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"Let us go forth therefore unto Him without
the camp, bearing His reproach."—Heb. 13:13.

I cannot give it up,
The little world I know!
The innocent delights of youth,
The things I cherish so!
'Tis true, I love my Lord
And want to do His will,
And oh! I may enjoy the world,
And be a Christian still!

I love the hour of prayer,
I love the hymns of praise,
I love the blessed Word that tells
Of God's redeeming grace.
But I am human still!
And while I dwell on earth,
God surely will not grudge the hours
I spend in harmless mirth!

These things belong to youth,
And are its natural right—
My dress, my pastimes, and my friends,
The merry and the bright.
My father's heart is kind!
He will not count it ill
That my small corner of the world
Should please and hold me, still!

And yet—"outside the camp"
'Twas there my Saviour died!—
It was the world that cast Him forth,
And saw Him crucified.
Can I take part with those
Who nailed Him to the tree?
And where His name is never praised
Is there the place for me?

Nay world! I turn away,
Though thou seemest fair and good;
That friendly outstretched hand of thine
Is stained with Jesus' blood.

If in thy least device
I stoop to take a part,
All unaware, thine influence steals
God's presence from my heart.

I miss my Saviour's smile
When'er I walk thy ways;
Thy laughter drowns the Spirit's voice
And chokes the springs of praise.
If e'er I turn aside
To join thee for an hour,
The face of Christ grows blurred and dim
And prayer has lost its power.

Farewell. Henceforth my place
Is with the Lamb who died,
My Sovereign! While I have Thy love,
What can I want beside?
Thyself, dear Lord, art now
My free and loving choice,
"In whom, though now I see Thee not
Believing, I rejoice!"

Shame on me that I sought
Another joy than this,
Or dreamt a heart at rest with Thee
Could crave for earthly bliss!
These vain and worthless things,
I put them all aside;
His goodness fills my longing soul,
And I am satisfied.

Lord Jesus! let me dwell
"Outside the camp." with Thee!
Since Thou art there, then there alone
Is peace and home for me.
Thy dear reproach to bear
I'll count my highest gain,
Till Thou return, my banished King,
To take Thy power, and reign!

DIVINE HEALING

Printed by special request of scores of our readers. From a sermon by Chas. F. Parham, projector of the Full Gospel Movement and founder of the College of Bethel, Topeka, Kan., in 1900. Rev. Parham is now conducting a series of meetings in Burbank, Calif.

Scientists, infidels and higher critics—a trinity of the same species—recognize the unseen forces of electricity; gravitation; air; heat and cold; yet loudly denouncing the miraculous and supernatural, as though the unseen God, who governs all forces, were incapable of causing humanity to feel and realize His saving and healing power.

Diseases originate from three sources: First, inbred. Nearly every disease that has ever afflicted an individual was imprinted upon their physical life before they were born. Actual disease is not only very often inherited, but owing to peculiar family weakness of one or more organs, a pre-disposition to disease results; no child is born into the world with pure blood, but every drop that flows in its veins, is the impure blood of the mother. Under these conditions it does not require extreme climates or kind of work to produce the second class, acquired disease.

The third class is the result of sins of omission or commission: Under this later head we find most all Christians, who are sick. They are suffering for some sin of omission or commission: the sin of omission being just as black and soul-destroying, in the sight of God, as the sin of commission. Therefore to him who knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin. (Jas. 4:17.) While the majority of Christians are not guilty of the sins of commission, their experience is freighted with broken vows and omissions on the line of duty. Is it any wonder then that so many professors are weak and sickly and die long before their days are run? It is an impossibility for a person guilty of disobedience to receive healing in answer to their own prayers, or the prayers of others, until they have sincerely repented. It is to the Church that James speaks: Is any sick among you? Let him call on the elders of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall

rise him up; and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven. (Jas. 4:14,15.) The words, "if they have committed sins" signifies that in all probability, sin was the cause of the sickness. The prayer of faith will save the sick, if coupled with the sincere repentance of the individual, but unless there is sincere repentance, the prayer of faith cannot prevail, for the healing will never take place until the sin is forgiven. Such a case is illustrated in the healing of the man of the palsy. (Luke 5). The elders indeed brought him, lowered him at the Savior's feet. Jesus seeing their faith, and knowing the man's past, said: "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee," and immediately he was healed. When they criticised Him, He said: "Whether is easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk." (23 verse.) Knowing that his sins had to be forgiven before healing could result. Either one would have been sufficient, but in this as in similar cases, forgiveness and healing must be concomitant.

Acquired disease; In the beginning God said: I am the Lord, that healeth thee. (Ex. 15:28.) Being a jealous God, He cannot look with any degree of allowance or complacency upon a system, however perfect, that shall supersede Him as the healer of His people. The more proficient in relieving pain a system becomes, the more anti-Christian is its influence for man has ever been prone to wander to seek help from any and every source—whatever the cost—before he will humble himself in the sight of God, and accept the deliverance freely purchased for him on calvary.

