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From the Pen of the Editor

FOR THIS January 2019 editorial, I thought I would share some e-mail correspondence between myself and Bro. Darrell Sanford, Pastor of Bellevue Church of God, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. I had met Bro. Sanford some years before and knew of him, but I did not really know him. Little did I realize that through this innocent beginning, a special bond would form between us that would deepen and grow with time. Notice that Bro. Sanford's original correspondence is based on cordiality and respect. This is how brethren should address one another. It is the foundation of positive dialogue.

December 25, 2015—

Good morning, Bro. Tyler, we pray you are doing well and that you and yours are enjoying the day. Thank God for the blessings of our wonderful Savior. May the beauty of the Lord truly be upon us all. We were just thinking of you today and thought we would drop you a line. May the Lord bless and keep you and, hopefully, we shall see you in the near future, if not in this world, then in the one to come!

God bless,

Bro. Darrell Sanford

My response was swift.

December 28, 2015—

Very thoughtful of you, Bro. Sanford. I truly appreciate the note. It is always good to hear from you. The dear Lord has been so good to me. In spite of my affliction, He has given me grace to press on in the work of the gospel which is dear to my heart. I appreciate your prayers. I often say, "I live through the prayers of the saints." It is a wonderful thing to be a part of the family of God. I do hope that the Master will enable us to share some time together in 2016. I often mention your name at the throne of grace and trust that God's richest blessings will be upon you and yours in the coming year.

Respectfully,

Bro. Greg Tyler

Throughout 2016, the Lord was dealing with both of us. Bro. Sanford later relates that he prayed much about it and was impressed by the Spirit to contact me, not knowing what kind of response he would receive as a result.

December 14, 2016—

Dear Bro. Tyler,

Praise the Lord! I trust you are well. I would like to share some thoughts with you in confidence which I have had on my heart for sometime. It concerns our fellowship, or unfortunately, our lack thereof—not between you and me personally, but the body in general.

Early in my ministry, some eleven years ago, I spoke to you, Bro. Trisler, and others concerning the possibility of restoring fellowship among us. There were apparent hindrances in doing so at that time, mostly due to the opinions of certain ones among the fellowship I am a part of, which brings me to the point of this communication, the mere term, "the fellowship that I am a

part of." Brother, I do not see how Jesus is very pleased with His church at this point in time, and I feel I am unable to continue with the status quo. I love these brethren with which I am associated. This is not about them. It is not about any desire to leave their fellowship, for they are part of the body of Christ, and I am in fellowship with Christ. It is about "groupism" itself. I am not seeking to leave one "group" or "fellowship" and join another. I believe we must put this group mentality behind us and accept one another as children of God and as the church completely, if at all—not at arm's length.

I realize there may be differences between us (as bodies, for lack of a better term), but I am convinced these are minor and, even if some may not consider them minor, sin is the only scriptural reason to break fellowship. I understand that taking such a position may present difficulties, and I am not so naive as to believe that everyone who says they are Church of God are Church of God. Those things must be sorted out individually, but to reject fellowship from someone because he is a part of another "group," while he teaches the basic doctrines upon which we believe, is unconscionable.

I am not coming to you as a "representative of our side"; I am coming to you as a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ and a saint of God. I sincerely believe it is time to dissolve these man-made walls. I know they are man-made, for God would never have constructed them. They are in total opposition to His Word. How can we put judgment on Babylon for division when it exists among us? I do not believe that the Church of God consists of the twenty-one or so congregations with which I have fellowship, or whatever the number of congregations with which you have fellowship, yet in practice we act like it does.

Brother, I believe that we need not "try to work something out"; we merely need to accept what Jesus built and let Him be the Head of His church. I know this would be hard for some to accept, and I feel there are many of my brethren which would see this as impossible and not be too pleased with me for even thinking this way, but the only thing I see as impossible is continuing on as we are.

I recently quoted William Wilberforce in a message I preached. He told Parliament this after revealing to them the atrocities of the slave trade: "Having now seen what I have shown you, you may choose to look the other way, but you can never again say that you did not know."

Bro. Tyler, having seen what I have—what I believe the Lord has convicted me of—I cannot look the other way. I must declare myself free from groups and a member of the Church of God alone. I would treasure your thoughts upon this subject.

May God bless you is my prayer,

Bro. Darrell Sanford

My response to his olive branch:

December 16, 2016—

Dear Bro. Sanford,

Your e-mail is a breath of fresh air. I feel like I could have written it word for word. You express the senti-

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I am trusting that all the blessings of God will be upon you and yours during this holiday season and in the coming new year.

Again, thank you for having the confidence to share with me your powerful vision. I am humbled. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
Greg Tyler

December 31, 2016—

“That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me” (John 17:21).

Unity not based in and on the Word is merely a union of like minds ...

God bless you, Bro. Tyler,

As 2016 closes, we look forward to the good things our Lord will bring our way next year. God has a time for every purpose. He appoints a time, He doesn't merely stumble upon it, and I believe He has brought us to this time for this purpose. The task ahead is both exciting and daunting, and at times I awake and feel the dread and unbelief hovering over me saying, “Surely this can't be done.” But, then I am assured, “The Word demands it,” and I know, “Yes, it can; it is the Lord's will.” I believe He is working in ways we know not. It is time.

Yours in Christ,
Bro. Sanford

December 31, 2016—

Dear Bro. Sanford,

Your e-mails thrill my soul! Lord willing, I am preaching tomorrow morning on the thought, “Who Will Answer the Call of God in 2017?” Of course, there is a

ments of my heart. I have had a dream for years that the Church of God would arise in all her glory and provide a united front to the world. As the years have passed, I am afraid the thought has crossed my mind—“not in my lifetime.” Then I received your testimony of what God has revealed to you. It is God! It is truth! O that all our brethren will be impressed with what the Lord wants and is trying to do!

Both of us have our ministries and we have plenty to do. There are plenty of meetings to attend, plenty of local responsibilities. I am 64 years old and have been afflicted with Parkinson's disease. I am not looking for more to do. But this vision of John 17, this revelation of God's displeasure with the splintered condition of His precious people, deserves our attention, devotion, and sacrifice. Are we up to the rejection and persecution that is bound to come? God help us!

I have attached an article I wrote which was published in the October 2004 issue of *The Way of Truth*, “The Diotrefes Syndrome.” I believe it echoes your thoughts.

I am sorry I have not been in better contact with you. Since your e-mail last December, I have been praying regularly for you and your congregation, hoping that God would bring us closer together. I have found in you [and other brethren], kindred spirits, and I truly believe you and your congregations have the same Father (God) and mother (the Church) as I and my congregation have. We are family!

Let us be prayerful as we follow the Holy Spirit's leading that we might leave the next generation with a better example of John 13:35, “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

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segment on the call to unity. Am I ready to hear God's call and react to it? God help me. Isaiah 6:8, "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." I feel like Moses—"I can't, Lord—I'm not able, Lord—Send somebody else, Lord! You know my affliction. You know the giant walls that have to be broken down." The still small voice replies, "Whom shall I send ... ?"

I intend to give you a call this coming week and chat. Is there a time that is better than others?

I also want to take this opportunity to bid God's richest blessings upon you and our loved ones on this dawning of 2017. May God lead us and guide us and help us to answer, "Here am I; send me"—Bro. Tyler

January 1, 2017—

Dear Bro. Tyler,

I trust you had a good day in service. My message was Philippians 2:19-24 / 2:1-5, entitled, "Like-minded with Christ." We must seek the things which are Christ's and not our own. We must have our affections set upon the things His affections are upon—the unity of His one church being one of those things.

Feel free to call anytime, any day after about 10:00 ... I look forward to speaking with you.

—Bro. Sanford

January 12, 2017—

Dear Bro. Tyler,

I trust you are doing well. You are ever in our prayers, as well as the burden we share to see this more perfect unity realized before our eyes. I have been ministering in my congregation on unity from time to time and desire to bring more in depth messages upon actual scriptural oneness in the future. If people cannot see where we are truly lacking, according to the Scriptures, they will never see the need to address the issue. As a matter of fact, it may be difficult enough to do it, even if they do see it. Unfortunately, people fear change—and with good reason, for the wrong change can certainly be for the worst—but often they have been conditioned to reject anything different out of hand, even without examination under the Word. But regardless, I know that is merely a reality we must face, and therefore all we can do is put forth our best effort to see that our case is rooted and grounded in the teaching of the Word, and look to the Lord to enlighten the eyes and hearts of the saints. I am also still seeking to write a treatise on the subject in order to express the burden for true Bible unity and the necessity of a united church in our day under the headship of Jesus Christ. I suppose the Quest for Christian Unity never goes out of style. We desperately need the wisdom of God in order to move this cause forward, but I firmly believe it is His cause and that He will supply all our needs in that respect. At some point, according to His leadership, it seems that we must raise our heads and speak firmly and straightforwardly of this sad state of affairs we have come to and sound the trumpet for the walls to crumble. That, I expect, will be when the "fun" begins! Oh, God help us! How we need His strength, grace, wisdom, and boldness! I can hardly believe that He has called such an insufficient vessel to aid in this work. I speak for myself, brother. Again, may the Lord help us!

I appreciate your fellowship and friendship in this effort and, while I feel in my heart that we are not alone in our desire and vision, I know of only one or two other ministers with whom I could fully confide at this point. I would like to ask your permission to share our e-mail exchanges with [two brethren]. I liken our correspondence somewhat to a kind of "Federalist Papers," only concerning the church rather than the government! (I chuckle as I write that, but yet it seems to bear a resemblance in certain ways). I have spoken to [a brother] concerning the state of unity in the church and the need which exists and, as I'm sure you would expect, he agrees fully. I have also told him that you and I have conversed, though not to what extent. I can think of no better way to express to him, more deeply, the extent of our burden and mindset than to share with him our exchanges. However, I would not do so without your permission. As to [another brother], I don't know how well you know him ... we work closely together. I believe he is of a mind to receive these matters with an open mind and heart, but again, I wouldn't want to share our e-mails without your approval. If you'd rather not, I'm sure I can express the sentiment without them directly reading them.

I look forward to hearing from you and pray for your good health.

Yours in Christ,

Bro. Sanford

January 12, 2017—

Again, Bro. Sanford, I agree with you 100% because you are using the same manual that I am using—the Word of God! As to sharing the "Federalist Papers," (LOL) I trust [that brother] without reservation. I have the utmost respect and confidence in him. The other brother I do not know, but I respect your judgment as to the wisdom of bearing our souls to him. We are working through trust and faith in the integrity of each other, and I believe that is what the Lord wants us to do.

More to come ...

Thank you so much for your prayers; they are much appreciated.

