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Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers who believe in the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and who have accepted Him as their personal Savior. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. The common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows.

- Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Creation and Formation.
- Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation.
- Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Savior, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.
- Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body, A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by the speaking in other languages.
- Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- Washing of Feet.
- Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.
- Do not condone divorce and remarriage.
- Destruction of the Wicked
- Conditional Immortality.
- Rapture of the Man Child Class.
- Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.
- A ministry supported by tithes and offerings.

These doctrines shall be adhered to in the teachings of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teaching approved by the Board from time to time if they are not in consistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

The child who has not been disciplined with love by his little world will be disciplined, generally without love, by the big world.
Zig Ziglar

I Want My Mommy!

by Brenda Krege, Galena, KS.

"I want my Mommy!" Out of the mouth of babes, they say. I am a teacher of two year olds. Some would say the terrible two's but they are not as terrible as you think. They have taught me a great lesson in listening with my heart instead of just hearing words. My classroom of beautiful, loving children are going through so much such as potty training, learning to talk, learning manners and rules and growing, oh so fast. When leaving mommy for the first time for a long period sometimes we forget they are scared and unsure of their little world and afraid of the changes. Sometimes the other children will play copy cat of what the upset child will say. Even when I am holding them I say to myself, and to them sometimes, I want my Mommy too. It is not as easy for me as it is for them, for their mothers will return soon. As a child, my mother and I did not have such a great relationship. It was only after some real growing up that mom and I could even start talking about everything. It all began the first time I moved away from home. I had to find myself; find out who I really was. I was dealing with a lot of hurt and anger towards my parents over some very bad decisions I had made in my life. I had a lot of healing to do before I could even like myself and forgive myself and those I blamed for my life. After I healed emotionally, my mom and I found out we had a lot more we could share and began to talk about everything. Sometimes I wonder if I really told her how sorry I really was for all the mistakes and heartache I had caused her or if I had told her I loved her enough. People tell me she talked of me alot and that she knew I had become a Godly Christian woman. She had prayed for me for years to become just that.

We live in a world of hurting people. Jesus told us in Mark 12:31 "And the second is like namely this, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." You say, "Who is my neighbor?" Your neighbor is everyone you come in touch with from day to day. Some days we come in touch with the same people at school, work, church but other days we touch others perhaps at the store, gas station, post office. Whether a child (like two year olds) or adult we need to ask the Lord to help us love with an unconditional love. But, be warned, if you pray this prayer and mean it you may be tried and tested for God to make you into the Godly person He wants you to be. You can be the servant and light the world where God has placed you. In Matthew 25:35-40 we are told about giving a cup of water, feeding, clothing, and helping the sick. We need to do what the scripture says out of love not out of duty. It can be as simple as a smile, opening the door for someone, a simple thank you. It may be just what that person needs at that time. Let's love those around us by listening past the words to the meanings of those heartaches and problems they are going through. We need to do the simple thing Christ asked us to do which is to love one another. We may be the only one to show them God's love.

Pray For Your Children

Author Unknown

That they will know Christ early in life
Psalms 63:1, II Tim. 3:15
That they will have a hatred for sin
Psalms 97:10
That they will be caught when guilty
Psalms 119:71
That they will be protected from the evil one in each area of their lives, spiritual, emotional, physical
John 17:15
That they will have a responsible attitude in all their personal relationships.
Daniel 6:3
That they will respect those in authority over them
Romans 13:1
That they will desire the right kind of friends
Proverbs 1:10-11
That they will be kept from the wrong mate and saved for the right one
II Corinthians 6: 14-17
That they, as well as those they marry, will be kept pure until marriage
I Corinthians 6:18-20
That they will learn to totally submit to God and resist Satan
James 4:7
That they will be single -hearted, willing to be sold out to Christ
Romans 12:1-2
That they will be hedged in so they cannot find their way to wrong people of places
Hosea 2:6

The Hand of a Child

Author Unknown

Will you take my hand in yours?

Said the little child to me.

And let me walk beside you

There is so much I want to see.

I would see God in the flowers

That bloom around my feet;

And find Him in the stars that shine

Like lamps along the street.

I would read His loving message

In sunshine golden bright

And feel His love about me

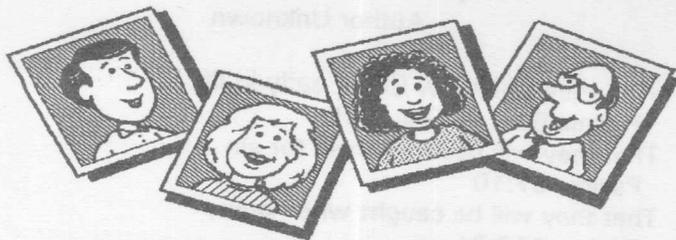
When I go to bed at night.