With medical science we have no controversy. The Bible declares: Thou hast no healing medicines. (Jer. 30:12.) In vain shalt thou use many medicines for thou shalt not be cured (Jer. 46:11.) The Jews never had a physician until Solomon got old, forsook God, became sensual and married a lot of Egyptian women with whose court came the magic workers of the black art, the mixer of drugs and poisons. As God's word is absolutely true, when he says: The sins of the parents are visited upon the children to the third and fourth generation. The effect of this blight was manifest in the reign of King Asa, when he sought not to the Lord, but unto the physician; and the scriptures ironically add: He slept with his fathers.

Medical science and her practicers are mentioned throughout the old and new testament.

The word invariably translated in the English is sorcerer in the Hebrew, *Kasaph*; in the Creek, *Pharmakas*, signifying a concocter of drugs and poisons. So today the principal drugs used are poisons. But people say, that was in those days when science had not older grown and reached the heighth of proficiency they have today; but if any other science had developed so slowly with the advantages given, it would long ago have been driven from the stage of action. Sanitary and quarantine laws, coupled with cleanliness, have done a great deal for humanity. The fact still remains, however, that after four thousand years of practice—humanity willingly laying herself upon the altar to be doped, blistered, bled and desected—medical science has gained no more than has the Bible recorded of her, that they have sought out many ways of relieving pain. While the fatal diseases that have existed are fatal still; and medical-science stands with fettered hands in the presence of consumption, catarrh, cancers, fevers and many other diseases. Is it any wonder that in this age so many people are turning from this octopus-god Molloch, in whose arms they have confidently laid so many of their loved ones and seen them perish, to osteopathy, Christian Science, hypnotic and magnetic healing. These are fast displacing the power of medical science, whose coercive power and execution of compulsory laws, begin to wane. Her glory fades, the nations refuse her poisonous drafts, and in years to come the records of her miraculous healings and mighty deeds will be met with, and read of in ancient books only.

God's true children are coming to know the power of John 3:14,15. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up. That whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish but have eternal life. Many teachers will at once admit that all the prophecies concerning Christ's first coming were literally fulfilled but they spiritualize the prophecies of His second coming. So with teachers concerning the promises of justification and sanetification, declaiming that they are possible of perfect realization today, and why not the promises for healing; there is no time limit placed upon them. For what did Moses lift up the serpent in the wilderness? Litrally for the healing of the people. The words, "even so" signify that Jesus was lifted

up, exactly for the same purpose Literal serpents bit the children of Israel, while Jesus came to heal those who had been bitten by the old serpent the devil. He is the author of all disease; for though the Lord allows the sickness, because of our disobedience, still He is not the author of corruption.

Jesus said: Ought not this woman being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day? (Luke 13:16.)

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with him. (Acts 10:38.)

Some people say to us, was Job a sinner, did he suffer for sin? We answer, yes; whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. The word of God says, Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. Because of her beauty or some other reason, Job married a foolish and ungodly woman, who told him to curse God and die. She had raised him an ungodly family who, when the cyclone struck the house, were wining and dancing. Truly they may have belonged to a fashionable church where dancing and theater-going were permitted, the harm was not in these innocent (?) amusements but in that miserable cyclone!

So in these days supposed children of God, for policy sake or for position in society, sell their own birthright for a mess of pottage; for an hour's delight; for an evening of evil gotten pleasure; sell their souls, an eternity of bliss; driven by the gale of fashion's folly, never stop 'til in the wreck of death, are thrown helpless upon the shores of eternal despair.

Job indeed, reaped what he sowed: but being a servant of God, he caused the reaping to be a spiritual harvest of patience and higher attainment. Though he had a dreadful case of small-pox and scraped himself with a piece of crockery; yet his flesh returned as flesh as a child's. Even Job's comforters knew as much as modern science; for it is a well-known fact that the passage of ten feet of fresh air between you and the patient will save you from taking the disease the comforters seated themselves about this distance from Job.

Then some people say; Why was not David's child healed? In the first place it was a child of sin. David himself could not pray the pray-

er of faith for it; he said, who can tell, but if we fast all night and pray, God will heal the child; God never hears a "who can tell" prayer. Whatsoever things ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye have them and ye shall have them. (Mark 11:24.) David seems to have had the rheumatism, with his bones roaring all the day long; probably contracted when hiding from Saul in the dens and caves of the mountains; yet he was able to shout the victory. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me Bless His Holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases. (Psa. 103.) We have many times voted congregations of seeming earnest Christians, by placing the words: "Who forgiveth all our iniquities" upon the black board; and asking how many believed that. They all voted of course, but when we wrote the next line "who healeth all thy diseases," and asked how many believed that, they showed their infidelity, and unbelief of the truth, and few voted, in spite of this infidelity in God's people—which forestalls the doing of many mighty works today—the word "all" in the second line is just as good in reference to our disease as the other "all" is in relation to our iniquities; we have proved it true.