—Bro. Tyler

January 13, 2017—

Bro. Sanford, I thought you might be interested in a message I preached in 2014 Hagerstown Convention, entitled, "An Environment in Which Christ Can Work" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZkUDA7wx_80), if you have a spare hour in your busy schedule to do so. Do you have one I can view or listen to? Have a blessed weekend!

—Bro. Tyler

January 13, 2017—

Dear Bro. Tyler,

That was a very powerful message! Thank you for sharing. Many good thoughts upon which to feed and hopefully share with my own congregation. How true, how true, that all those things must be working to provide an environment for Christ to work! I will try to locate a message to share with you.

God bless,

Bro. Sanford

January 16, 2017—

Bro. Tyler,

This is actually my evening message from yesterday (<https://youtube/XOIhHY1AXak>). I apologize, but it is the entire service, so you will have to skip ahead for just the message. Also, it is long—about an hour and fifteen minutes. The preaching begins at about 46:00. The title is, “Is Your Temple Filled with the Glory of God?” I had begun the message in the A.M. service, but we had a tech glitch and it only streamed and recorded the last twenty-three minutes of that, so I went over a bit more from that one to set up the P.M. message.

God bless,

Bro. Sanford

January 17, 2017—

Good morning, Brother,

Thank you for providing the link to your Sunday night message. I was truly blessed by it. I marveled as I took in the preaching, that though we have labored in different circles, we have the very same message. I listened for an hour or more and did not disagree with one statement you made—nay, not one word! I am sure as time progresses we may disagree on some points of interpretation and application. But I am more certain than ever that we have the same Spirit of God working among us and drawing us together. If we (not just you and me, but the brethren we work with) will humbly endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, that will allow God to lead us to the unity of the faith. We will never arrive there if we bicker over things and accuse one another. We need to build—build on our fellowship, build on our confidence in one another, build on what we agree on, and allow the Holy Spirit do His great work of unifying believers into one body.

Sharing messages is one way of catching up on time that has been lost. Praying for one another deepens our love and concern for each other. These are things we can do until the Lord shows us what to do next. I do not want to hinder God’s working by running ahead of Him, nor do I want to lag behind. But, as you have so eloquently stated previously, it seems to be past time for these walls which Satan has formed to tumble down, May 2017 be the dawning of a new, more glorious age where all God’s people lock arm in arm against the enemy without the camp and see “glory in the church” (Ephesians 3:21). “Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”

Inspired by hope,

Bro. Tyler

January 19, 2017—

Good morning, Bro. Tyler,

Thank God for being able to awaken each morning to the beauty of a life in Christ and for the encouragement He is providing for greater days to come! I’m glad the message was a blessing to you and am much encouraged by, and agree with, your comments. Love, mercy, long suffering, humility—in short, the fruit of the Spirit will see us through whatever issues, such as those you mentioned, may arise. Surely they will, as that is natural to our human condition, whether among married couples, friends, business partners, or even politi-

cians (LOL). Though I’m confident we can handle them better than politicians. May God help us in all these things.

We had a nice service last night—good rejoicing in the camp, even though a number were out due to sickness, work, etc. I began a message titled, “A Time for Boldness,” with scriptures from Acts 4, focusing on the apostles’ boldness in proclaiming Christ in the face of opposition, and then their prayer for more boldness to continue speaking the Word. *Boldness* is defined as, “outspokenness, frankness, assurance, without ambiguity; free and fearless confidence; the deportment by which one becomes conspicuous.”

We are now in a time where we need that same boldness. Not a boldness which comes from a natural human characteristic, but rather from a confidence in knowing that we are being directed by the Word of God and seeking to fulfill the will of God. Truly, it is a boldness that is grounded in humility before God. True holy boldness has no regard for the consequences one’s actions may bring upon himself. It only has regard for the command to act. As Peter and John told their persecutors, “Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:19, 20). In their hearts, they could do no less and the repercussions were immaterial. As Paul said, “None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God” (Acts 20:24). I will probably expand on this message Sunday and, if so, will send it to you.

I have shared my burden privately with several of the pillars in our congregation, and they are excited at the prospect and supporting us in prayer. The lack of unity—true oneness—in the Church of God is the biggest open secret in the Church of God. It is the elephant in the room everyone sees and no one wants to acknowledge. How I am straitened until we acknowledge it! I think of His words ... “I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled? But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!” (Luke 12:49, 50).

Surely, the Lord is straitened until this, too, be accomplished, so that His true work may go forward in the power and grace He intended it.

Heaven only knows how much this practice of “Division Unity” has cost us in terms of lost grace and power with God. How could He sign His name to such a condition? How could He give us His full approval while we are not manifesting His full glory? Brother, as I contemplated the glory the church had in the apostolic age—the miracles and healings which were among them, and then the same among the sixth seal brethren; the thing they had in common, aside from the true doctrines concerning salvation, was their true oneness. It is so clear, and perhaps you alluded to it in an e-mail or your message, that those things began to fade when division began to rise. God still honors faith, as people are still getting saved and getting healed, but we do not see what others have seen, and until this condition

is corrected, I don't believe we will. Our division is hindering these things which could be of so great a benefit to His people and so great a witness to the world. I cannot say absolutely that a true return to Bible unity will bring miracles and healings on that scale into our camp—who can? Only God can do that. But I don't believe it will ever happen without it. He is returning for a glorious church without spot, wrinkle, or any such thing; a church that is holy and without blemish, yet we read, "Is Christ divided?" The answer is no; Christ is not divided, but we are! Thank God, it is not to continue! It cannot continue! ...

May the Lord bless and keep you, my brother. Our prayers are with you personally, and in our common desire for the restoration of John 17:21 to actual practice among His church.

Yours in Christ,
Bro. Sanford

Lord willing, I will share further correspondence next month in an effort to show how God is breaking down walls and is bringing together children of God who have long been separated. †



NEW YEAR'S MORNING

Author Unknown

We humbly ask, dear Master,
That our New Year gift may be,
All meaner things forsaking,
Rich fellowship with Thee.
Our hearts at rest and tranquil,
Thy blessed will our own
Until we know Thee fully
In Thy eternal home.

MY ONLY PLEA

Walter J. Kuhn

Just one thing, O Master, I ask today,
Now that the old year has passed away
And a promising new year, through grace of Thine,
With all the dreams of youth is mine—
Just one thing I ask as I onward go,
That I'll walk with Thee—not too fast, nor slow.
Just one thing I ask and nothing more,
Not to linger behind, nor run before.
O Master! This is my only plea—
Take hold of my life and pilot me.

THE NEW YEAR

Homera Homer-Dixon

Upon the threshold of the year we stand,
Holding Thy Hand;
The year holds mysteries and vague surprise
To meet our eyes;
What will its passing moments bring,
To weep, or sing?

We fear to take one step without Thy care
And presence there;
But all is clear to Thine all-seeing gaze,
Counting the days
From dawn of time, till ages cease to be—
Eternity!

Upon the threshold of the year we stand,
Holding Thy Hand;
Thou wilt walk step by step along the way
With us each day;
So whether joy or woe shall come this year,
We shall not fear!

NEW YEAR

Author Unknown

Dear Master, for this coming year
Just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness,
Or any earthly thing—
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou ledest me,
But this I ask: Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master, make me swift to hear
And ready to obey.
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be—
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

MESSAGE OF THE NEW YEAR

Anonymous

I asked the New Year for some motto sweet,
Some rule of life with which to guide my feet;
I asked, and paused; he answered soft and low:
"God's will to know."

"Will knowledge then suffice, New Year?" I cried;
And, ere the question into silence died,
The answer came: "Nay, but remember, too,
God's will to do."

Once more I asked, "Is there no more to tell?"
And once again the answer sweetly fell:
"Yes! this one thing, all other things above,
God's will to love." †

Living for God as a Christian

2018 Hagerstown Convention Message by Bro. Rupert Shippy



IT IS GOOD to greet you all in the wonderful name of the Lord. I'm so thankful for the privilege of being in this convention. I'm enjoying the blessings of the Lord. There is a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place. I know it is the Spirit of the Lord. I'm sure every true Christian is enjoying the Spirit of the Lord. I trust today that we will endeavor to carry out the words of the Lord. The Word of God teaches us so many things that we need to do.

We have a very lovely theme for our convention. God blessed Pastor Greg Tyler with this lovely theme. You probably heard this theme before, or words from this theme, or the scriptures being used from time to time. This afternoon you might hear some scriptures that you've been hearing since you've been here, but I trust that you'll be able to follow closely to what the Word teaches.

From the book of Titus, chapter 2, verses 11 and 12, we read, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." I will try to speak on "Living for God as a Christian."

To live for God, first of all, one has to repent of his sins. One has to be converted. One has to know God by coming to Him. Titus was a minister who had an experience of sins forgiven. He had an experience of the grace of God and what it gives. Here is what the grace of God brings: the grace of God brings salvation; not only to a certain set of people, but to all, including you and me. Thank God for this grace! *Grace*, "the unmerited favor of God." It goes far beyond that though. Yes, we did not deserve this grace, but thank God that it is rich. It enables us to be what God wants us to be. *Salvation*, "deliverance from sin." It is good news! I'm sure salvation is doing a great work. It delivers from all ungodliness and worldly lusts. It allows us to "live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."

This world has so much ungodliness and indifference. This world has a lot of corruption and vileness. I'm sure it is not God's will that people should live ungodly. It is not in the will of God that we should live as we please. We are here for a reason and a purpose. Psalm 100:3 says, "It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." Therefore, this salvation which has appeared to us is based on God's grace to us. To all mankind, it gives blessed hope today. One writer said: "Blessed hope we have within us is an anchor to the soul, It is both steadfast and sure." We have to be anchored in Christ.

I invite you to turn with me to a couple of scriptures that I would like to read from today. As I've said before, for us to live for God, we have to be saved from sin. Paul says in Romans 6:1, 2, "What shall we say then?

Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" We can't be sin-you-must Christians. If you're a Christian, you're free from sin. We are dead to sin and alive unto Christ. Romans 6:4, "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

A NEW CREATURE IN CHRIST

Whenever Christ comes into your heart, He makes you anew. Paul said, "Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." You're a new creature in Christ. You're not the same as you once were. You don't listen to rock-and-roll music. You don't smoke, tell lies, steal, murder, backbite, hate one another, etc. A change has been wrought about in your heart. Salvation brings a new life. It brings a new behavior and a new attitude. Everything becomes new. Romans 6:5, 6, "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."

I trust that everyone of us in this building today can say as the song says—

*I was in sin's prison, oh so dark and cold;
Just a lost sheep wand'ring from God's eternal fold;*

*Then the gates swung open, Jesus spoke to me,
And He signed my pardon there on Calvary.
Praise the Lord!*

Romans 6:7 says, "For he that is dead is freed from sin." Sin is destructive. Sin brings death to the souls of men. We are told, "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." I can say this today in all safety and confidence: every sinner is dead in trespasses and sins. Ezekiel tells us, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." But I am thankful that every sinner can be made alive. That's where I was at one time; but thank God, He saved me. He gave me a new life and eternal life. I'm free today, praise the name of the Lord!