I would know what work of His

A child like me can do

So please, take my hand in yours,

And let me walk with you.



NEWS ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Apostolic Faith 100 Year Ancestry Journal

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Dear Brother and Sister in the Lord,

I need your help. I am putting together a 100 Year Journal. This journal will be published if there is sufficient information to put it together. The journal can possibly trace your spiritual roots to 1900. It will be interesting to read once it is finished. There will be four sections. The first section will show all the spiritual births that are connected. The second section will show ancestry charts. The third will read like a historical review giving names, dates and places of events. A fourth section will reference all names in the journal by page number for easy look up. If you can help, please don't delay.

Directions:

Last name - Give name before married (maiden name)

AKA - Nick name if any

Spiritual Birth Date - If exact date is not known, insert your best guess. Do not leave blank

Location - City, Town, State (Okay to use special event like revival or camp meeting, etc.)

Under the Ministry of - If during a revival give evangelist's name. If you can't remember the evangelist's name use the pastor's name. (If you leave this blank, the ancestry tracing stops at the blank.)

Date of Death - If the exact date is unknown please estimate.

Comments - A few lines about their lives and accomplishments.

Recipe for Charm

Author Unknown

A dear old Quaker lady, distinguished for her youthful appearance, was asked, "What do you use to preserve her charms?" She replied sweetly, "I use for the lips, truth; for the voice, prayer for the eyes pity; for the hands, charity; for the figure, uprightness; and for the heart, love."

Thank You for Two Great Years

by Traci Nelson, Taneyville, MO.

There are no words to express what God has done in my life through the Apostolic Faith Bible College. This is the place where I met my God. I discovered that religion does not cut it, but a relationship with Christ is what I needed. Not only did I learn about the Bible, but how to study and how to talk to my Saviour.

Praise God for those who have followed the call of God to be here and teach, counsel and guide me and those not here who have supported in prayer and finances. Thank you.

A Little Fellow Follows Me

Author Unknown

A careful man I want to be,
A little fellow follows me;
I do not dare to go astray,
For fear he'll go the self same way.
I cannot once escape his eyes
What'ere he sees me do, he tries;
Like me--he says he's going to be,
The "little chap" who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every word of mine.
The base in me he must not see
The "little chap" who follows me.
I must remember as I go
Through summer's sun and winter's snow--
I'm building for the years to be,
That "little chap" who follows me.

What Has Not Prayer Done?

Author Unknown

Prayer has divided seas, rolled up flowing rivers, made flinty rocks gush into fountains, quenched flames of fire, muzzled lions, disarmed vipers, burst open iron gates, recalled souls from eternity, conquered the strongest devils, commanded legions of angels down from heaven.

Prayer has bridled and changed the raging passions of man and destroyed vast armies of proud, blustering atheists.

Prayer has brought one man from the bottom of the sea, and carried another in chariots of fire to heaven.
What has not prayer done?

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Bessie Morgan

Sept. 1, 1922 - Mar. 21, 1999
by Thelma Long, Granby, MO.



A year. How swiftly it passes. My memories are so vivid of Sister Bessie Morgan. I find myself counting her among the precious ladies we as pastors always expect on Sunday morning. She was among a group of widows who sat together on the back pew, right side, at Granby Gospel Tabernacle.

The Sunday morning Bessie died in her home in Granby, she was preparing to come to church. Her Bible was opened to the day's lesson and a box of lovingly hand made gifts for each of the "girls" in her class and her Sunday School offering was beside her on the divan. The shiny green foil shamrocks were centered with a striped mint and these words:

I "mint" to call and thank you,
But my time is in demand.
I "mint" to say "I love you,"
But I knew you'd understand.
I "mint" to send you flowers,
But they cost so much you know.
I "mint" to pray for you this morning,
But I had someplace to go.
I "mint" to say "Forgive me"
But that's so hard to do.
I heard my Lord say "Bless you child"
I hope He "mint" me too!

Author unknown

As a young mother and a minister's wife I was inspired by how she conducted her family of four children, kept her home, was always by the side of her husband, and encouraged me with her sweet, generous attitude. One of the girls said of their mother, "She was a content lady. Didn't matter if she had five or five hundred dollars. It was alright with her."

The short obituaries of the current style leave out so much and yet our memories hold enough to fill a book. I will always treasure what I knew of her as a pastor's wife, a friend and confidant, a grandmother who held dear everyone of her own and found time to encourage and show her appreciation for their efforts. She was honored most humbly last July 4th as "Citizen of the Year" in Granby, Mo.