Again, Isaiah says, where he records the marvelous atonement to be wrought in Jesus Christ for sin, he also prophecies of the atonement for healing. Surely he hath borne our sickness and carried our pains, and with His stripes we are healed. (Isa. 53.) When even was come they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils; and he cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esais, the prophet saying, Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses. (Matt. 8:16,17.)

Infirmities are the weaknesses that come with age, while sicknesses are acquired; if He bare them, we have no more right to bear them, or continue in them, than we have in sin. No fighter of the truths of Divine Healing can find any more forcible passage, or one whose worth is any more age-lasting, in reference to the forgiveness of our sins, or cleansing from all sin, than this is for healing. Who took our infirmities, and bare our sickness.

Jesus commanded His disciples to go and teach and preach and heal And in whatsoever city ye enter heal the sick that are therein. (Luke 10:9.) Go ye therefore and teach all nations ***** teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world. (Matt. 28:20) Had He not commanded them to heal?

Christ did not leave His believing children without visible signs of distinction to follow them that the world might know who were Christians, and who were not. Neither did He send forth His servants to preach the vague speculative theories of a world to come, but with mighty power for the relief of suffering humanity; feeding the hungry, clothing the naked; healing the sick: casting out devils; speaking with new tongues; confirming the word of inward spiritual benefit—wrought in Jesus Christ—by these outward visible signs.

Many Christians are pleading, almost day and night, for the perfect love experience spoken of in I Cor. 3, while they minimize the signs and gifts of the Spirit in I Cor. 12.

A word of warning: Teachers who have minimized the work of justification as the stepping stone to sanctification, loudly exploited the second work of grace, are many of them now feeding on "wind" (Hos. 12:1), "ashes" (Isa. 44:20), and "husks" (Luke 15:16.)

Let us say to those unwilling to humble themselves that they might obtain the gifts of the Spirit; that as you cannot get sanctified until you are clearly justified and fully honor that work of grace; so in like manner you cannot obtain a (13 chapter of I Cor.) experience less than the 12 chapter of I Cor. as stepping stones to the "more excellent way."

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the words spoken by angels were steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward.

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him; God also hearing them with witness, both with signs and wonders, and divers miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will. (Heb. 2:1-4.)

The text, how shall we escape if we neglect

so great salvation, has been used for years as any argument to persuade sinners to accept Christianity; but let us say to deeper Christians, how shall you escape if you neglect this great salvation which was first spoken unto us by our Lord. What was this salvation?

John the Baptist, desired to know whether this man preaching over in Judea, was really the Christ, he sent some of His disciples to see. Jesus commanded them to stand aside; after viewing the marvelous work performed, said unto them: Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preach. (Luke 7:22.)

The healing of the sick is as much part of the gospel as telling them of heaven. And this is the gospel that Jesus said should be preached to all nations as a witness, before the end should come; this is the great salvation that heals the body as well as saves the soul. Were this gospel fully preached today, the multitudes would hang upon the Word of God; while the heathen would flow into the hill of the Lord. You dear friends, who are neglecting to teach, preach and give of your substance to the spread of this gospel—attended with signs, wonders, mighty deeds, divers miracles and the gifts of the Holy Ghost—are in danger of standing in utter condemnation before the judgment bar of God.

Sometimes people say, "Oh, you are Divine Healers!" We answer, no; we believe in Divine Healing, but not in divine healers. Any one who takes and claims the name of physician, healer, or reversed, assumes the titles of divinity, for He only is the Great Physician and Reverend is His name. If a minister prays for a penitent sinner and he be converted, it does not make the minister a divine Savior; so we who believe in Divine Healing, may pray for one seeking healing and they be healed, but not make us a Divine Healer; the work is wrought by Christ.

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After having found Him in the healing of is it fanaticism or wildfire to lift Him up that He might draw all men unto Him? Yea, that the great waves of suffering, turbulent humanity might break sobbing at His feet, changing their sadness into glee, finding Him able to save and to heal!

If you would use as much time in prayer and thanking God for healing as you use studying what doctor, drug or patent medicine you are going to try next, you will not only get healed, but stay healed. When you call a physician, and he says:—"Oh, you will be well in a few days," you believe him and begin to rejoice in your healing; but when God says,—“I am the Lord that healeth thee: you begin to make excuses, because you do not believe what God says. Polite indeed to man to God most rude. Most rude because while professing to love Him, you prove by your actions you have not confidence in His word.

To be healed you don't have to travel to some shrine, or some noted man of faith; nor is it necessary that two or three agree in your case; healing is obtained like conversion by faith in the atonement of Jesus Christ. You can find it anywhere; alone in the house, the barn; up in the old orchard; in the fields; in a few words of silent prayer behind your desk or counter; in the busy marts of the city.