Paul said, "Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God" (Romans 6:9, 10). Now that we are saved from sin, we have the opportunity and the privilege to live to God's glory. We are to "live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."

Let me go on reading. Romans 6:11, "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive

unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.” The word *indeed* caught my attention because there are a number of professors who just have a mere Christian profession. They are not “dead indeed unto sin.” I believe if we are “dead indeed unto sin” we do not sin more or less every day. The grace of God helps us to live godly. If we seek this grace today, everyone of us will have a change in our hearts. “Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God” (Romans 6:12, 13). There is something we have to do.

Paul said that we are to present ourselves a living sacrifice unto God: “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God.” We are to yield ourselves to God. Give ourselves wholly unto Him. If we give ourselves to God, we will live free from sin. We will live a holy life in this world. We’re not going to play around with sin. Sin is very dangerous; and because it is so dangerous, I believe that we have the privilege to live free from sin. Every Christian has been delivered from the guilt and penalty of sin and set free to serve God.

Joshua took a stand one time. He said, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” He also said to the people, and I will say the same to us today: we are to serve God in sincerity and in truth. We are not to be hypocrites. We are not to have just a mere profession. We have to be close to God. Serve Him wholeheartedly. The psalmist David said, “Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. ... Enter into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good.” Serve the Lord with happiness and with rejoicing. You have something to cause you to rejoice—salvation!

SIN SHALL NOT HAVE DOMINION OVER YOU

Paul said, “For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid” (Romans 6:14, 15). We have the power to live a righteous life. The grace of God gives power. We have the opportunity to live free from sin. Shall we sin? No. What should we do then? Live righteously and godly. Romans 6:16-18, “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.” I underlined the words *free from*. Why? To show you that you are a different person because the Lord saved you and made you what you ought to be. Paul was so happy about this. That is why he wrote this. We are to know today that we are Christians and under the grace of God.

Romans 6:19 says, “I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members

servants to righteousness unto holiness.” What a privilege! I call upon everyone of us today to be careful what we are doing. We want to please God, don’t we? Listen to verse 20: “For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.” Since we became the servants of God, we must be free from sin.

There are some people who believe that you are a sinner saved by grace. I’m not one of those. I am a child of God through the grace of God. I am free from sin. I am no more a servant or a slave to sin. I am a free man. “If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” Free from sin. Free to live a holy life. Free to walk with Jesus. Someone has written: “Hand in hand we walk each day, Hand in hand along the way; Walking thus I cannot stray, Hand in hand with Jesus.”

Since we have become servants of Jesus Christ, we have the love of God deep down in our hearts. We must have some fruit. We are to bear fruit as Christians. Romans 6:21-23, “What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Living free from sin, we have new life in Christ.

SEEK THOSE THINGS ABOVE

Let us turn to the book of Colossians. Let us read these verses carefully. Colossians 3:1, 2, “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.” I believe many people are setting their affection on the things of the world. If you have your eyes upon Christ, you won’t see the ungodly things out there. The psalmist David said, “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.” Where your affection is, that is where your heart will be. See less of the things of this world. See more of God. Which is more important? To me, to choose to serve God is the best choice. Colossians 3:3, 4, “For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.” We have a place to go to after leaving this earth. Again, we have hope in Christ Jesus. I’m sure Jesus knows us.

When Christ was on this earth, do you know what He said in St. John, chapter 14? “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself.” We have a hope to dwell at last with Christ one day. We have a blessed place to go when we leave this earth. There is a place prepared for every Christian. Christ will not be coming back to inherit anything on this earth. Our inheritance is with Christ. There is a benefit there. There is something to enjoy—the bliss of glory that Jesus has gone to prepare for every saved and sanctified person.

The problem we have today is that people are refusing to destroy the works of the flesh. Colossians 3:5, 6, “Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection,

evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience." This is the Word of God. This is our Blueprint. This is what we are to follow. Dear Ones, we are to lineup with the Word.

Now, we are going to walk. We're going to walk in newness of life, as I've said earlier on. There were times when we were living after the flesh, "But now [we] also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Where there is neither Greek nor Jew" ... (Colossians 3:8-11a). Whether rich or poor, black or white, we must choose to serve God. Live against ungodliness and sin. We must renew our lives in Christ. We have the responsibility to do this.

Christians have some virtues. Colossians 3:12, 13, "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." We need to forgive one another. Every Christian must have the spirit of forgiveness. To avoid division, we must learn to forgive one another. We are prone to mistakes, therefore we are not to crush or destroy this bond with one another. If we're Christians, we're going to have what Jesus has—forgiveness. Brothers, sisters, when something goes wrong, quickly amend it. Talk it over. Make it work. Let Christianity and the love of God continue.

COMMENTS ON UNITY

I'm afraid we have too many divisions where Christians are concerned. Something is wrong somewhere. I'm sure it's not the Spirit of God that divides. The Spirit of God unites. If you have the Spirit, and I have the Spirit, we are going to stay together. We are going to be one in Christ, one in doctrine, one in Spirit. Unity is one of the things we must have.

There is a song we sing quite often. It is one of my special songs in our songbook. It was written by Charles W. Naylor. Here are three verses of that song—

Christians all should dwell together in the bonds of peace,

All the clashing of opinions, all the strife should cease;

*Let divisions be forsaken, all the holy join in one,
And the will of God in all be done.*

It is time to tear down the walls that are between us. Come together as children of God. If I have the Spirit, and you have the Spirit, why should we be divided? We should be one in Christ. "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3). I can't understand people who are preaching unity and are practicing division. If we preach the unity of the Spirit, then let's practice it. God is calling His people today to come back together.

Zion's walls again are building as in days of yore,

And the scattered host returning to their land once more,

Are rejoicing in their freedom, pledging evermore to stand

In the reformation truths so grand.

The time has come that we all should be one in Christ, one in hope, one in doctrine, one in Spirit. Let me tell you something, just because there are some little differences out there, we must still preach the Word. Let's talk it over again. The time has come for the walls to be torn down. The time has come for us to show unity to the world. Someone needs to know who we are, and if we're going to possess a Christian attitude, we're going to be patient with one another. Many people run out of patience. I'm afraid the reason why we have so many divisions is because of the lack of patience. I'm afraid we isolate people too quickly. We disfellowship one another too quickly. Bear with each other. Try to fix things together; try to help someone to see what you see and to know what you know. Just don't isolate the person. Sometimes in doing this, we destroy some good ministers and good people. Not everyone will see right away what you see.

Sometimes when you try to show someone something, or tell him something, and he doesn't see it your way, you might say, "Well, I just can't bother." Try to have a little more patience. See what can be worked out. Listen to me, sometime ago, I went to an auto repair shop. I saw this mechanic with a car that was nothing but junk. I asked him, "What are you going to do with this?" He said, "When you come back here, you will see what I've done." I went back there another time, and I saw a car that looked brand new. The mechanic had fixed all the places on that car and it looked totally different. I would have bought that car. Before that, it was a write-off.

Sometimes I feel that we write-off some people too quickly. We need to have more patience with them. I'm sorry to say it, but I'll say it again: I believe that is one of the things that has caused divisions among the body of Christ. Bear a little more patience and give time for things to be worked out.

Sometimes I say to my brethren, if you see a brother missing too many services, something is going on. Call that brother instead of sitting down criticizing and sitting down grumbling and finding fault. See if you can contact that brother. Spend some time with him. See if you can encourage him. It might be a little problem, a little need or want, or maybe he heard that someone was criticizing him. It might even be that the brother didn't understand fully what was preached and he took offense to it. Find him and ask, "What's wrong? Open up to me. Let me know what's going on." "Listen, I'm not coming back because the preacher preached at me." What you can say is, "Listen, you did not understand fully what the preacher was speaking about." "Oh, is that so? I didn't understand it that way. I'm sorry about that." Right away, you will win back that brother, and may be in the future that brother might be the pastor of that congregation, or even a Sunday school teacher. What makes the church so joyful is that we can come together. "One heart, and soul, and mind we prove the [unity] heaven gave us."

When the voice from heaven sounded, warning all to flee,

From the darksome courts of Babel back to Zion free;

Glad my heart to hear the message, and I hastened to obey,

And I'm standing in the truth today.

Thank God for the truth! The truth made me free. No more under the yoke of bondage. I'm a part of the family of God.

Do you know what another songwriter wrote? He says—

Long scattered thy children, O Zion, have been,

But now they are gathering home:

The Spirit is calling, they gladly obey,

With songs of rejoicing they come.

There are some Christians who have hatred in their hearts. I can't believe true Christians would hold a grudge. I can't believe true Christians would possess a hard spirit. They are stubborn and stiff. The voice of God is calling, "Get away from that; come back together." What is the body of Christ? You, the other person, and me. "I don't want to have anything to do with you. You don't preach a certain thing like I do. Therefore, I'm not going to have anything to do with you at all." What's happening? The one God, the one body, and yet you don't see me as being important, or feel that I should be a part of the body? "One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Ephesians 4:6). The same God who saved me is the same God who saved my brother. I believe Bro. Greg is a part of the body, just as I am part of the body. Why should I divide?

God saved me in 1974, and I took a stand with the Church of God and nothing else. Thank God for the stand I have taken for the truth. I have found the truth.

False shepherds divided and scattered the flock,

And hirelings ruled o'er them for gain,

But back to their fold on mount Zion's fair height

They come to forever remain.

Hirelings are only after people's money. They don't see the importance of preaching against sin. They don't see the importance of seeing people saved. They are seeing the importance of getting money, but I believe what we should we look for is to see the salvation of souls. This is the most important.

To unity, glorious, rich and complete,

One faith and one body, one Lord,

One way and one Spirit, one hope and one God,

They come at the call of his word.

The psalmist David said, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren [for Christians] to dwell together in unity!" Unity in Spirit! Unity is necessary and important for Christians today. If we're going to reach anywhere, unity is what we need. If we're going to heaven, we should see the need for others to go along with us. Dear Ones, we have a job to do in this time world. It is important that we see to it that we live a godly life.

CONCLUSION

Let me close this message by asking, Do you know what Solomon said after coming to a conclusion? "Trust

in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

I dearly love Psalm 100. David said, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people [Are you glad for that?], and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise [I'm not talking about noise, but give God some praise.]: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."

Thank God for the truth! All of us who are saved are a part of the kingdom of God. Thank God for that privilege! †

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TO WHOM ARE YOU LOOKING?

Radio Message by Bro. James Arch



be as futile as trying to calm a storm at sea by skimming off the white caps.