Bessie Wisdom Morgan was born Sept. 1, 1922 in Boise, Idaho to James Onie Elmer Wisdom and Rebecca Elsinia (Asbury) Wisdom. She entered into rest on March 21, 1999 following a sudden illness at her home in Granby, Mo. at the age of 76 years, 6 months and 20 days.

Bessie Morgan came to the Granby area in 1964 from Alabama. She was a homemaker, mother and grandmother. She was a member of the Granby Gospel Tabernacle, where she and Bro. Earl were former pastors. She and the Rev. James Earl Morgan were married on July 14, 1941 in Joplin, Mo. and he preceded her in death Nov. 2, 1990. She was also preceded in death by her son, Ronald Earl Morgan. She is also survived by three daughters, all of Granby, Janell Harris, Benna Stipp and Shirley Johnson. Also two brothers, Jim Wisdom, Carl Junction, Mo. and Paul Wisdom, Deltona, Fl. and three sisters, Lois Boan, Rosburgh, Or., Melba Ebright, Joplin, Mo., and Benna Black, Deltona, Fl. and a very special niece, Barbara Sempe, Jersey Village, Tx., nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on March 25, 1999 in the Granby Gospel Tabernacle with Rev. Jim Arnall, Ashland, Al. bringing the message. Rev. Rick Patterson, Granby, pastor of the First Baptist Church giving the obituary, scripture and prayer. She was buried next to her husband of 49 years in the Granby Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Lowell Long officiating.

Her name could have been spelled:

She loved everyone - especially her family.
Eternal life was her goal.
Reverenced God and served Him well.
Vigilant- always alert to the needs of others.
Active - knee surgery didn't keep her down.
Never critical
Treasured God's work and His people.

Memorial contributions went to the Pinecrest Youth Camp in Alabama. She had a special love for the people of that area and helped in the camp for many years, particularly with the craft classes.

We remember and give glory and honor to the Lord for what she has left us.

Eva May Howard

Sept. 6, 1912 - Feb. 8, 2000

Eva May Howard, 87, of the Logan, OK. community, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2000. She had been residing at the Grace Living Center in Woodward, Ok.

Eva was born to Silas M. (Bob) and Chloe R. (Flagle) Taylor on Sept. 6, 1912 in Beaver County.

Glen Howard and Eva May Taylor were united in marriage on July 25, 1931 in Laverne, Ok. by the Church of Christ minister.

Eva was faithful to her church, which she and Glen helped to establish, by her attendance and support. She served as church secretary for many years and she taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

She was preceded in death by her oldest son, Merlin Dean, on Sept. 14, 1979; her husband, Glen on Dec. 11,

In Memory Of cont...

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1992; brothers Doyle and Jack; sisters Faye (in infancy) and Birdie; and an infant great-grandson, Dakota Pennington on June 1, 1998.

Eva leaves as her survivors her daughter Belva and husband Bill Pennington of Taneyville, Mo.; her son Jerry and wife Patt, of Logan, Ok.; five granddaughters Candace and Terry Lacy of Yukon, OK. LaDonna and Gary Stuart of Taneyville, Mo., Kerri Howard of Las Vegas, NV., Sherri and Scott Korsmo of Cameron, Tx., and Krista and Todd Baird of Burns Flat, Ok.; two grandsons, Wesley and Sharmin Pennington of Taneyville, Mo. and Russell and Gayla Howard of Logan, Ok. She is also survived by 14 great-grandchildren: Justin and Zachery Lacy, Marlana and Rebecca Stuart, Jennifer (Stuart) and Bobby Gross, Ashley, Heather, Laramie, Camey and Brayson Howard, Chyanne Pennington, Rafn Korsmo, Tanner and Trenton Baird. One sister, Lois and Howard Daniel of Laverne and one brother Bob and Hazel Taylor of Laverne, Ok. also survive.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 11, 2000 in the Midway Church, Logan, with Rev. Neil Ragan and Rev. Marcus Adair officiating. The Adair Sisters sang, "I Don't Need To Understand", "When I've Gone the Last Mile", "I'll Meet You in the Morning" and "Good-bye World Good-bye". Pallbearers were Jim Stafford, Winton Jett, J.D. Jett, Steve Arnall, Joe Kirkpatrick and Jim Boston. Internment was in the Kiowa Cemetery, Logan, Ok.

Phillip Moser

Oct. 17, 1949 - Mar. 8, 2000

Phillip "Brooks" Moser, age 50, Joplin, Mo., passed away on March 8, 2000 at Cox South Medical Center, Springfield, Mo. after a sudden illness.

Mr. Moser was born on Oct. 17, 1949 in Joplin, Mo. the son of Brooks and Betty Moser. He has been a lifelong area resident. He graduated in 1967.