As a sinner never becomes converted while reviewing the past or gazing upon his sins, but speedily finds deliverance when turning his eyes to the power of Calvary; and though he may seek salvation day after day feeling more devilish the second day than the first, the third day than the second, the fourth day than the third; yet knowing assuredly that salvation is at the end of the struggle, he continues his earnest efforts. So must you when seeking healing, act in like manner. Turn your eyes from your sickness and symptoms. You can never get healed while nursing them. Look away to Him, who was lifted up for you; and though you may feel worse the second day than the first the third day than the second, the fourth day than the third: know assuredly that healing is at the end of the struggle and your deliverance will speedily result. You may lose your healing in the following manner: After you are converted, Satan says, you were not saved; if you believe him you backslide at once, if you say you know you are saved, he tries again, throws some evil desire in your heart, saying:—Ah ha, if you were saved you would not desire this. Unless you stand true and pray earnestly for this deliverance you will lose your salvation. So after you have been healed, the devil says, oh ho you are not healed; if you yield you lose, if you say: I know I was healed:

—he tries the second test, throw some old pain into your body tauntingly: Ah, ha, if you were healed you would not feel so. You get deliverance this as in temptation to evil, by earnest prayer, in faith, resisting the devil he will flee from you.

So many say: "I'll try healing." Christian Science and like forces, and realize—as the Scriptures have said—cursed is he that trusteth in the arm of flesh; but when you come to God there is no such a thing as trying God, for He has positively promised that, ye shall seek for me and ye shall find me; in the day that ye seek for me with your whole heart.

Healing is as certainly purchased in the atonement of Jesus Christ as salvation; so we like to give the following as a basis for faith:

We thought indeed at eighteen years of age when we were so wonderfully healed, that God was a respecter of persons, and that it was something special for Him to heal in our case; though knowing He had power to do it, did not suppose it His will to heal everybody, but that there were cases of divine interposition in these days. How precious it was in later years when we could throw open the Word of God and declare that "whosoever not in the blood of Jesus Christ, but will" might be healed.

Now the atonement for healing is not in the blood of Jesus Christ, but in His stripes. The stripes were made in His body; the perfect body of Christ was broken for our imperfect bodies, to bring us to perfect health. One of the first teachings of the Scriptures on this subject, was when the children of Israel were commanded to kill the passover lamb, sprinkle the blood on the doorposts for salvation from the destroyer; and eat the body for strength to get out of Egypt. When Jesus, our Passover, had fulfilled the law, and partaken of this Jewish sacrament, He pushed it aside and inaugurated the memorial of bread and wine; representing His blood for salvation and His body for healing. And when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said. Take eat; this is my body, which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death 'til he comes. (I Cor. 11:25,26.)

So long as the Christian church shall hold this ordinance sacred, so long will they testify to a sceptical world that a certain time, as a certain place, the Son of God instituted it and

commanded its keeping. Obedience is better than sacrifice, and by so doing we show our fealty to Christ until he comes. A solemn warning is given about taking it unworthily, how we ought to examine ourselves for fear we bring damnation, in the Greek signifies decay, judgment, decomposition; whosoever partake of the broken body and does not reckon that He took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses," will decline physically.

For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. (1 Cor. 11:30.)

One day in the Bible school some of the students came to us saying: Of course, we know it does, but how is it that the blood of a man spilt 1900 years ago—though He were the Son of God—save us today? We have been used to all kinds of remedies for healing, yet you declare there is power and virtues in the stripes of Jesus Christ to heal all our diseases. How is it possible that there should be such power in looking by faith at the serpent in the wilderness? Drawing forth a five dollar bill, we said: Students, who gives this greasy, green paper the intrinsic value of five dollars? Can it be possible that there is value? Yet in spite of all the attempts of depreciation and demonitisation, its value at the treasury at Washington is five dollars. Why? Because the Government of the United States has stamped it with that intrinsic value. So men have tried to depreciate the blood for salvation, and the broken body of our healing; never-the-less, God, the Governor of the Universe, stamped the blood and the broken body of our Lord Jesus Christ before the foundation of the world, with intrinsic value; sufficient power to cleanse from all unrighteousness, and to heal all our diseases. As long as His government stands, every individual shall find full salvation and healing when they present at the Bank of Heaven, the blood and stripe in exchange for the same. Men and creeds may minimize and depreciate the relative virtue of this double atonement for soul and body; but in it is a crime to deface or destroy the money of the United States: how sorer damnation do you think they shall be thought worthy of who seek to destroy and underestimate the value that God Almighty placed upon the sacrifice of His Son. It is a crime to handle, have, trade with or give away counterfeit money; so it is also a crime against Heaven for any minister to handle, have, trade

with or give away a counterfeit religion that does not bring experimental salvation for soul and body.

