue," it would be a sacrifice then, to thank and praise God. But I believe the trial was never so hard but what, if we would, we could count our blessings, and find something to praise God for. It has been said the cloud was never so dark but what the sun was shining on the other side. Some one said to me the other day, "Well, I'll be glad when it's all over." True, we are all looking toward the end of the race with great anticipation; but this was said in a different mood. This soul felt so oppressed, that he thought he would be glad to lay down his life.

One time Paul said:

"For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

"Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you."

Paul was at this time a prisoner at Rome. I wonder how many of us could stand to be a prisoner, and yet be able to sacrifice a sacrifice of thanksgiving? Why, a lot of us can be going through a trial, maybe listening to the enemy's suggestions, and get our heads down, until everyone around can see it even in our countenance. If sinners could see how miserable we act when going through a trial, I wonder if they wouldn't say, "Well, if one has to be so miserable as that, I don't want the Lord." Now, I'm not trying to make people think we can always wear a smile; but I believe when going through those dark places, if we could take time out to read this 107th Psalm, and then count our blessings, we would probably be feeling better, and get a little ahead of old Satan!

Yes, Paul had a desire to depart this life, and to be with Christ; but he realized that by abiding yet in the flesh, he could be a help to the church. So when we feel we could just like to lay down our lives, let's remember our life is in God's hands; and He knows why He chooses for us to live; and Romans 8:28, reads: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Do we know that? Do we believe it? Yes, I do. Well, let's remember this text, too, when going through a test. Someone might say, "Well, you don't have trials like I do." I will admit we are not all tried alike. But I do believe that Satan is putting all the hard trials on all of us that we can stand; but thank God for the text---"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." (1 Cor. 10:13.) So let us be careful not to murmur (Lord, help me!), for 1 Cor. 10:10, says, "Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer." (Read vv. 6-11.) Now it isn't God's fault if we ever fail, but ours. If we would not forget to give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; and keep in mind Rom. 8:28, and 1 Cor. 10:13, I believe it would help.

The latter part of verse 22, in Psalms 107---"and declare his works with rejoicing." No wonder we feel like rejoicing sometimes. We have a right to! The Bible tells us to do so. But there are those who would forbid it in these days, as they did when Jesus was there, and the disciples were praising Him---some of the people asked Him to rebuke them, to which Jesus replied, "I tell you, that if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out" (Luke 19:40.), thus showing He MUST be praised. If MAN wouldn't praise Him, God would have Nature to put man to shame for not doing so!

"Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" (Psalms 107:21.)

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Satan's Wiles

There is a lizard found in the Arabian desert which looks just like the sand. On either side of it's mouth there is a fold of skin, pale crimson in colour. These folds it blows out until they look like a small desert flower. Seeking honey, insects alight on it and are instantly devoured. The devil's only object in making the pleasures of sin alluring and attractive is to accomplish the eternal destruction of man. —R. B. McDowell.

When it takes the woman or girl professing holiness, some 25 or 30 minutes to comb her hair, there is something wrong besides just "tangles!"

"Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." ——Psalms 150:6.
GREETINGS FOR 1941, TO ALL OUR READERS

The Editor and Wife.
Almost 26 Years In The Gospel Work;

EDITORIALLY

The individual who will “talk” about the OTHER person to you, may as likely talk about YOU to someone else! Then beware the "gossip."

In a word, a Bible elder MUST be a man of judgment, possessed of foresight enough to look into the future. Yes, it means more than being a good man, or having (if it be your view) a good wife, and good children, if such an one is to carry on for God.

When the newspaper columnist remarked about a certain city in Oklahoma having 152 churches, and that it seemed the devil would have no place to hide there, he either forgot, never knew, or just wilfully ignored the fact that, even a church is one of Satan’s BEST hiding places!

There will be no lukewarm saints among those caught up to meet the Lord in the air!

To whom do you talk to the most about your pastor—the Lord, or to other “gossip saints?”

Parents who neglect to control their children before, DURING, and after services, doubtless mean no harm—but neither are they showing respect for the good cause of Christ.

Some people may feel uneasy about the individual who doubts so many things seen in these days, which are being perpetuated in the name of holiness, whereas, as a matter of fact, some might, in the outcome, be better off if they did “doubt” a few things!

The preacher in the pulpit doesn’t need a “stop watch” by which to regulate the length of his sermon—what he needs is a message; and then enough of the grace of God to deliver it, if a few people do go to sleep in the meanwhile! They evidently went to sleep, sometimes, during Paul’s preaching—the one event, at any rate, as recorded in Acts 20:9, wherein a young man named Eutychus, went into a deep sleep as Paul was preaching a long sermon one night, and lost his balance, and fell from the window where he was sitting, and was picked up dead! But God gave him life again, through using Paul in the miracle. And THIS didn’t stop services—Paul went right back and continued preaching until daylight! Some among us 25 years ago, would no doubt have stayed with Paul; but today?—well, how about it? Are we going Modern?