My Beloved Friends, the basis of life is moral because the universe was made by God who is holy, and any act that is not consistent with His purpose is subversive and destructive to the individual soul and to society as a whole. Any culture that turns toward God will be exalted, but one in a state of progressive moral decline is on its way to inevitable disaster.

What the world must hear today is not a watered down message, but to see and to feel the flashing Sword of the Word of the living and true God in heaven. The world must be reminded that Jesus Christ is coming back to judge. Then, and then only, will we begin to see people sober up and become conscious of their condition, and become conscious of the fact that Jesus is coming back. We are told that we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ to give an account of the deeds done in this body.

Job, the man we read of in the Bible, one who was called the patient man, in all his bitterness and suffering reminded us that no one can harden against God and prosper. If you'll look into the 9th chapter of the book of Job, the 4th verse, it says, "He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?" If you'll read the following verses, you will see there an outstanding and notable recognition of God by Job.

Now, to whom are you looking? On whom are you depending and trusting? It is a very sad fact indeed, but it is so true: many today only remember God when trouble looms around the corner.

We need to trust in God at all times; not only to trust in Him, but to serve Him, to give Him our lives, to dedicate and consecrate ourselves to Him. This old world will come to naught one of these days. All of these beautiful things around us will perish. One of these days we will take our flight into eternity and that will be the important thing. We will give an account to God for what we have done with the time and the life that He gave us while we were in this world.

There are those today who are looking to some popular individual for their spiritual security, especially if the individual is new. It seems that people run after new things so quickly. Many are depending on a particular group, or a particular organization, which we see failing daily all around us. The arm of flesh will fail. My Beloved Friends, you have to take your eyes off personalities. You have to take your eyes off individuals and place your eyes on God.

We are living in a time when the world needs God. We need to see men and women repenting. We need a revival. If there ever was a time in the history of this world that a revival is needed, it is today. The things that were once wrong are now right for many. Those who once stood firm on their convictions and beliefs, who trusted and depended on God, and lived according to His Word have drifted away. They have gone out into a world of allurements, a world of attraction, sin, and gain. My Friends, we need to take note of what is happening. Many of the things that are right are now wrong and many of the things that are wrong are now right in the estimation of many people. I would like to remind

WE CERTAINLY do appreciate the privilege of coming your way today with another radio broadcast. We are now in this new year, and the world continues to go on, as it must, until Jesus comes. It is our duty as Christians to remain firm and "stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (I Corinthians 15:58).

I will be speaking to you from the Old Testament book of Chronicles on a particular question: "To Whom Are You Looking?"

There was a man by the name of Jehoshaphat. In the 20th chapter of II Chronicles, it gives us an account of his trust in God after being surrounded and besieged by the other nations around him. I will be reading a few verses. Verses 1, 5, 6, and 12: "It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them other beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle. And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court, And said, O Lord God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee? O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee." I trust that will stir you a little today. It certainly thrilled my heart and inspired my soul as I read of Jehoshaphat's trust and confidence and reliance on God.

We are now living in very troublesome times. Troublesome times are here. Many people all around the world are now becoming concerned because of the world's situation. There are problems facing mankind. We have the drug problem, and I could go on and on and on. Sin is on the increase. Crime and lawlessness are increasing. It seems to me that all signs are pointing toward the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are told in the New Testament, "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matthew 24:37). "They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all" (Luke 17:27). That simply means that their minds and hearts were not placed on God nor the message, but they were mindful of the pleasures and the material world alone.

Many people today are now discovering that living only for the material world is profitless. We need to thank God that there are those who are now seeking God, desiring to serve Him, and desiring to be true Christians.

Someone has written, and I quote—

The world's problems will never be solved: war, crimes, poverty, racism, political graft and corruption, as long as men themselves remain unchanged. It would

you today that right is still right and wrong is still wrong. Sin is still sin. The Word of God is still the Word of God. It shall stand forever; it shall never be moved. Thank God for the Word! Thank God for the truth, the light, and the gospel of Jesus Christ!

Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." So many seem to be ashamed of the gospel of Christ, but I'm so thankful that it is real. Although many may laugh and scoff at it, it still brings a deep, settled peace that the world cannot give. It keeps us on the right course. It gives us something to live for.

Jonah disobeyed God. After God called him to go and preach to the Ninevites, Jonah took a ship and went on another course, but God in all His mercy and love gave Jonah a second chance. He called him again. Jonah obeyed and went. He preached the message. Do you know what Jonah said in the 2nd chapter of that book? "Then Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of the fish's belly, and said, "I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the Lord, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice." Even in his disobedience and plight, Jonah looked to God. Who are you looking to today? My Beloved Friends, you need to look to God. There are many things in life that pills cannot do. There are many things in life that alcohol cannot do. There are things that only God can take care of for you in your life.

Joshua and Caleb saw God and not the giants that were before them. Yes, they saw God. I'm so thankful today for God's mercy, for His love, and for His knowledge that we, too, can see Him and place our eyes on Him. The Bible tells us in the 14th chapter of Numbers, "If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. Only rebel not ye against the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the Lord is with us: fear them not." Numbers 13:30, "And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it."

To whom are you looking? Who are you looking to for help and for strength and deliverance? Look to God. My Beloved Friends, individuals are failing. Men are failing all the time. Organizations are failing. Religious groups are failing, but God never fails.

Jehoshaphat looked to God. "O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee." Do you know that God used one who was in Jehoshaphat's company? Jahaziel. The Bible says that the Spirit of God through Jahaziel brought the assurance of victory to Jehoshaphat that God was with them. Listen to this: "Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's" (II Chronicles 20:15). Men are so weak. We cannot fight this battle in our own strength. Christian, get up; be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Sinner Friend, don't go any further in sin, but seek the Lord while He may be found, and call upon Him while He is near.

I believe today that God is more willing to help us than we are to ask for help. So many seem to go down and down and down into hopelessness and despair, and they never give God a chance in their lives. Give Him a chance in your life. Remember Him. Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Don't see the negative side of the world. Don't see the gloom that is hanging over the world at this time, but see God. He is still on His throne, and He never forsakes His own. Thank God for His wonderful love to the children of men. When all others seem to fail, He will take us up.

There is no night so dark but Thou canst light the way out and guide me safely through;

No problem so complicated but Thou canst solve and help me find the right solution;

No tangle so snarled but Thou canst undo the kinks;

No circumstance so hopeless but Thou canst help me surmount it;

No presence so dismal but Thy presence can make it glorious;

No future so uncertain but Thou dost send a ray of hope;

No adversity so distressing but Thou canst bring peace and calm and trust;

No grief so overwhelming but Thou wilt comfort and sustain.

Listen to this. This is what we need to ask of God—

Oh, Lord, my God, help me now to find in Thee what I cannot find out of Thee: rest and peace and joy which abide with me only as I abide in Thee. Lift up my soul above the weary round of harassing thoughts to awareness of Thee, and to the atmosphere of Thy eternal presence that there I may draw strength from Thy eternal life continually.

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THE CHILDREN'S CORNER



OF SAUCE AND SHOES A Bible Lesson by Sis. Rebecca Bland

“Are you girls still eating?” our mother called from the next room where she worked at her sewing machine.

My younger sisters, Twila and Wilma, and I gave each other a guilty look. Even though lunch time was long over, we still sat at the kitchen table, talking and laughing. We knew that once we got up from the table, we would need to start the dishes, and we didn't feel like doing that.

“No,” I called back to my mother. “We're just about to get up and wash the dishes.”

“I'll redd the table,” said Wilma. I sighed. “Redding” (my mother's word for “clearing”) the table was the easiest job. All the “redder” had to do was put away the leftover food and stack the dirty dishes. Then she could go play while the dishes were being washed and dried by someone else. Since Wilma was younger than Twila and me, she usually got to be the table redder.

I sighed again and got up from the table. I got the dishpan from under the sink and began to run dishwasher.

“Come on, Twila,” I said. “Let's get these dishes over with.”

“There's no use for me to get up yet,” Twila said. “There aren't any dishes for me to dry.”

“Well, you could start bringing them to the sink,” I told her. “Then I could get them washed faster.”

“I like watching,” Twila said. She sat at the table swinging her feet and laughing. She was in a silly mood.

“Stop swinging your feet, and get over here,” I said. “Help me clean off the counter.”

“I like swinging my feet,” said Twila. “Look how high I can swing them!” She kicked her legs into the air.

The words had barely left Twila's mouth when one of her shoes left her foot. High into the air it sailed. It hit the ceiling and fell into the bowl of leftover applesauce that still sat on the table.

My sisters and I looked at each other in shock. Now what?

“What's going on out there?” my mother called from her sewing machine. “I don't hear any dishes rattling.”

“Twila kicked her shoe into the applesauce,” Wilma announced.

“WHAT?” my mother asked. We could hear the scrape of her chair as she rose from the sewing machine. In no time at all she was standing at the kitchen table, her hands on her hips.

“Of all things!” my mother said. “You get that shoe out of there right now!”

“Yes, ma'am,” Twila said in a small voice. She reached for the bowl of applesauce and fished her shoe out of it. We all looked at the dripping shoe in silence.

“I didn't spend all that time and effort making applesauce to have you kick your shoe into it,” my mother said sternly.

There was another silence. I thought about the hours my mother had spent picking apples in the fall, cutting them into slices, cooking them, and running them through the sieve to make the delicious applesauce that we enjoyed at our meals.

“Well,” my mother continued, “you're not going to waste that applesauce. Clean it off your shoe right now ... and eat it!”

My sisters and I stared in horror at the applesauce on Twila's shoe. It no longer seemed delicious.

Gingerly, Twila spooned applesauce off her shoe, taking care not to scrape the shoe, itself. In silence she ate the applesauce.

“Now,” said my mother, “get those dishes done. No more playing around!”

We finished the dishes quietly, our hearts full of sympathy for our unfortunate sister.

The lesson we learned that day has stuck with me all of these years. It doesn't pay to get too silly. Silliness makes us do unwise things. Silliness leads to trouble.

My sister's silly mood led to a foolish action that ended with an unwanted consequence. It was not a tragic consequence, but it was unpleasant.

There are foolish actions, however, that can lead to tragic consequences. Many children and young people make unwise decisions, such as choosing to try illegal drugs, even though they have been told many times about the danger of such a choice. By the time they realize how foolish they have been, it is too late. They are addicted to those substances. Such addictions are very hard to break. They can lead to ill-health, accidents, and even death.

How important it is for children and young people to act wisely! The writer of the book of Proverbs advises us to treat wisdom as though she were a close family member. How do we treat close family members? We respect and honor them. We spend time with them. We read in Proverbs 7:4, *Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman.* That means we should desire to have wisdom with us at all times.

If we make wise and understanding choices in life, we will never have to deal with the tragic consequences that come from making foolish decisions. If we stay close to God, He will always help us make the right choices in life.

Activity

Unscramble these words to find a scripture that tells us where to find WISDOM.