We are not for or against Churchism or comeoutism, yet we have been compelled to say to many of the Lord's children who have diligently sought for healing and failed to obtain it, that as it is a crime to aid and abet, by food or clothing or any other way, a counterfeit of the United States coin; so you cannot expect God's blessed healing power to come into your life, while you aid or abet in any way, such ministers, churches, or missions, who fight the full atonement for soul and body, who are propagators of an imitation.

Nor is an occasional healing all the value there is in the atonement for our bodies. Though being healed many times ourselves, we were continually harassed by the same or similar diseases, recurring. Among many who came to us for prayer for their healing, we found that though they were healed at the time yet it was not long before they were sick again. We began to wonder, as we did in our justified state whether this was the best that God could do. Then reading, Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy which temple ye are (I Cor. 3:16, 17.) Though having a great longing for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, we wondered how the Holy Ghost was going to dwell in a body all defiled with disease. The light began to dawn upon us that the Bride, and even the Body, the Church, ought to have and would have entire sanctification.

Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? (I Cor. 6:15.) For ye are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones (Eph. 5:30.) We wondered how Christ's body, the Church would look made up of a lot of bodies, all defiled with cancers, catarrh, consumption and such things; believing in the light of the great atonement for our bodies as well as our souls, it was as wrong to be sick as sinful, we had a problem on hands that we scarcely knew how to solve.

One day we read in Heb. 10: how Jesus' natural body had come to do the perfect will of God and had offered the body of Jesus;—"by the which will we are sanctified"—that in the atonement of the body of Jesus Christ, wherein

we found the stripes by which we are healed. We were also to find sanctification from inbred disease. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (II Cor. 7:1.) Is disease not filthiness of the flesh? So the flesh was to be cleaned.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly and I pray God that your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (II Thess. 5:23.) Faithful is He that called you, who also will do it.

For years we have lived in the hope of surviving till Jesus comes; here was the promise to have the body sanctified and preserved blameless until His coming. Then we found something better still. I will cleanse their blood, that I have not cleansed; for the Lord dwelleth in Zion. (Joel 3:21.) When it says, "those that have not been cleansed," it showed that some could be and had been cleansed before His coming.

We have read sufficient patent medicine advertisements and books on medical science to know that if our blood was cleansed, we should be enabled to positively prove the promise: There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall plague come nigh thy dwelling (Psa. 91:10.)

We decided to let the Lord do the cleansing of our blood before He came; and, on, what a change it wrought in our body. In connection we found it shall be health to thy navel, and narrow to thy bones. (Prov. 3:8.) Now we knew that nearly all the diseases from which we had suffered had been transmitted to us through the navel, and had thoroughly fortified themselves in various parts of our anatomy before we were born; that from the time we were six months old until we reached the age of eighteen years, scarcely knew a day free from pain. Though after this we had many healings, yet it seemed that inbred diseases needed only an excuse to manifest itself in actual sickness. Through the curse pronounced upon Adam disease became an inheritance of the human race. "Dieing thou shalt die," was not only spoken of the soul, but of the body; and down the ages inbred disease as well as inbred sin has been handed from generation to generation.

It was prophesied of Jesus that not a bone

of His body should be broken. If this were true of the Spiritual body? (the church) And as your bodies are the members of Christ, bone of His bone, and flesh of His flesh, the prophecy covers this point also, and you have no scriptural privilege or license to be broken or sickly.

At the age of twenty four the broken body of Jesus Christ Triumphed, sanctifying power reached every part of my body, destroying the very root and tendency to disease. To a life of misery and intense suffering deliverance has come, so that for years now we have lived realizing that God is our habitation and no plague comes nigh the dwelling.

Purpose

The restoration of Primitive Christianity with all its Gifts and Graces. This great religious work is on Full Gospel Lines. The leading features Conviction, Conversion, Healing, Sanctification, The Anointing and Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2nd Ch. Mr. Parham is seeking to raise the standard of Christianity to the simple yet sublime level of the teachings of the Christ and the ministry of the Apostles.

Personal Testimony

At eighteen year of age I was taken home from college on a stretcher with rheumatism laying there until all the joints in my body were ossifying. T. B. on my lungs, Angina Pectoris of the heart, stomach ruined with medicines, eyesight nearly gone, then completely healed by the Power of God, only lacking three months of finishing the medical course. Mr. Parham will not only for all but wisely advise them as to care of their bodies.

—o—
Sweetwater, Texas.

Dear Brother Parham:—

We enjoy your paper so much. Through its pages we have been made to see wonderful truths. And they are like refreshing showers to our thirsty souls. We wish you all success in your great work.

Mrs. Lee Clanton.

—
Guyman, Okla.