The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath. —Proverbs 15:24.
OFFICE NOTES

JANUARY 29, 1941.

Sr. Blasingame, of near Lampe, Mo., was reported as having been in a good meeting with the Boyd saints, near Oakgrove, Ark., during forepart of December. A few experiences.

Bro. Norton, pastor at Van Buren, Ark., and party of helpers, has been in a revival at Stilwell, Okla., wherein, at last report, some 17 had been saved. God had wonderfully blessed. Bro. Ben Moon is pastor at Stilwell.

Bro. Henagar, of Webb City, Okla., and Bro. Chas. Roberts, of near Liberal, Mo., made a trip to Three Rivers, Tex., in latter part of December, in the interest of God’s cause. The Lord blessed, and good was accomplished.

Bro. Earnest Busby, of near Huibert, Okla., was with the saints near Ramona, for a few nights services during the fore part of December. Report states that the Lord blessed. Good clean preaching, under the anointing from Heaven.

Bro. and Sr. Bishop are striving to keep prayer meeting services alive at the little New Church, on Sunday nights. This place is located about 7 miles N. E. of Cassville, Mo., on Highway 44. May God bless thier labours, and the work be built up there. Anyway, faithfulness will bring a reward in THAT day.

Bro. Marvin Carney, of Cape Fair, Mo., has assumed charge of a small band of saints there. They have services on each Saturday night, Sunday night, and Sunday night, with exception of the second and fourth Sundays. He also reports a nice group of Young People ---while not all saved, but interested. May the dear Lord bless Bro. and Sr. Carney’s efforts in His good cause. They were recently in a meeting in that section.

From Southern Missouri

Word from Sr. Pierce, of Forsyth, Mo., states they have been having some good meetings in that section this past fall, and winter. In a revival at Miney, Mo., closed just prior to Nov. 18, there were about 29 saved. Had some good preaching by Bros. Bob Grady, Luther Pinkley, Albert Pierce; Sr. Moore ---and Bro. Jim Aubery, who gets to feeling as good as the preacher, sometimes!

Then at Cedar Valley, in early part of December, another revival, in which about 30 were saved; and one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Bro. Marvin Carney announces a Fellowship Meeting for Sunday, March 16, at Vine Hill school house (also known as Horny Buck), on Highway 44. 23 miles east of Cassville, Mo., to county line, then 1 and .6 miles south; or, 9 miles west from Galena, Mo., to county line, then 1 and .6 miles south. Dinner on the grounds.

EVERYBODY INVITED

Bro. Moon To Stilwell

Bro. B. R. Moon and family are now living at Stilwell, Okla., where he is serving the church there, and also a portion of time at Geneva school house, a few miles out in the country. Services at Stilwell, as follows: Wed. night, Sat. night, Sunday, and Sunday night, with S. S. at 10 A. M. At Geneva: Tues. and Fri. nights of each week; and each third Sunday and Sunday night. He asks for a bundle of papers, which we shall be glad to send. May the Lord bless their efforts in those places.

Sr. Goldine Claunch, of Mulberry, Kansa., was with the church at Webb City, Okla., in latter part of December, where the Lord blessed in services. Sr. Chrystol was with her for a portion of the meeting.

REPORTING ACTIVITIES

It is hard to report meetings where proper—or possibly no report—is not given us. We are willing and glad to co-operate with the brethren in this respect. It would take but a few moments of time to write us something like this: "Brother (or Sister) So-and-So was with us in services from (date) to (date)." Then briefly tell about the meeting—of interest shown; how that the Lord blessed, etc. To SOMEBODY, such a report might serve as an encouragement, or blessing.

Also, many of our readers love to see the testimonies of other saints in the little paper. This is also an encouragement to them. Remember the words of the wise man, in Prov. 25:25—"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."

And as for testimonies, we surely thank the Lord for the good interest being shown by the Young People in this respect, through their little paper, "OUR YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSANGER," which the forth-coming issue will again evidence, D. V.

The Day at Stilwell

The Fellowship Meeting at Stilwell, Okla., on old Thanksgiving Day, following the two-days Conference meeting, was a good meeting, with many saints from various places—Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, and other points in Oklahoma, in attendance. Especially did the Lord bless in a portion of the night services, following.

FOR CONFERENCE MINUTES

All who desire a copy of the Minutes of last Conference Meeting, held at Stilwell, Okla., on Nov. 26-27, please send 3-cent stamp to this office, or to Bro. P. A. Henegar, Box 205, Webb City, Okla.