HINT: The scripture is in the book of James.

“Let all of you men lack liberally and not that God giveth to of wisdom if any ask him it shall upbraideth and be given him.”

Answer to Last Month's Activity

1. “I will set no **wicked thing** before mine eyes” (Psalm 101:3).
2. “I will hear what **God the Lord** will speak” (Psalm 85:8).
3. “Come, behold the **works** of the Lord” (Psalm 46:8).
4. “Make me to hear **joy and gladness**” (Psalm 51:8). †

WINNING A CROWN

By the late C. W. Naylor



Part VII Regeneration (conclusion)

Effect on the Moral Attributes and Faculties

The effect of regeneration upon man's moral attributes and faculties is most profound. It amounts to a complete transformation. His conscience, his will, his perceptions and sensibilities are all revolutionized. His faculties are quickened and changed. He finds himself different in a thousand ways, and these differences show to him that he is indeed a new creature.

The conscience of the sinner is defiled. "But unto them that are defiled and unbelieving, there is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled" (Titus 1:15). Paul, speaking on this point, says that they have "their conscience seared with a hot iron" (I Timothy 4:2). This state of the conscience, however, need not be permanent. No matter how defiled it may have become, no matter how unclean, no matter how seared, when the soul turns to God there is a remedy. "How much more shall the blood of Christ ... purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Hebrews 9:14). Again, it is said, "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience" (chapter 10:22). The result of this purification through the blood of Christ is told in chapter 10:2—"Because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins." When our iniquities are blotted out, the guilt upon our conscience is removed and we are free. We are before the Lord as though we had never committed sin, so far as any sense of present guilt is concerned. We are brought into a blessed state of peace, which is thus expressed: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1). This state may be maintained. Paul said, "Herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense toward God, and toward men" (Acts 24:16). Among other things which we are to do is to hold "the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience" (I Timothy 3:9). There is nothing that can give us more inward satisfaction than a conscience void of offense, one that approves our conduct and our state. Nothing can be more harassing than the stings of a defiled conscience.

God has promised us that we should have His peace, and we can have this peace only as we have a peaceful conscience. This is the Christian's heritage; this is his glorious portion. We can so maintain our lives before God that we shall have the approval of our consciences and a continued realization that the things we are doing are done with the single purpose of pleasing God. We can be conscious that we are following Him as His dear children and yielding our all to Him. This inner consciousness is a joy indeed and a satisfaction that can come from no other source.

The sinner is fully bent on doing as he pleases, in following out his own purposes and desires. He does not take God into his consideration. He asks only, "What do I wish to do?" He feels that he is master of himself. He gives allegiance to none. Self sits upon the throne of his life and rules there. In regeneration all this is changed. The will submits to God. It takes its orders from Him, as it were. The regenerated person yields his will to carry out the purpose of his Maker. This yielding is not forced; it is willing and ready. The regenerated delights to do the will of God, delights to carry out His purpose. That charity which is from above "seeketh not her own." Instead of opposing God, the will actively cooperates with Him. The one-time rebel has become a dutiful and obedient son.

The moral perceptions are also now greatly changed. We see things in a new light. Instead of seeing in God qualities that make us fear Him and dread Him and shrink from contact with Him, we see those things which attract us and draw out our love toward Him. God becomes, as it were, a new God. We find Him entirely different from what we supposed Him to be. We find His attitude toward us different from what it seemed to be. His love, which we never really knew before, becomes a glorious reality to us. His Word becomes as a new book, and we read it eagerly and enjoy it greatly. Our perception of moral qualities in actions is also very different from what it was before. It was abnormal. We looked at things through the obscurity of our sinfulness. But now we see things face to face. We see them in their true colors, in their true perspective.

Our sensibilities, too, are vitally changed. There is, in fact, a complete reversal of the effect of the causes which excite our sensibilities, the effect upon our feelings of things involving moral questions being quite the opposite of what it was before. Sinful things repel instead of attracting, excite our disgust and disapproval instead of producing in us a sense of pleasure. The company of our former wicked associates brings to us now a feeling different from what it did before. The things of the world have lost their charm. We are strongly drawn to holy things. Contemplation of God and our relation to Him instead of causing feelings of fear and distress, stir emotions of joy and thankfulness. New emotions arise and are sometimes very powerful. Spiritual joy, peace, contentment, and satisfaction unite to uplift the soul to new heights.

Different persons have different emotions, depending upon their natural temperaments. There is a wide variation even in the same person at different times. Emotion is not salvation or any part of it, but it often accompanies the work of God in us and follows in the life. We are profoundly conscious of the reversal of the effect of outside things upon our emotions. This is the most important thing in regard to them in our new life. In this particular they become an evidence of the change wrought in us. This subject will be treated more at length in a succeeding chapter.

Our natural faculties also are vitally affected. In the sinful life we may reverence God in a way, but not as when we are saved. We might worship Him in form as we see others doing, but we cannot worship Him in

Spirit and in truth until our hearts are in harmony with Him. In the new life we need no command to praise Him or to worship Him, for it is natural to do so. Praise flows from our hearts unto Him as water from a fountain, and the flow is quickened by every consideration of His goodness to us. The contemplation of His being and character arouses a reverence in us that we could never have felt before. The wisdom and justice of His law excite our highest admiration.

Faith is another thing that is profoundly affected. It passes from the passive to the active state in the individual, and not only so, but it is greatly increased in degree. As sinners we may believe in God; but when we are converted, when we become God's children, our faith is active then, and we trust, we rely in Him and believe Him, and this faith brings us into and keeps us in vital relation with Him.

The sinner is pictured as being without hope and without God in the world. He has nothing to look forward to. Hope brings him no blessings from the spiritual realm. He looks forward to the future, and all is dark and disappointing. He has no foundation for hope. But with a Christian it is quite different. Hope is born anew in him. Hope looks forward and sees its pathway illuminated with a heavenly light. It looks beyond this life and sees the future glorious with expectation. The Christian's hope is based upon a sure foundation. He knows that he will not be disappointed. He knows that hope reaches within the veil and grasps hold of that which God has in store for him in the years of eternity. The Christian has hope in his present life and in his death and in God's glorious kingdom of heaven. No wonder that Paul spoke of it as being the "anchor of the soul." The sinner has no anchor for his soul. He is tossed about wherever the storms of life may throw him, while the Christian rests serene and untroubled.

The faculty of love also is greatly changed, or manifests itself in a greatly different way. The sinner does not and cannot really love God. He may have an admiration for the character of God and for the laws of God, but this can never rise to love. He may love himself; he may love his friends and the things about him; he may love and does love his sins, or he would not persist in them. This selfish love and the love of sin must be destroyed out of the heart and is destroyed in regeneration. The new-born soul loves God. He knows not when he began nor how it is, but he feels his heart drawn out in tenderest love toward God. His capacity to love seems to be increased, and all its strength seems to go out toward God. Not that he does not love those about him nor the things that are lovely; he still loves these, but he loves them as they ought to be loved, and he loves God more than them all. "We love him, because he first loved us" (I John 4:19), and a contemplation of His love for us begets more and more of love toward Him in return.

Our sense of justice and fair play is likewise greatly affected. If we are treated unfairly, we no longer feel vindictive. We no longer feel disposed to take vengeance on those who do us ill, but rather to say, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." The disposition to enforce our rights by carnal means is taken away. We are willing to let God rule in our lives and rule in

the things that concern us. Hatred, bitterness, envy, malice, and all such things have their end, and in their stead come kindness and mercy and justice. Abnormal self-esteem, pride, haughtiness, arrogance, and all such things give way to meekness, quietness, and consideration of others. We learn to value others at their true worth and by the same standard by which we value ourselves.

Effects on the Mental Constitution

The effect of regeneration on man's mental constitution is important. Not only is his mental point of view changed, but the general course of his thoughts run in a different direction. When we are in the valley of sin, the prospect is quite different from what it is when we are on the mountaintop of salvation. Things do not appear the same to us as they did before. Our horizon is widened, and we view things more truly in their relationship to other things. The mind is often strongly affected by the general course of the sinful life. It runs in the channels of sin and upon the things of sin. It delights in the things of the world and of sin. The converted person thinks rather of the things of God and of the things that are pure and noble and uplifting. His thoughts are turned into new channels and upon new objects. The Holy Spirit illuminates his mind, so that many things that were once dark and mysterious now seem plain and clear. He understands the Bible as he could not understand it before. He understands God, and he understands himself. He sees them in a new light. His understanding may be only partial; he may not understand clearly; but things appear quite different from what they did before.

The effect on his reasoning faculties is very marked. He is now in a position where God can reveal to him through His Spirit many truths wholly unknown before, and his reason is quickened so that he may readily understand the philosophy of many things that he did not know before and that he could not understand even when he heard others speak of them. The problems of life have a new meaning to him, and one by one he finds their solution. He finds the laws and purposes of God such as to excite the admiration of his reason and to lead it on to deeper and deeper understanding. Sinners have deified reason and bowed down to and worshiped it, but man's unaided reason is not a safe guide. Too often it has led him astray into bogs from which he could not easily make his way. Reason, under the direction of the Spirit of God, finds its way into the path of truth and rejoices therein.

We may well say that the whole course of man's thoughts, so far as they relate to moral things, is changed. He thinks now as a son of God; he thinks now with his reason illuminated. He delights to have his mind dwell on that which is right and just and noble and good, that which will bless him and his fellows, and that which will please and honor his God.

Effects on the Physical Being

The effect of regeneration on man's physical being must of necessity be less than that on the other parts of his being. Its greatest physical effects are probably obtained through the cessation of injurious habits that the person followed in his sinful days. His natural functions are not affected by regeneration. They are neces-

sary to his being; they are parts, as it were, of his physical being. It does, however, oftentimes have a profound effect upon his appetites, especially such as are acquired and unnatural. In most instances the appetite for intoxicating liquors disappears as if by magic. The same is often true of the appetite for tobacco and narcotic drugs and other unnatural things. However, experiences are not always uniform in this regard. But in all cases where the appetite leads to sinfulness, the grace of God will be found sufficient to overcome it, God Himself intervening usually to destroy the unnatural appetite. The effect on natural appetites is less marked. In fact, these are left to be controlled by the mental and moral constitution of man, according to wisdom and to will.

The least that we can say of the work of God in the human nature and being is that it brings us into a place where we can serve God in holiness and righteousness, in a manner that is acceptable to Him and glorifying to His name. We should stop nothing short of this, for nothing short of this will enable us to live a real Christian life. †

BIBLE LESSON OF THE MONTH

JUSTIFICATION CONVICTION OF SIN

Scriptures: Luke 15:11-24.

Luke 15:11 And he said, A certain man had two sons:

12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Memory Verse: Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we

do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.—Acts 2:37, 38.