Kind Friends:—

Enclosed find the printed notice I found in your splendid little paper of today's mail. Yes indeed brother I want the paper continued. I love the paper, and do not want to miss getting it and I kept all of last year's papers. Am going

to put them in a book sometime so please continue it to me, and I have a friend, who is an invalid and has been for so many years, perhaps she might too find healing for her body through reading the pages of the Apostolic Faith. Please continue my name on your mailing list and oblige.

Mrs. M. R. Rose.

—
Elmwood, Oklahoma

Chas. F. Parham:—

As we just received our January number of the Apostolic Faith and enjoy reading it very much, am sending a small offering. We do not want to miss a number. Yours truly,

Mrs. W. H. Ginter.

—
Purcell, Mo.

Dear Brother Parham:—

I have received all of the Apostolic Faith papers but the December Number. We were at Catale, Okla., in December held a two weeks meeting, had a very good meeting. I sure do love to read the faith papers for they help me over the dark places. Pray for us that we may be out in the Lord's work more and may the Lord bless you and Sister Parham in the good work you are doing for Him.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson.

—
Spearman, Texas

Brother Charles F. Parham:—

Dear Brother in Christ:

May the peace of God be with you this afternoon. I was so glad to hear of how God was confirming His word with signs following in your meetings.

Truly it is wonderful to know God, to have His spirit in our lives. The Lord means more anointing power of the Holy Ghost.

Brother Girard has just closed a meeting here at Spearman, truly the Lord was with him as he delivered the wonderful messages of salvation and the deeper things of God. There were several saved, one sanctified and one received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. It was a time of great strengthening of the children of God.

Brother Homer Coberly is holding a meeting at Gray, Okla. I am sending you some money for the paper, sure enjoy reading the paper seems like it gets better every time.

May God bless you and keep you by His

power Divine. Your sister in Christ looking for His return.

Elbie Fulbright.

Colma, Mich.

Dear Brother:—

Our little girl two years and 8 months old had a very severe attack of pneumonia. Now there is a brother here who has just lately started the "new way" and many times when we have spoken of the wonderful healings we have received thru God, he has said he wished he could see one. Well Praise God, yesterday he came to the house and as we had already anointed her and prayed, the Lord gave us James 5 for our lesson and a wonderful one it was, and surely God Himself was with us in power. For when we started our reading the child was in a burning fever and mostly all night the night before had talked out of her mind, but Glory and praise to God when the lesson was read and taught the fever was gone, and has not returned. She is still weak but praise God He is still healing. Another one has witnessed God's goodness and power. Nothing impossible with God. She has never tasted medicine or known touch of doctors hands and I praise God for keeping power.

I am so glad you sent the paper, as I surely appreciate it. The wonderful sermons and testimonies, do us all good.

I am going to send a prayer given thru the spirit once to me. Pray for God to touch my body for I hav'nt been very well for sometime, and pray too that He will continue to bless and keep us all for His praise and honor and glory.

Your sister in Jesus.

Mrs. Fred Pettey.

Barryton, Mich.

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Dear Friends:—

I certainly appreciate the Apostolic Faith. I received the four extra numbers for December and sent all five to other friends, one to England. I also received a good letter from Brother Parham for which I thank the Lord. I have believed for a long time that God is going to raise up preachers that will preach in two fold the power the Apostoles did. The time we live in requires it, to crush Satan's power that he is able to wield in these last days.

Please put me on your mailing list for The

Apostolic Faith for 1926.

Sincerely, E. W. Wilson.

Montrose, Colo.

Dear Brother in Christ:—

I am enclosing check to help along in whatever way it may be most needed. Please renew my subscription to the Apostolic Faith as I want to keep in touch with the work you are doing.

The world is certainly rushing on toward the great vortex of the time of trouble such as never was.

May the Lord speedily prepare His children to stand in that day and having done all to stand. Wishing you the continued blessing of the Lord in all things.

Yours in the blessed hope.

E. R. Hartman.

Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Brother Parham and workers:—

Greetings to you all in Jesus name. Enclosed find donation. We are praising the Lord for saving sanctifying and healing power, praise His dear name.

Love to all the workers in his vineyard.

Mrs. C. I. Slaton.

Simpson, Colo.

Dear Brother Parham:—

We certainly enjoy the paper, it is the only gospel news we get out here. We think the Morton Sisters will come this way next summer. May the blessings of the Lord rest on you. Please continue the paper.

C. M. Moore.

Holtville, California

Dear Editor of the Apostolic Faith:—

I surely do enjoy your little paper and will surely be glad to get it another year.

I never get to go to church and I surely do enjoy Brother Parham's sermons. The little piece written by Flavia Gaines Litch, just hit me, every bit of it. The last few weeks have been hard for us to get along for work has been so scarce. But I feel that God is going to help us. I'll be so glad to get the paper though.

May God prosper and help you all and may Brother Parham's good works still continue in my prayer.

Mrs. Vernie Price.