He owned and operated Moser Equipment Service. He was a member of Southside Apostolic Faith Church, where he served on the Board of Trustees. Church and family were the most important parts of his life.

He and his wife Mary were united in marriage on Oct. 11, 1969 in Joplin, Mo. She survives.

He is also survived by two sons, Brian Moser and his wife, Cheryl, Alvin, Texas and Brenton Moser of the home; two daughters, Tracy Stephens and her husband, Paul, Duenweg, Mo. and Robin Slavens and her husband Shane, Neosho, Mo.; two grandsons, Nicolas Stephens and Bryce Slavens; his parents, Brooks and Betty Moser, Joplin, Mo.; two sisters, Brenda Baert and her husband, Dan, and Joyce Chasten and her husband, Bob, Joplin, Mo.

Services were held on March 11, 2000 at the Southside Apostolic Faith church with Rev. Richard Morris officiating. Burial was in the Saginaw Cemetery.

Jerry L. Patterson

May 19, 1930 - Mar. 16, 2000

Jerry L. Patterson, 69, Neosho, Mo. died on March 16, 2000 after a short illness.

Jerry was born May 19, 1930 in Granby, Mo. and was a lifelong area resident. He graduated from Granby High School in 1948. He was a farmer and operated Neosho Heating and Air Conditioning from 1969 to 1987. He currently owned and operated J&D Antiques with his

wife, Dorothy. Jerry attended the Gospel Tabernacle Church in Granby, Mo. where he had served on the Board of Trustees for over 40 years and also was very interested in the ministries of the Four State Youth Camp and the Apostolic Faith Bible College.

He married Dorothy Charlton on Sept. 27, 1949 in Granby and she survives.

He is also survived by one daughter and her husband, Linda and Ira McKinney, Neosho, Mo.; two sons and their wives, Stan and Ronna Patterson, Neosho and Greg and Sharon Patterson, Rogers, Ar.; two brothers, Gene Patterson, Granby and Hal Patterson, Neosho; eight grandchildren, Jeff, Chad and Jera Gallemore, Deidra, Graham and Jordan Patterson; Kathryn and Kendace Patterson. He was preceded in death by a grandson.

Services were held on March 20, 2000 at the Clark Funeral Home in Granby, Mo. Rev. Edwin Waterbury, Rev. Jim Arnall and Rev. Lowell Long officiated. Burial was in the Granby Memorial Cemetery.



Lucille Quesenbury

Dec. 21, 1917 - Mar. 2, 2000

Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 2, 2000 at the Apostolic Faith Church in Hardesty, Ok. for Lucille Quesenbury. Rev. Ron Brening and Rev. Jack Cornell officiated, Ted and Deanna Barker sang "Be Thou Faithful" and Kami Lively and Shelly

Walker (granddaughters) sang "Thank You" which were definite tributes to her.

Edna Lucille Quesenbury, 82, was born on Dec. 21, 1917 to Chester and Delorous Martin in Hardesty, Ok. and passed away on Feb. 28, 2000 in the Memorial Hospital in Guymon, Ok.

On Nov. 17, 1946, Lucille married Hollis Quesenbury in Guymon and the couple enjoyed 53 years of marriage. They had a large celebration for their 50th wedding anniversary at the Apostolic Faith Church in Hardesty on

Lucille Quesenbury Memorial Cont ...

Nov. 16, 1996, where they have attended church for the last 50 years and she taught the Beginner Sunday School Class for many, many years.

Hollis and Lucille had three daughters, Carolyn, Barbara and Glowanda and all three attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Ks. which was a real joy for her in knowing that the girls were studying God's Word.

Lucille was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and one sister. She is survived by her husband, Hollis, of the home; three daughters, Carolyn Lively and husband, David of Woodward, Ok.; Barbara Crouse and husband, Gary of Derby, Ks.; and Glowanda Walker and husband, Bobby of Perryton, Tx.; seven grandchildren; Kami and Matt Lively, Katina, Jamie and Melissa Crouse, Kori and Shelly Walker and one great grandson, Josiah Crouse. Other survivors include four sisters; Nellie Stump, Maxine Smart, Louise Bennett and Burnetha Jackson; one brother, Edsel Martin; one aunt, Faye Booth and many nieces, nephews and cousins.



Violet Elva Kinser

Dec. 3, 1918 - Apr. 23, 2000

Violet Elva Wiles was born Dec. 3, 1918 to Thomas Alonzo and Mary Neona Wiles in their home just west of Laverne, Ok. She passed away on Sunday April 23, 2000 at the home of her daughters Dorothy Cook and Donna Kinser in Joplin, Mo. at the age of 81 years, 4 months and 20 days.