Aim: To show that sin registers on the human heart.

INTRODUCTION

THE WORD *convict* or *conviction* is used in more than one way. Conviction of the human heart of sin many times is accompanied by a depressed, and possibly, a hopeless feeling. A man in the bondage of sin is in a hopeless state, but the purpose of the Spirit's dealing with him is not to torment, but to bring the sinner to the place where he will be willing to turn from his hopeless state to the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, for in Him there is hope.

Conviction is not always accompanied by deep emotional feelings. A man who has done wrong is guilty whether he feels guilty or not. However, a sinner is not going to change his course unless, and until, the Spirit draws him. When the Spirit reveals to one that he is a sinner, lost and on the broad road, it is time for him to seek the Lord.

May the gracious Spirit of God direct you as you examine the truths of this lesson.

MEDITATIONS

BEGINNING A CAREER—Luke 15:12—Give me—Life usually looks bright to young people, and all problems are easily solved; therefore, there is need for careful instruction by the parents to the children. The Bible teaches us that it is necessary to spend much time in imparting the true knowledge to children. To fail in this is to allow the mind of the child to be filled with the things that will be harmful to him. This young man's action was the result of his conclusion of the values of life brought about by the things that he had learned. To make his way in life looked easy, and he did not desire the routine of the home that he was planning on leaving.

TRYING TO SATISFY HIS SOUL BY FLESHLY INDULGENCE—Luke 15:13—In riotous living—The youth needs to be taught the true values are in the spirit world and not in the material. That longing for happiness which God alone can give was sought by this young man in riotous living. And still today the same mistake is being made by our young people. It is a stark revelation of adults failing to build the lives of the young on the foundations of holy truth. The world to come offers no material indulgence, for every material thing shall pass away. Many people seem to be unable to properly value material things and to realize that they are stewards under God and must some day give account of the use they have made of them.

WASTE BRINGS WANT—Luke 15:14—To be in want—No man knows when adversity will come. He who has been careful in the time of plenty will be much more able to survive in the time of dearth. To waste anything shows a lack of character.

HUMILIATED—Luke 15:15—To feed swine—Swine were despised by the Jews, and for one to devote his time to their care would suggest the direst of circumstances.

WITHOUT A FRIEND—Luke 15:16—No man gave—As long as he had money, he had friends; but with the loss of his wealth, he also suffered the loss of his friends. Bitter sometimes are the experiences that follow the departure from the counsel of those who have traveled the way before us.

CONVICTION BEGINS ITS WORK—Luke 15:17—He came to himself—He had time to think of his home and the blessings he had there; each day he was bored with his now pitiful plight. His sins were becoming real to him now, and sorrow was filling his heart. This is a blessed state for a sinner to be in, for he is in a place where he can get hold of the One who can help him. Conviction is always a blessing to the sinner.

MAKING HIS DECISION—Luke 15:18—I will arise—When anyone sees his condition, the first thing that he must do is to decide to do something about it. Convicted that he had done wrong, the son was now willing to acknowledge his error.

TRUE HUMILITY—Luke 15:19—Am no more worthy—When a man humbles his heart and acknowledges his true state, it is then easy to get back into favor with God. It is not unusual for material things to cause men to lose sight of the great things in life just as was the case with the prodigal son. Today the abundance of rich material blessings is causing men to drift far from God, and the outlook for the future is not bright for the world. However, he who puts his trust in God has nothing to fear. We who know God must continually sound out the warning; some will hear and heed. It is far better to be least in the kingdom, or house of God, than to be chief in the house of Satan.

ACTING UPON HIS CONVICTIONS—Luke 15:20a—He arose—Riotous living had brought him to a very bad place; but when he saw himself as he was, he did the very wise thing of making a move to return to his former standing. He was humbled. Sad is the state of a man who sees his condition but makes no move to right himself. There are many in the world like this, as there were in the days of Jesus, who love the praises of men more than the praises of God.

GOD'S MERCY—Luke 15:20b—Had compassion—A true father has a love for his children that will last as long as life itself, which causes him to labor to the end that his children may be saved. Because they do wrong is no reason for the cooling of parental love. That is exactly the principle that is taught here in regard to divine love. God so loved that He gave His Son. He gave His Son, not to save the righteous, but to save the wayward. Oh, how this poor world does need the compassion and love and interest today of true ministers of the gospel! Millions have been led astray by the selfish teaching of false shepherds. Only a true ministry, anointed by the power of a compassionate God, can bring men back to God.

THE RESULT OF FOLLOWING SATAN—Luke 15:21—I have sinned—Let all men know that he who follows Satan will never fail to find himself caught in the snare of sin. As the Scriptures say, give Satan no place at all, not even for one moment. Resist him always and he will flee from you. The wages of sin, be the sin

large or small, is always death. Sin separates men from God and deprives them of the rich heritage of sonship. If sin now has you in its toils, turn to the Father at once and acknowledge your true state. You will find mercy and pardon with Him.

FORGIVENESS—Luke 15:22—The best robe—Conviction in the young man's heart had brought about a genuine change in his heart that was so real the father had no doubt about it. The forgiveness of the father was complete, and favor was again re-established. There was nothing too much for the father to do for his son whom he loved. This was a parable showing God's willingness to forgive the wayward sinner and to restore him to sonship in the family of God. The robe represents the robe of righteousness and the ring on the hand is a sign of sonship. It does not mean that Jesus was putting His approval on the wearing of rings on one's fingers which is an adornment and is forbidden by other scriptures.

PEACE AND JOY RETURN—Luke 15:23, 24—Be merry—Conviction leads to repentance, and repentance when heartily embraced brings peace and joy. Not only was the prodigal son happy; so also was the father. The Scriptures declare that there is joy in heaven over one sinner who repenteth more than over ninety and nine just persons who need no repentance.

CONCLUSION

From the Scriptures we have a vivid account of what sin will do for those who are deceived by it. Also, we have a true account of what will happen to the man who recognizes himself and turns from his evil way. This has been the standard in the ages that are past and is still God's standard today, regardless of what modern religionists may try to declare. So it is necessary that we as ministers and laymen give to the world the true picture of God's plan for the fallen world. Many young people today think that riotous living is the real life as they repeatedly visit the night clubs, beaches, theaters, and taverns. But they never find the joy that the heart craves, and with each succeeding experience their future agony and woe is increased unless they truly repent. The awful ravages of sin are glaringly evident in our generation and continue to increase and will increase until there is sufficient preaching against it to bring conviction upon the people.

Let every saint pray more earnestly for God to convict and draw the unsaved to Christ the Savior.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

1. What is conviction?
2. Why are most young people unconscious of the dangers in living carelessly?
3. What are the dangers of riotous living?
4. What effect does conviction have upon a sinner?
5. What are the dangers of resisting conviction?
6. What are the results of listening to Satan?
7. What does divine forgiveness bring to the human heart?
8. Give one reason why sin is increasing in the world. †



Dear Young People,

I am reminded, of late, how important it is to spend time daily in prayer and study. Do not let the devil make you feel the time you have is too short to bother. Even a little heartfelt prayer and a short reading (guided by the Spirit), carried throughout the

day, will be a help to you. You need your daily portion of strength and grace.

Seek the Lord for truth. It is priceless.

This month we are continuing our reading of *The Heavenly Footman* by John Bunyan. I hope it will inspire you on your walk.

Keep strong in the Lord!
Sis. Crystal Gossard

Question: But how should a poor soul do to run? For this very thing is that which afflicteth me sore, as you say, to think that I may run, and yet fall short. Methinks to fall short at last, O, it fears me greatly! Pray tell me, therefore, how I should run.

Answer: That thou mightest indeed be satisfied in this particular, consider these following things:

The First Direction

If thou wouldst so run as to obtain the kingdom of heaven, then be sure that thou get into the way that leadeth thither; for it is a vain thing to think that ever thou shalt have the prize, though thou runnest never so fast, unless thou art in the way that leads to it. Set the case that there should be a man in London that was to run to York for a wager; now, though he run never so swiftly, yet if he run full south, he might run himself quickly out of breath, and be never the nearer the prize, but rather the further off. Just so is it here; it is not simply the runner, nor yet the hasty runner, that winneth the crown, unless he be in the way that leadeth thereto. I have observed, that little time which I have been a professor, that there is a great running to and fro, some this way, and some that way, yet it is to be feared most of them are out of the way. And then, though they run as swift as the eagle can fly, they are benefited nothing at all.

Here is one [who] runs a-quaking, another a-ranting; one again runs after the Baptism, and another after the Independency. Here is one for free-will, and another for Presbytery. Yet, possibly, most of all these sects run quite the wrong way; and yet everyone is for his life, his soul, either for heaven or hell.

If thou now say, "Which is the way?" I tell thee it is Christ, the son of Mary, the Son of God. Jesus saith, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." So then thy business is, if thou wouldst have salvation, to see if Christ be thine, with all His benefits; whether He hath covered thee with His righteousness, whether He hath showed thee that thy sins are washed away with His heart-blood, whether thou art planted into Him, and whether thou have faith in Him—so as to make a life out of Him, and

to confirm thee to Him—that is, such faith as to conclude that thou art righteous because Christ is thy righteousness, and so constrained to walk with Him as the joy of thy heart because He saved thy soul. And for the Lord's sake, take heed and do not deceive thyself and think thou art in the way upon too slight grounds; for if thou miss of the way, thou wilt miss of the prize; and if thou miss of that, I am sure thou wilt lose thy soul, even that soul which is worth more than the whole world.

But I have treated more largely on this in my book of the two covenants, and therefore shall pass it now. Only I beseech thee to have a care of thy soul, and that thou mayest so do, take this counsel:

Mistrust thy own strength and throw it away; [go] down on thy knees in prayer to the Lord for the Spirit of truth; search His Word for direction; flee seducers' company; keep company with the soundest Christians that have most experience of Christ ... I tell thee this is such a serious matter, and I fear thou wilt so little regard it, that the thoughts of the worth of the thing, and of thy too light regarding of it, doth even make my heart ache whilst I am writing to thee. The Lord teach thee the way by His Spirit, and then I am sure thou wilt know it. **SO RUN.**

Only, by the way, let me bid thee have a care of two things, and so I shall pass to the next thing.

1) Have a care of relying on the outward obedience to any of God's commands, or thinking thyself ever the better in the sight of God for that.

2) Take heed of fetching peace for thy soul from any inherent righteousness. But if thou canst believe that as thou art a sinner, so thou art justified freely by the love of God through the redemption that is in Christ; and that God for Christ's sake hath forgiven thee, not because He saw anything done, or to be done in or by thee to move Him thereunto to do it—for that is the right way. The Lord put thee into it, and keep thee in it!