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This paper is mailed to all free, especially the poor. All those who can give are expected at once and from time to time to give all they can to keep it going, spreading the original truths of the Pentecostal Apostolic Movements or latter rain work to all the world. This will mean that some will have to give into the hundreds to do this.

Houston Heights, Texas

February 8, 1926

To The Apostolic Faith Readers:—

Greetings in Jesus' name. Just a few lines to let you know God is blessing the work in South Texas.

We have a nice new church building in Houston now.

Brother Bacon and Brother Swanson came to our rescue just at the needed time.

They have been a help to many at Waller

and Hempstead and then came to Houston.

Truly God did use Brother Bacon in giving some fine Bible lessons that were a help to all that heard them. Also they have been great help in building our place of worship. We all are so glad and do so much appreciate them.

Brother Bacon and Brother Swanson are real consecrated workers for God. They are not afraid of real hard work, with saw and hammer.

The Morton Sisters came and were with us the first service in the new building, beginning a revival. In less than a week we found the building too small. Many came and could not get in the last night. Truly we expect this revival to continue until many thousand are swept into the Fountain of Life.

Yours in the battle for souls, out far the true way contending for the faith once delivered to the saints.

S. W. Ditto.

Eugene, Oregon.

Dear Editor:—

We enjoy your paper better than any Christian paper we have ever read.

We will be very glad to have it continued.

Miss Mildred Spores.

Victoria, B. C.

Dear Brother Parham:—

Greetings in Jesus name. Forgive me for not writing. Have been rushed a bit. Am going west on 1st of Dec. Am enclosing donation for renewal of my subscription to your paper Apostolic Faith. I enjoy the paper so much and look for it too.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

E. S. Morgan.

Joplin, Missouri

Dear Brother Parham:—

I have enjoyed reading the Apostolic Faith, very much and wish to continue to receive it at the above address.

I am praying that it may accomplish much good as it goes forth with the prayers of many that souls may be greatly strengthened through its pages. Very truly,

Eunice Timmons.

Amarillo, Texas

My dear Brother. I am glad I can report

victory over sin. Praise God. Glad that the blood cleanses from all sin. Glad I can honor the blood for my cleansing. Praise His precious name forever.

Your brother in Jesus dear name looking for His soon coming. Glory to His precious name.

Chas. I. Slaton.

Dear Brother Parham:—

We surely do thank you for sending us the January issue of the Apostolic Faith, as we had not sent in our names for renewal.

We wish you would please continue to send it. We enjoy every issue and feel lost when it is delayed a few days.

We are enclosing a small offering which we know will be used to good advantage. Hope to send more later when we are more flush with cash.

Hope you are having successful meetings, and that you can come this way before long.

Remember us in your prayers.

As ever with love,
Herman and Ruth Engel.

TIME IS SHORT

By W. N. Bacon
(Associated Press)

Funds sought for Jerusalem Temple. Chicago Jan. 17, 1926.—Plans to raise \$500,000 for erecting a temple in Jerusalem were outlined Sunday before the opening session of the united synagague convention. Approximately 1000 persons were present when the convention was opened by Rabbi Herman Cohen of Kansas City.

Mayor William A. Dever, welcoming the delegates, declared no country can be great where intolerance exists and asserted that evidences of intolerance are rapidly disappearing.

News of this character only adds to the truthfulness of the signs that speak of the soon coming of Jesus. For years I have preached a restored Palestine for a restored Jew and the building of a temple in Jerusalem with the restored daily sacrificés as in years past.

Now that such a move is on foot we can hardly realize the significance and important part such an event means in Prophecy.

The old Temple site is held sacred by both Jews and Mohamadians. But for years the Mohamadians have held possession of the pro-

perty having erected the Mosk of Omar there secret Temple on the land.

Of late years, by some unknown power to them a great crack has come in the fresco work of the dome. This disgrace was kept a secret as much as possible.

So in order to repair the dome funds were collected from far and near. When work was ready to begin a permit to repair the dome was sought from the British Government at Jerusalem. The tital rights or deed was demanded of the owners of the work. Right here lay the one great hinderance "They had none", so no permit was granted, now then, the Jews who are the only title holders of the 10 acres or old Temple site will be full possession, so as soon as this question is fully settled they can proceed with building their Temple.

The Jewish daily sacrifice will be set up on a passover day, either at the laying of the corner stone of their Temple, or when the roof is finished to shelter the furnishing of Alter service. Already a High Priest is being sought from the tribe of Levi to fill the office in Jerusalem.

We are living in what the scripture terms, "Time of the End". But before I explain this I want to make clear some Bible truths regarding "The Times of the Gentiles". This might be explained in answer to 3 questions—

- 1—What do they signify?
- 2—When do they begin?
- 3—When and how shall they end?

There is a system upon which Scripture dates are interpreted, if they have any value at all they refer to Israel's history and not to the church of God or the rapture, so as I said last month no man knows the day or hour when Jesus comes. But these dates refer to the Jews, Jerusalem and Palestine and should be clearly understood as such.