Violet's home was in Laverne until her marriage to Lloyd Kinser on March 5, 1942. There were five children born to this union. Lloyd and Violet lived in western Oklahoma most of their married life and returned to Laverne in 1967. Violet's passions were to teach children about Jesus and to care for children in her home. She also tended to many sick and elderly people. She loved them all from the youngest to the eldest. She was converted at an early age and began teaching Sunday School at the age of 17. She continued teaching Sunday School almost until her 80th birthday. Since teaching was her life, she also instilled in her children and grandchildren the importance of knowing the Lord and serving Him. The Laverne Apostolic Faith Church has been her church home since 1967.

Violet was preceded in death by her parents Alonzo and Mary; her husband Lloyd; her brother Glen Wiles and her son-in-law Jim Cook. She is survived by two sons, Wally and wife Juanita of Woodward, Ok. and Ollie and wife Anna of Turpin, Ok.; three daughters, Dorothy Cook of Joplin, Mo.; Shirley Sutton and husband Austin of Taney-

ville, Mo. and Donna Kinser of Joplin, Mo. She is survived by eight grandchildren; Rodney Harrod and wife Leslie, Delvin Kinser and wife Rhonda, Darrin Kinser and wife Angela, Nita Smith and husband Jerry, Sharylynda Sutton, Andy Sutton, Troy Stone and wife Debbie and Clay Stone and wife Rhonda. In addition there are thirteen great grandchildren; three sisters, Ruby Patterson of Tonkawa, Ok., Clela Loomis of Laverne, Ok. and Marie Skinner of Liberal, Ks.; one brother, Doyle Wiles of Centerton, Ar. plus many other relatives and friends.

Rev. James E. Wallis officiated the funeral service on April 28, 2000 at the Apostolic Faith church in Laverne, Ok. He was assisted by the Rev. Jack Cornell. A quartet comprised of Rev. Jack and Kathryn Cornell and Rev. Ted and Deanna Barker sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus." The trio of Rev. James and Lavonda Wallis with Nancy Johnson sang "Sheltered in the Arms of God." Grandson Delvin Kinser talked about his grandma. He told many amusing anecdotes about growing up with such a loving woman. Delvin was followed by soloist Russell Ball singing "Thank you for Giving to the Lord" while Delvin showed photos and vital information about Violet on an overhead screen. Included in the information were names of children she had taught in Sunday School. The service concluded with the message and prayer by Rev. Wallis.

Pallbearers were Geary Blevins, Craig Clanton, Jerry Clanton, Eldon Loomis, Jim Osborne and Delvin Wiles. Honorary pallbearers were Violet's caregivers, Dr. Francisco Dexeus, Rene Dexeus, Mary Chrisman, Brenda Voegel, Mendi Taylor, Millie Hager, Minca Betchan, Patti Joy, Tracey Thornton, Maggie Skinner, Sandy Gaines and Laura Vaverka. Following the funeral service, Rev. Ted Barker conducted the committal service at the Laverne Memorial Cemetery. The ladies of Laverne provided food throughout the week and the Apostolic Faith camp provided lodging. Memorials may be made to the Apostolic Faith Church, P.O. Box 411, Laverne, Ok. 73848.

God Saw Her

God saw her getting tired,
and a cure was not to be,
so He put his arms around her
and whispered,
"Violet, come to me."

With tearful eyes, we watched
her suffer and saw her fade away.
Although we loved her dearly,
We could not make her stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands were put to rest.
God broke our hearts
to prove us...
He only takes the best.

The White Funeral

by Traci Nelson, Taneyville, MO.

The lives of Christians and non-Christians today are routine, simple, and normal. This is the accepted way to live. People do not allow any room for change, much less God's change. To advance in a relationship with the Triune God is simply not welcomed. Attending church, reading the Bible, occasionally praying, and many other habits cause people to feel that they are doing enough. The lives of these people eventually become stagnant and they are looking for more. Therefore, they fill their schedule with business, while God is waiting for them to give their past, present, and future to him. For God to take control of our life, we must die to ourselves and give him the reigns. To the normal man, having to die to yourself is actually morbid. People have security in themselves and do not want to allow the Lord to be in control. However, when one enters into the process of Sanctification, their life that was once barren and dry is now overflowing with God.

"Sanctification is simply the wonderful expression or evidence of the forgiveness of sin in a human life." It is where one is made holy, purified, and reserved for sacred use. Oswald Chambers defines sanctification "to be set apart from sin and made holy."