The Second Direction

As thou shouldst get into the way, so thou shouldst also be much in studying and musing on the way. You know men that would be expert in anything, they are usually much in studying of that thing, and so likewise is it with those that quickly grow expert in any way. This therefore thou shouldst do: let thy study be much exercised about Christ, who is the way; what He is, what He hath done, and why He is what He is, and why He hath done what is done; as, why He "took upon him the form of a servant," why He "was made in the likeness of man"; why He cried; why He died; why He "bear the sin of the world"; why He was made sin, and why He was made righteousness; why He is in heaven in the nature of man, and what He doth there? Be much in musing and considering of these things. Be thinking also enough of those places that thou must not come near, but leave some on this hand, and some on that hand; as it is with those that travel into other countries, they must leave such a gate on this hand, and such a bush on that hand, and go by such a place where standeth such a thing. Thus, therefore, thou must do: Avoid such things that are expressly forbidden in the Word of God. "Withdraw thy foot far from her, and come not

nigh the door of her house, for her steps take hold of hell, going down to the chambers of death." And so of everything that is not in the way, have a care of it, that thou go not by it; come not near it, have nothing to do with it. SO RUN.

The Third Direction

Not only thus, but, in the next place, thou must strip thyself of those things that may hang upon thee to the hindering of thee in the way to the kingdom of heaven, as covetousness, pride, lust, or whatever else thy heart may be inclined unto, which may hinder thee in this heavenly race. Men that run for a wager, if they intend to win as well as run, they do not encumber themselves, or carry those things about them that may be a hindrance to them in their running. "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things"; that is, he layeth aside everything that would be any wise a disadvantage to him; as saith the apostle, "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." It is but a vain thing to talk of going to heaven, if thou let thy heart be encumbered with those things that would hinder. Would you not say that such a man would be in danger of losing, though he run, if he fill his pockets with stones, hang heavy garments on his shoulders, and great lumpish shoes on his feet? So it is here; thou talkest of going to heaven, and yet fillest thy pocket with stones, i.e., fillest thy heart with this world, letteth that hang on thy shoulders with its profits and pleasures. Alas, alas, thou art widely mistaken! If thou intendest to win, thou must strip, thou must lay aside every weight, thou must be temperate in all things. Thou must SO RUN. †

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HAGERSTOWN WEEKEND REVIVAL

October 26-28, 2018

We are thankful to the Lord for the good weekend revival we had this past October. Each message was Spirit-filled and encouraging to the saints. There were four speakers that came our way through the invitation of our pastor, Bro. Greg Tyler. We certainly received a blessing by being able to have this revival effort.

Below are the titles of the messages and the speakers. Information for ordering is as follows:

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January 2019

WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING FOR?

2018 Fall Revival Message
by Bro. Lowell McClung

WHAT A day God has given to us! Without question, He deserves our praise and our adoration. Many have already spoken those words, but He'll never get tired of us saying those, will He?



Two weeks ago, I heard from a brother that I don't often hear from, until I come here to Hagerstown, or he comes to Craigsville. This time it was a phone call from your dear pastor, Bro. Greg. Whenever I hear from him, it's always a pleasure to talk to him; yet, this time, he had a different purpose and a different desire. So when we were finished our conversation, I told him that I would have to call him back. I told him earlier, in the human, as much as I respect you, brother, I would have accepted the invitation you gave me. Dear Ones, we need to seek the Lord in all things. So I chose to seek the Lord before I would give Bro. Greg a definite answer about coming here for your fall revival. Thank God for Bro. Greg. We pray for him often in Craigsville. We've known him for a number of years, and we love him dearly as you do.

You know, when the Lord saves you, there are things that you want to do for Him. You want to have revivals. You want to tell others of what the Lord has done for you. I've even heard it said that if you want to have a revival, you have to put a lot of effort into it. Sometimes you don't know if that effort is a message; but after talking to God, I accepted Bro. Greg's invitation, and I'm happy to be here. Your hospitality is really, really good. It's hospitality that you extend to everyone you fellowship in Christ. We're brothers and sisters, aren't we? I thank God that I have you all as family, and I know you do likewise.

I really appreciated Bro. Gregor's testimony last night. God can help us in so many ways, and I could tell through Bro. Gregor's testimony that God has helped him. When you see how God can help in so many ways, people fall so short of the blessings that God has for them.

Thank God for last night's service. Bro. Ronnie (Ford) touched on a scripture that sort of startled me, because when he referred to Acts 17, I thought, *Oh, no; we're preaching from the same scriptures.* But you know, God works in mysterious ways, doesn't He?

If you have your Bibles, I'd ask you to turn to Acts, chapter 17. We're going to be talking about some things concerning the apostle Paul. In Acts 17, we have four pilot verses. Beginning with verse 24 and on down to verse 27: "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is

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worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us." Let's read verse 27 the second time: *That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us.*

The title of our message this evening could be taken in a variety of ways. I'm going to ask a rhetorical question. This question is primarily for the unsaved, but it is for the Christian, too. Every single word that God has given us is good for us. Those who know God will use the words and apply them to their daily lives. So my thoughts for the message is: "What Are You Seeking For?"

What does the word *seek* mean? So often I think I know the meaning of words until I go to *Webster's Dictionary*. This dictionary has a way of actually presenting words in a deeper way. When I looked up the word *seek*, it said, "to go in search of; to look for; to try to discover."

The passage of scripture that I read from is the apostle Paul's message on Mars Hill to the people in Athens. Throughout the time world that we've been in, or what has come before us, men have been seeking for things, haven't they? Upon arrival in Athens, Paul saw that the people of Athens were wholly given to idol worship. Verse 16 of Acts 17 bears that out. Paul could see what they were seeking for. He could see what their whole motivation was. They were seeking for gods. No matter where Paul turned, there was evidence of their seeking for gods. When you read this chapter (Acts 17), you can see where Paul's mind was going. He was actually stirred in his spirit. It sort of caused him to be really burdened. How could these people be so wrapped up in their gods? Because of their idol worship, Paul knew that they were far from being godly. You know, here in the U.S., we have the same condition. This is a condition in this world. Paul saw a sharp contrast in things that were godly and in things that were being worshipped in Athens.

Paul went through a variety of things prior to coming to Athens. If you'll read the previous portion of Acts 17, it says that he had been to Thessalonica and Berea. Paul had a willingness to teach the Word of God. He wanted to show the people in Athens the difference between the God he was serving and worshiping and those who were in this idol-worshipping city. So whether it was Thessalonica or Berea, or at this stage, Athens, I read some words to you about what they were seeking.

In seeing Paul's willingness to teach the people the way of God, we see that he is an example to those who are serving God. We have Bible instruction. Paul had some of the writings in the Old Testament, and he had of course, Jesus Christ, but we have the whole Bible to learn from. While we may never ever be the apostle Paul, Jesus Christ has shown us the Christian life to live. Paul always went up against whatever Satan threw at him. You know, we have situations of the same manner in our daily lives, don't we?

When Paul first arrived in Athens, he sought out the synagogue where there were certain Jews. Do you know Paul was a Jew? The scripture reads, "There was a disputing between him and the Jews." Allow me to digress here for a minute: Paul was a Pharisee at one time in his life. He was serving whom he thought was God. Back in his former life, he was aligned with those Jews he was disputing with in Athens. So when he came to Athens, and there was disputing with the Jews, I always believed there were times the Jews were out to reclaim him, because God had gotten one of their own and converted him. Through this disputing, Paul knew of whom he was speaking. The Old Mosaic Law had been done away with, and he was now speaking of Jesus Christ and the resurrection. The Jews, however, thought Jesus was an imposter. Dear Ones, there are many out in the world this evening who think the Church of God is just a sect among sects. We need to hold high the banner. I want the genuine thing, don't you?

In I Corinthians 1:22, Paul told the Corinthians that the Jews were always seeking a sign. They were still seeking a sign; however, Paul was steadfast in his belief in God. You know, at one time, Paul, in his life, was seeking for something. He was seeking for fame. As the educated man that he had become, there were places he was going to where he sought to kill the Christians. Paul was seeking things, wasn't he? But on the road to Damascus, he was struck by God Himself. Through that moment of conversion, Paul answered, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Think about this: Paul at one time was seeking something that God did not want him to be doing, yet, he was still doing it. Once God changed his life, he began seeking other things. Paul's motives, his life, and everything he did after he was converted by God, changed—even the way he was seeking things.

Besides the Jews in Athens, Paul also had to contend with another group: the Greeks. The Greeks were known for many of their man-made gods. They were philosophers, too, weren't they? Philosophers can be of the curious sort. Whereas the Jews disputed with Paul, here the Greeks came along, and they sort of showed some interest. In that same verse (I Corinthians 1:22), Paul makes reference to the Greeks seeking wisdom. That's how curious they were. They were wanting to see if what Paul had to say was just more wisdom that they could put in their heads.

In his message last night, Bro. Ronnie talked about how the Greeks referred to Paul as a babbler. *Webster's Dictionary* says for *babblers*: "one that speaks or talks constantly." I don't believe Paul was that way; but I'll tell you this: whenever God saves you, you're going to talk about things that God wants you to talk about. Whether the world calls you a babbler or not is beside the point. That was one group talking about Paul being a babbler.

The other Greek group asked, "Who is this strange god you're bringing to our hearing?" The fact of the matter was, their curiosity was getting the best of them. They were wanting to know what Paul really had to say. News of what Paul was saying here was even going on to a further point. At Mars Hill, there was an opportunity that the Greeks gave him. He had an opportunity

to speak at a court setting. The same Spirit that stirred Paul was the same One that gave him the liberty to speak those words that I read in the pilot text. Paul referred to them as “too superstitious.” Think about that. Paul, with God’s help, was referring to the group there as too superstitious. Matthew Henry had something to say about this. He says: “The Greeks were easily and readily to admit everything that comes under a show of religion, but it is that which corrupts it more and more.” You can take what I just said and you can apply it to America today. Everyone will accept what is the next thing coming. Let’s not exclude anyone. But, Dear Ones, Paul was there to preach the Word of God. He wasn’t there to accept the Greeks’ religion nor the Jews’ religion. The Church of God should not accept anyone else’s religion either, should they?

Ephesians, chapter 4, verse 14, is in a group of scriptures speaking about unity and perfection. Verse 14 says: “That we [Christians] henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.” Dear Ones, we need to hold high the banner that God has given us. “Buy the truth, and sell it not.”

Consider everything Paul said to the Greeks. I know I have summarized it to a degree, and even what we have read in Acts 17 is just a condensed version as to what Paul was involved with in this message at Mars Hill. But there are things about Paul in this message that you could bring right down to our age today. What is it like in our day? What are people seeking for? Going back to the title of our message, “What Are You Seeking For?”