DOM be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.
15 Lay not wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil not his resting place:
16 For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.
17 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumblmeth:
18 Lest the Lord see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.
19 Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked;
20 For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.
21 My son, fear thou the Lord and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:
22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?
23 These things also belong to the wise. It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.
24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him:
25 But to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.
26 Every man shall kiss his lips that giveth a right answer.
27 Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house.
28 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive not with thy lips.
29 Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.
30 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;
31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.
32 Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction.
33 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:
34 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.

We are quite sure that God has not called the individual to a certain line of work in His good cause, and then at the same time lay other duties in the Gospel work upon them, causing them to be too busy thereby, to execute His will in the matter of his or her calling. Man can easily get things in a "muss;" but God makes NO mistakes. What is sometimes needed, is for people to first find, and be assured of, THEIR job, and get to work there, if it takes them to the very back side of the vineyard, and in an obscure place at that!

| SPECIAL NOTICE |

To Those Contributing To The Camp Meeting Fund:
Please send your offerings to our new address, which is---

NEED TO GO DEEPER

We are always glad to hear of real conversions—glad to hear of souls really getting saved. But we are made to wonder why (and yet we do not wonder too greatly) we never hear of many going on through and getting sanctified, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Back yonder 25 years ago, the doctrines of sanctification, and the Baptism, were taught the people, and right in revivals, the same as was repentance preached to them. When we started out for God, over 26 years ago, we understood something about the deeper experiences before we had as yet prayed through to the experience of salvation. The very night of our conversion, and before we had gotten up from our knees at the old-time altar bench after God had wonderfully saved our soul, we begun to seek for the experience of sanctification, and neither did we let up until a few nights later on, the blessing came, thank God, and has been ours ever since! And by continuing on in prayer, really praising God for His wonderful goodness and blessings to me, it was but a few days until Jesus sweetly baptized with the precious Holy Ghost, and with fire, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Praise His good name! But what of today? While we all realize it seems harder for people to reach the Throne than in days gone by, yet there are many claiming to pray through to being saved these days—but WHY SO FEW going on into the deeper experiences? There must be a reason. Back yonder young converts were urged right from their conversion, to go on into the deeper experiences. It seems that if they don’t go right on, they just lapse into a “chronic” seeker—if they do possibly stay saved—Will they ever, then, pray through? If we know anything about the Bible, it’s going to take having the genuine baptism of the Holy Ghost in our lives, if we are caught up to meet the Lord at His coming. It takes the oil (a Biblical type of the Holy Ghost) in the lives of the five wise virgins (parable in Matt. 25.) for them to be able to go in—the five foolish being shut out for lack of it; Paul teaches such in Ephesians 1:13, 14, etc. So that being the doctrine, preachers ought to be as careful to instruct along this line, as to merely get folks saved, for after all, at the Lord’s coming, what good will it do for people to just be saved—or even sanctified—unless they have the Holy Ghost in their lives? (And let us here state that the Bible makes no provision for those who may yet be “seeking” in THAT day; but ONLY for them who HAVE the Blessing! So—Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? as Paul asked the Ephesian brethren. If not, Why not, since we are told in Luke 11:9, by the Saviour, himself, “Ask and it shall be given you: seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” And we surely believe the Lord’s coming draweth nigh, do we not beloved?

So it is fine to hear of souls getting saved; but we are honest when we say that as much interest accordingly, should be shown in the revival meeting towards getting young converts to go on into the deeper experiences, as to merely get them saved (if so many are praying through in reality!), and then quit at that. This is right, dear ones—no fear of Biblical contradiction. And another thing—neither is God’s plan of salvation set forth in the Bible for our own discretion—just go as far as we desire in the line of experiences, and stop there! It is doubtful if the individual could get the one experience, right then feeling in their heart that they didn’t want a higher blessing, on account of being ashamed, etc. According to the Bible, we are justified before the Lord as we walk in the light, only.

ANOTHER SIGN OF HIS SOON COMING

Heart disease deaths increased again, and with a new all-time high record, for the past year of 1940, according to a report recently issued by the Institute of Life Insurance. This is just another evidence of the fulfillment of Luke 21:26, in referring to conditions to exist just prior to the Lord’s coming: “Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth,” etc. Truly we are living in troublesome times. The uncertainty of past years—the present, and the future—have produced a strain on the nervous system that has proved too great for many—the heart failed, and the press report would be, that they suffered a “stroke.” Of course, a percentage of sudden deaths today, can easily be attributed to “fast living,” which in turn is prompted by the spirit of the age. God is plentifully warning day by day, but not many are paying heed.

NOTICE

We appreciate those who have sent in their “DIRECTORY” announcements, but lack of time and space causes us to leave both “DIRECTORY”, and Doctrinal Pages, out of this issue. —Ed.

“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.”—Revelation 22:12.