One cannot earn holiness. This work of Grace is only accomplished by God and He wants this work for His children. "For this is the will of God, Even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: that everyone of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor." "Sanctification is not a question of whether God is willing to sanctify me - is it my will? Am I willing to let Jesus become sanctification to me and let His life be exhibited in my human flesh? Beware of saying 'Oh I am longing to be sanctified.' No, you are not. Recognize your need, but stop longing and make it a matter of action. Receive Jesus Christ to become sanctification by absolute, unquestioning faith, and the great miracle of the atonement of Jesus to become real in you.

All that Jesus made possible becomes mine through the free and loving gift of God on the basis of what Christ accomplished on the cross. And my attitude as a saved and sanctified soul is that of profound, humble holiness (there is no such thing as proud holiness). It is holiness based on agonizing repentance, a sense of inexpressible shame and degradation, and also on the amazing realization that the love of God demonstrated itself to me while I cared nothing about Him. He completed everything for my salvation and sanctification. No wonder Paul said that nothing 'shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Jesus Christ our Lord.'

Sanctification makes me one with Jesus Christ, and in Him one with God, and it is accomplished only through the magnificent atonement of Christ. Never confuse the effect with the cause. The effect is me in obedience, service, and prayer, and is the outcome of inexpressible thanks and adoration for the miraculous sanctification

that has been brought about in me because of the atonement through the cross of Christ."

Jesus prayed for the sanctification of His people. He said to His Father, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from evil. they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word. 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." God has called us to be holy and not unclean. God forms His son in us through sanctification, setting us apart from sin and making us holy in His sight. We must cleanse ourselves from all filthiness in our flesh and our spirit both are in harmony with the nature of God.

The process of sanctification takes work on our part and the Lords. There are certain steps that both must take for sanctification to become full in us. These steps involve enlightenment, conviction, consecration, and finally God's cleansing, which is sanctification.

When the Lord enlightens us, He is revealing our sins to our blinded eyes. Enlightenment gives knowledge and truth, endows with spiritual understanding, instructs and informs. Zechariah prophesied that Jesus came "to give light to them that sit in darkness and in shadows of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." However, the Bible states that "the light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved." If the Spirit of God detects anything wrong He does not ask you to make it right; He only asks you to accept the light of truth and then He will make it right. All we have to do is accept the light.

The purpose of enlightenment is to bring people in a closer relationship with God and protection from the enemies' devices. It is to "open their eyes, and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sin, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." When we allow our eyes to be opened, God can show us a limitless amount of things. The Lord wants to give us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened: that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in heavenly places." He

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also wants to keep us from harming ourselves, but we have to walk in the light. "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. But if a man walketh in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him."

Light represents Jesus' revelation of God which he calls men to accountability. when Paul wrote the church at Ephesus, he told them that their understanding was darkened, "being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart." However we now have no excuse for this blindness and ignorance because Jesus is the true Light that came to light every man that comes into this world. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." "The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes." When the light reveals our sins through Christ and through the Bible, we have a responsibility to the Lord.

The second step to sanctification is conviction. This is where one becomes convicted of wrongdoings or sinfulness. Enlightenment and conviction work hand in hand. While enlightenment reveals our sin, conviction confirms our sinful nature. This is when a man sees himself lost, worthless, and how black his heart is. Jesus told us that it was necessary for Him to leave that the Holy Spirit could come. when speaking of the Holy Spirit's coming, Jesus said, "he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and judgement." "the word conviction embraces a number of Biblical expressions of its meaning. Originally it derived from two Latin terms meaning 'cause to see.' The New Testament uses the terms reproof, conviction, and illumination to communicate the ministry of the Holy Spirit whereby He causes the individual to 'see' (understand) truth... Christians today should also depend upon the ministry of the Holy Spirit to help them understand truth and respond accordingly." The scripture is also given to us to convict our hearts that we may turn to God.

Conviction is a good thing that comes from God, Even though sometimes it may not feel too good. In Hebrews the Bible pleads to us, "My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth... But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then ye are bastards and not sons." Conviction brings people to repentance. "But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all: And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest: and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth." If one does not move on conviction, his heart will become hardened and he will lose out spiritually.

When Christ was on this earth, He brought conviction to many hearts. An example of this is when the people

were condemning the woman who was caught in adultery. To try and trap Jesus in His words, they asked Him how He would judge this woman. According to the law, they believed she needed to be stoned. "So when they had continued asking him he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last." The Holy Ghost speaks to men and women bringing conviction to the hearers. The words of Peter brought many to the kingdom of God. "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. 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. For the promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking bread and in prayers." In this situation, the people acted on the conviction and consecrated their lives to the Lord.