I would be sarcastic to say that there is no idol worship in our day. Idol worship is probably 10 or 100 or 1,000 times worse than what it was in Paul’s day. Can you imagine what Paul would go through if he came right to America, let alone any other part of the world and find all the idol worship that’s going on? You know, we have the obvious cases. We have the sports’ venues, the Super Bowl, the World Series. People will stand for hours watching a ball game, yet when it comes to a Spirit-filled message, it’s completely different, isn’t it? Collegiate Sports. They even have high school sports where people are idolized.

There are shrines. Shrines and museums of every kind—built to men—groups of people. Specific idols like they were in the Greeks’ day. Dear Ones, we even have mega churches that are set up. There are people who will not attend a church unless it’s of a particular size.

What about Pop culture? There are new trends being set every day, and once one person sees it, then everyone has to do it. When you see someone doing it, then you’re emulating or even using that person as an idol. It brings to question, What are people seeking for?

What about technology? Technology is used in so many ways that perhaps the inventors who introduced the technology can’t even bear to see what’s being done with it. Besides all these idol worshippers in our day, there are still people who say, “There is no God in heaven.” The psalmist David said in Psalm 14, “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.” Dear Ones,

we have to call people fools, don’t we, when they don’t believe the God of heaven.

The fact of the matter is, everywhere you look people are seeking for something. Even in this service, people are seeking for something. If you stepped outside of this sanctuary, you can out into the community and you can find people who are seeking something tonight. But, you know, God made us this way so we could seek for Him. It has been this way since the beginning of time. God made us in need of Him. Let me repeat that: *God made us in need of Him*. If we would go back to the day of those people in Athens, they were no different than you and me. God made those people in need of Him.

Referring back to Acts 17 and verse 23, Paul says, “For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.” You know, it seems somewhat ironic, doesn’t it? Here you have the people in Athens who are so into their god that they had to come up with a god that filled the gap. The Greeks were wise. They were using, as it were, their brain, but Paul was driving at a point here. There was something to this unknown God. They had no way, absolutely no way, of understanding the unknown God, because they were not seeking after Him. They had to have something there to fill the gap.

I will refer to Matthew Henry on this particular point. “Athens, a place which was supposed to have the monopoly of wisdom, the true God was an unknown God.” Think about that. People who were willing to worship were worshipping the wrong thing. With this that God has put in your heart and mine, so often people out in the world are doing the same thing. They are worshipping the wrong things, aren’t they?

Paul gave us an answer concerning the unknown God. Let’s go back to our pilot text. “God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands.” Paul’s answer was true some 2,000 years ago, just as it is true today. God made heaven and earth. God made man in a special way. We’re special. We’re not saying that in a bigoted or an egotistical sort of way. The Scriptures bring out that God made man just a little lower than the angels. Since God made us, as the Scriptures bear out, we need to serve Him first and foremost. With what we have, He deserves our praise and worship.

I want to emphasize what I said a few minutes ago: Everyone is seeking something; but the fact is, there is only one way. We sang from our chorus book—

*There’s only one way—one way to heaven,
There’s only one way—that way is Jesus;
By giving His life, the gates He opened;
In Jesus believe, salvation receive—
There’s only one way!*

God knew what He was doing even before He made man. I know it displeased God to see how disobedient the children of Israel were, but He brought prophets to prophesy about this way to you and me.

I’ll ask you to turn to Jeremiah, chapter 32, verses 37-40: “Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my

fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely: And they shall be my people, and I will be their God: And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them: And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me." What a promise! what a covenant! In thinking about God looking down at Jesus Christ, and what He was going to bring, His plan of salvation was afforded to you and me.

God also prophesied through Ezekiel. Ezekiel 11:19, 20: "And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God." Not only did God make man in such a way to have a need, He gave him something worth seeking for. In Paul's day, there were many doctrines. What about the doctrines in our day? There are many doctrines, aren't there? It is important that we seek the right way. Those two scriptures that I read from were Old Testament scriptures. If you'll look at our day and age today, you might think that God did not fulfill His promise, but that's not the case.

John 14:6 is a very familiar passage of scripture: "Jesus saith unto [Thomas], I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." That is something worth seeking for. If you knew that there were all kinds of ways out there, but you wanted the right way, wouldn't you want the one that is right?

Peter also witnessed to the high priest. Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." That identifies there is only one way. Thank God for this way! Thank God if you have that way in your life.

Many are seeking for things they should not. Solomon, in Proverbs, said on two occasions, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." So when we talk about people seeking, we need people to be able to see what God has given to us. We're not talking because we want to keep it under a bushel, as it were. We want to extend the same love to other people and see that they find the one way. We're in a sin-cursed world, aren't we? What is *sin*? It is "disobedience to God's command." God's one way requires us to have obedience to Him. It will pay all who seek, or obey, to follow God and not idols.

We brought out examples of idol worship in Paul's day, but even more so in our day, we see things that we could put ahead of God. These things are people's idols. Just as the Jews and the Greeks in Paul's day, men in these modern times may profess without obeying God, but such is worthless to do. You know, our righteousness is as filthy rags to God. God expects us to live for Him. That's the righteousness that He wants. Matthew 6:33, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Paul emphasized the reason man was placed on the earth. Acts 17:28-31: "For in him [God, not idols] we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man [Jesus Christ] whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance [the one way] unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." It was in Jesus Christ that this way was made possible. Dear Ones, if it had not been for Jesus Christ's suffering for us, this one way would not have been possible. Thank God, He will give it to each and to every one who will accept it.

Our desire here this evening is to see you saved. If there are any unsaved, we certainly want you to see that there is one way. It's a beautiful way! It's a way that will turn your life around. It's not signing a decision card, turning over a new leaf, nor making a change in plans. God will do that for you, and you will see that He will make you a new creature in Christ.

As we close, the same Paul who preached on Mars Hill also wrote to the Colossians. Colossians 3:2, "Set your affection on things above [where God is], not on things on the earth [where you'll see idol worship]." People are putting their beliefs in things of this earth that will soon decay.

Isaiah also implores us. Isaiah 55:6, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." Dear Ones, if you feel the Holy Spirit's wooing, calling upon your heart, it is not something that is crazy. It's something that is definite. It's something that God wants you to know. There is a way. If you're willing to accept it, He will show it to you.

In Matthew 7:7, 8, Jesus said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek [What are you seeking for?], and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

Back to our pilot text: Acts 17:27, "That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us." Dear Ones, He's not far from us this evening. He's here for your purpose. He's here for my purpose. He wants to help us.

D. S. Warner wrote many hymns. He wrote, "I Have Found It, Lord, in Thee." Verse 4 says—

*My foolish soul had thought
To fill itself with mold
From earthly mines, yet bought
No true and lasting gold.*

Thank God, He gives us something that is true. Thank God, He gives us something that not only lasts us in this lifetime, but the one to come.

The chorus of this hymn says—
*I have found it, Lord, in Thee
An everlasting store
Of comfort, joy, and bliss to me:
How can I wish for more?*

Without question, the Lord will give us more than we can even imagine or comprehend.

If there is anyone in need of God, the altar is open. We give God thanks that He has made a way for you and me. Whatever need we have, or for whatever we are seeking, if we will seek Him in prayer, He'll be glad to give us what we're asking for.

I trust these words were beneficial to you this evening. †

WALKING WITH GOD

By Sis. Enid Jones, Jamaica

One songwriter penned these words—

It's a highway to heaven,

None can walk up there

But the pure in heart;

It's a highway to heaven,

I'm walking up the King's highway.

WE ALL are able to understand what a walk requires. We walk every day, and as we walk we sometimes hear voices in our heads. How do we discern those voices? Is it God's voice or the voice of the devil? As rational thinking individuals, we are endowed with the ability to discern what is said.

Examples: "Go and tell off [scold] John!"

"If he or she says anything to me, I will just give him or her a piece of my mind."

"Go and say, 'I am sorry.'"

"Go and give a word of comfort to your bereaved friend."

The first two responses are instigated by the devil, while the other two are typical of a kind and loving Father.

As we consider these two options, we want to look at what the prophet Isaiah said in chapter 30, verse 21: "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left."

God speaks in words true and clear; calm, encouraging, and directly to the listening ears. His instructions are clear and easily understood.

This is the way, walk ye in it—Open to every creed, race, and nation; to every color, age, and gender. The instruction is to walk in the way of the Lord. This is the way of holiness where no sin can abide. It is a patented way owned by God, the Creator of heaven and earth. Unlike the man-made highway where a toll must be paid each time that it is used, this one is free for the using; yet, so many refuse to use it! This is the highway to which the prophet Isaiah refers to in chapter 35, verse 8: "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein." God calls fools. We are all fools to what we do not know, but He does not keep them as He makes us wise unto salvation.

This is a safe way—We are protected from the enemy, from attacks, from harm and danger posed along the way. Our God will not allow us to be tested above that which we are able to bear and will provide a way of escape in every situation we encounter.

This is a pleasant way—We can have peace, joy, happiness, contentment, and peace of mind.

This is an infallible way—This brings to us fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore from His hand.

The little chorus says—

In His presence, there is fullness of joy,

At His right hand, there are pleasures forevermore;

Oh, what fellowship divine,

I am His and He is mine;

In the presence of the Lord, there is fullness of joy.

God is calling to one and all to "turn from sin to grace, turn from destruction to safety, turn from unrighteousness to righteousness, and turn from despair to hope." Don't just sit there, don't just stand there looking. Don't be idle on the way, don't be hesitant to walk in it.

God's voice is incessant, echoing in your ears: "This is the way; this is the right way; this is the safe way; this is the best way."

There are many ways, but *this is the way*. This is the only way. It is a worthwhile way, a way worth choosing, and a way to be chosen.

Do you remember the experience of Noah the righteous man of old? His story is recorded in the book of Genesis. He was found worthy to be given an awesome responsibility by God. Noah was told to build an ark as a flood was coming to cleanse the earth. The sinful people were given an opportunity to repent and turn from sin to grace. Noah preached for a long time. His constant cry was, "Come into the ark. Turn from your sins and turn to God. God is going to destroy the earth."

The people laughed. They called Noah a mad man. They called him names, but he kept pleading with them. The day Noah entered the ark must have indeed been a sad day for those on the outside!

Imagine dogs, cats, pigs, lions, bears, tigers, rats, lizards, frogs, scorpions, and some others that we despise and are fearful of, were saved. But man, created in the image and likeness of God, made to have fellowship and communion with God was left standing outside!

The door to the ark was shut by God. The key was kept by God. Only eight persons were saved in the ark!

God's voice is still ringing in your ears, "This is the way, walk ye in it." Men are ignoring that soft, tender voice which is directing to the way everlasting. Who is listening today? Who will answer the call? Do not clog your ears and play deaf. If you will hear God's voice, as I am sure you have heard it before and are still hearing, let me encourage you to listen to Him.

May the Lord bless you as you very quickly obey Him. †

"These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God" (Genesis 6:9).

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