Consecration is the final step to being sanctified. This is our part. We must dedicate and commit ourselves to the Lord and His purpose. Paul tells us that we must "present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of our mind, that we may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." this is the deliberate commitment to myself and to the God of my salvation that I be willing to pay whatever the cost. A consecration is a major commitment, not just words. Jesus told us that to follow Him we must deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him. Many of us have "youth camp experiences", where we get caught up in the moment and we are crying and we tell the Lord "Whatever you want me to do, I will do." We go to bed feeling so good and wake up the next morning having forgotten almost everything. This is a consecration in sentiment. Most consecrations are mad in sentiment, we just need to continue with our commitment when the reality strikes. Jesus' consecration was one of reality, more than we will ever experience. "Christ Jesus: who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." We must give ourselves

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completely to the Lord as clay in the potter's hand. Laying everything aside and sacrificing everything on the altar we must say "I will go where He wants me to go, say what He wants me to say, and do what he wants me to do." "Consecration (being dedicated to God's service) is our part, sanctification (being set apart from sin and being made holy) is God's part. We must make a deliberate determination to be interested in only what God is interested."

Finally, after the enlightenment, conviction and consecration, God's cleansing frees us from the dirt, defilement, and guilt of sin. In salvation we are forgiven of our sins, but in sanctification we are delivered from living in those sins. We all were born with a carnally and fleshly nature that naturally wants to sin. When one comes into sanctification, those natural desires are changed into Jesus' desires. This is the "impartation of the holy qualities of Jesus Christ to me. It is the gift of patience, love, holiness, faith, purity, and godliness that is exhibited in and through every sanctified soul... Sanctification is an impartation, not an imitation."

God forbids the continuance in sin. He considers us dead to sin if we have been sanctified by the blood of Christ. Sanctification makes a person into a new creature. The old man of sin or the carnal nature is in subjection to the will of God. We now serve righteousness and not sin, which we have been serving for all of our lives. "that ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts: and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." The carnal or fleshly mind has been supplanted by the spiritual mind. whereas the carnal mind is enmity with God. He is now on friendly terms with God because the carnal mind no longer has control. "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh: but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit." "Sanctification is not my idea of what I want God to do for me- Sanctification is God's idea of what He wants to do for me. But He has to get me into the state of mind and spirit where I will allow Him to sanctify me completely, whatever the cost." "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be presented blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

In many situations, salvation and sanctification happen simultaneously. This is where confusion enters the picture on where new birth is. Jesus warned us, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I say unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth. And thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." "Being born again by the Spirit is an unmistakable work of God, as mysteri-

ous as the wind, and as surprising as God Himself. We don't know where it begins - it is hidden away in the depths of our soul. Being born again from above is an enduring, perpetual, and eternal beginning. It provides a freshness all the time in thinking, talking, and living - a continual surprise of the life of God." This freshness and change does not happen at salvation. Salvation is deliverance from danger of death, while sanctification is a whole new life because we are not ourselves any longer. I Peter 1:22-23 proves that the new birth is at sanctification. It states, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, but the word of God, which liveth, abideth forever." Purification through the truth comes through sanctification. Therefore, this is when we are born again according to this scripture. the things of God are always explained by nature. If you look at a natural birth, salvation is conception, but sanctification is the actual birth.

After a baby is born, he or she continues to grow and so does the sanctification in us. This wonderful work never stops working, unless we become hard hearted. "The perfection of everything is in Jesus Christ, and the mystery of sanctification is that all the perfect qualities of Jesus are at my disposal. Consequently, I slowly but surely begin to live a life of inexpressible order, soundness, and holiness - kept by the power of God." Day by day, He takes us to new levels of holiness. God takes the things that are of ourselves and demolishes them, then replaces them with perfect qualities of Christ. "Our Lord never 'patches up' our natural virtues, that is, our natural traits, qualities, or characteristics. He completely remakes a person on the inside '...put on the new man...' (Ephesians 4:24). In other words, see that your natural human life is putting on all that is in keeping with this new life. The life that God places within us develops its own new virtues, not the virtues of the seed of Adam, but of Jesus Christ. Once God has begun the process of sanctification in your life, watch and see how God causes your confidence in your own natural virtues and power to wither away. He will continue until you learn to draw your life from the reservoirs of the resurrection life of Jesus. Thank God if you are going through this drying-up experience!

The sign that God is at work in us is that He is destroying our confidence in the natural virtues, because they are not promises of what we are going to be, but only a wasted reminder of what God created man to be. We want to cling to our natural virtues, while all the time God is trying to get us in contact with the life of Jesus Christ - a life that can never be described in terms of natural virtues. It is the saddest thing to see people who are trying to serve God depending on that which the grace of God never gave them. They are depending solely on what they have by virtue of heredity. God does not take our natural virtues and transform them, because our natural virtues could never even come close to what

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Jesus Christ wants. But as we bring every part of our natural bodily life into harmony with the new life God has placed within us, He will exhibit in us the virtues that were characteristics of the Lord Jesus. And every virtue we possess is His alone." This process does not happen overnight. Our mind, body, and spirit cannot comprehend, nor sustain this rapid change. We must daily walk in newness of life with the Lord.

The separation from our old life to God is a hard, yet wonderful experience. Because of this process, we can now be used by God, in the way He wants to use us and not the way we want to be used. These steps will take us daily to new heights in the kingdom of Heaven and closer to our Savior. Sanctification helps us to identify with His death and resurrection. "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." "No one experiences complete sanctification without going through a 'white funeral'- the burial of the old life. If there has never been this crucial moment of change though death, sanctification will never be more than an elusive dream."

James Wick Brown Memorial

Dec. 8, 1915 - April 29, 2000

James Wick Brown of Perryton, Tx. died on Sat. April 29, 2000. Services were held on May 3, 2000 at the Full Gospel Church in Perryton, Tx. with Rev. Harrol Waterbury, Rev. Michael Waterbury and Rev. Marcus Adair officiating. Rev. Michael Waterbury, Dan Baker, Bobby and Glowanda Walker sang "I Don't Need To Understand" and "There's A Great Day Coming" and Ralph Depew sang, "It Will Be Worth It All." Internment was in Ochiltree Cemetery.

Wick was born to Jim and Maude brown in Granby, Missouri, Dec. 8, 1915. He married Maxine Johnson in Granby in 1938. They moved to Perryton, Tx. in 1946 and he worked for Arthur and Veneta Townsend for 12 years in a grocery store and meat market. He later returned to stone masonry and building. He retired from building contracting in 1985.

He was an active member of Full Gospel Church where he directed the choir for 35 years, was a board member for 30 years, taught Sunday School for 30 years and was superintendent for 7 years. He had been a member of Perryton Kiwanis Club and was Kiwanian of the Year in 1971 and president in 1972-1973.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and one sister. He is survived by his wife Maxine of the home, a son and his wife, Ron and LaFon Brown, a daughter and her husband, Kay and Frank Stamps of Perryton. He has 4 grandchildren; Fonda and Steve Clumsky of Guymon, Ok., Randy and Stacey Brown of Youngsville, NC., Greg and Vanessa Stamps of Amarillo, Tx. and Brent and Kari Stamps of Booneville, AR. and 8 great-grandchildren.

My Dad

by Ron Brown, Perryton, TX.

My Dad was a dedicated Christian man.
He lived his life according to God's plan.
He's had lots of trials and many sorrows
But he trusted in God for all his tomorrows.

My Dad was raised in a Christian home;
From this way of life, he never roamed.
He raised his family and each day
Prayed to the Lord to show him the way.

A call for help never went unheeded;
For like Christ, my Dad was there when needed.
He helped the elderly and prayed for the sick,
No finer man, this man called "Wick".

He served his church for many years,
Through times of happiness and times of tears.
He led the choir and taught a class;
He did anything that they would ask.

My Dad's Christian life touched many a man,
On the Word of God, he took his stand.
With a heart now weary and a life that was full,
It was time to lay down that carpenter tool.

The courage he showed on the bed where he lay,
Waiting for God's call, anytime of the day.
I know I will meet him again I am told,
When we get together on streets paved with gold.

Tell Them

by Lisa Etter, Joplin, Mo.

So many people
So many lives,
True faces hid under masks
The truth is in their eyes.

Eyes that are searching
But only in vain,
Trying to discover
Someone or something to blame.

They cling to the comfort
Of all the wrong things.
Following the world's deceiving ways
The people's next trend.
They're stuck in it's never-ending maze.

We need to help
Seek out the lost,
Tired, hungry and weak,
No matter what the cost.
Tell them about Jesus
Let's proclaim our King.

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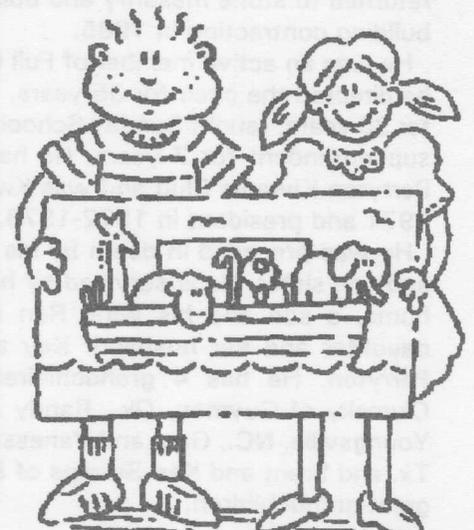
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