- 1—What do the Signify-

In St. Luke 21:24, Jesus said: And they (the Jews) shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

A Governmental domination by Gentiles over the Jews and Jerusalem is meant by this verse and the times of such a ruling is called "The Times of the Gentiles".

- 2—When do they begin?

In Jeremiah 27. 1-13 we learn that God gave the children of Israel and all other nations over to Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon to serve him. God, also spake unto Zebekiah King of Judah saying: Bring your necks under the yoke of the King of Babylon and serve him and his people and live. Jer. 27:12.

This is further explained in II Chron. 36 chapter and Daniel 2:37-38.

This was the beginning of Gentile domination over the Jews and Jerusalem and continued under the succeeding empires of Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome and for over 600 years when Jesus said it should continue until "The Times of the Gentiles" be filled.

God revealed the complete rule of these Gentile nations in the Image that Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream. Daniel interpretates the dream. The head of gold was the Babylonian empire. The breast and arms of silver represented, The Medo-Persia Empire. The belly and sides of brass, represented Greece. The legs feet and toes of iron and clay, represented Rome. All of these parts of the Image have been fulfilled in the said empires, except the toes. The smiting of the Image on the feet and the breaking in pieces of the gold, silver, brass, iron and clay which becomes as chaff and is blown away, surely signifies the complete end of the Gentile governments in there domination over the Jews and treading down of Jerusalem. Daniel 2:31 to 35.

God has promised to preserve Israel or a remnant and though them make a full end all nations whither they have been scattered yet will He not make a full end of Isarel, but will correct her. Jer. 30. 10. 11. The time has arrived for this correction to take place and in order to deal with his chosen people God is gathering them into a body that such correction may be a lesson to her as a greater nation.

In order that Israel might be kept from the coming judgments that will rock the governments of the whole world to their very foundations God has put into the hearts of many Jews to return to Palestine and with scattered Isarel the ten lost tribes will be gathered by sword famine and divers ways into the shelter provided for them.

When the Bride of Christ has been taken out of the church and the church is caught away into the wilderness and fed by God for 3½ years and the wickedness of the Gentiles

has reached it climax then God shall make an end of Gentile governments and restore the Kingdom to Isarel. The Gentiles shall then come to Israels light and all nations shall serve them or perish. Read Isarel 60. Paul speaks of this in Rom. 11:25, 26, 27, 28, 29. That blindness in part is happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. Then all remaining Isarel shall be saved as it is written. There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob. Their sins will then be taken away as concerning the Gospel they are enemies, they are beloved for the fathers sake. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. Peter speaking before the Apostles and elders at Jerusalem. Acts 15:15, 16, 17 said: To this agree the words of the prophets, as it is written. After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down and I will build again the ruins thereof and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord and all the Gentiles upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

Further mention of the sealing of the 12 Tribes in their foreheads 144,000 the residue or elect of Israel that are to be gathered in Palestine to escape the judgments poured out during the tribulation, is spoken in Rev. 7:1-8. This seal is a heavenly mark that protects the 12 Tribes of Israel from plagues that their human lives might be kept while the world undergoes punishments and plagues. Revelations 9.4. During the 42 months 3½ years of tribulations and the 5 months of deathless suffering that men go through, the command to hurt men is given but only those men which have NOT THE SEAL OF GOD in their foreheads. This implies that some will have the seal and they escape. This some will not be the bride of Christ for she is already taken. They will not be the church for she is caught away and fed 42 months. They will not be the remnant of the church for they will be Martyrs for Jesus refusing the mark of the beast.

So Israel stands alone to face the awful events, yet not fully alone for God's mark of deliverance is on their foreheads. Now then, the beginning of the Gentile rule over Isarel begin with Nebuchadnezzar 604 or 603 B. C. This date varies in differnt verisons of the Bible.

3—When shall these Times End?

The plural expression, "Times of the Gentiles", occurs only once in the Scripture in Luke 21:14. Notice, Jesus did not say "time" of the Gentiles, but "Times" to this a special significance may be derived. Here the question may be asked. How long is one scripture time? In Revelation 12th chapter, 6 and 14 verses it appears an answer is given. The women is nourished in the wilderness for 1260 days. This nourishing is repeated in the 14th verse and is said to be for "a time, times and a half." The plural "Times" apparently means two "Times", which makes a total of $3\frac{1}{2}$ times.

This is one half of the seven times of Lev. 26 chapter and Daniel 4th chapter and is the same length of time that the Fourth Beast of Daniel 7:25 reigns and is the same length of time spoken of as the end of these wonders. Daniel 12:5, 6, 7.

This 1260 days in Rev. 12:6 harmonises with the forty-two months that the antichrist reigns in Rev. 13:5, and the same period of forty-two months that the holy city Jerusalem will be trodden down. Rev. 11:2. And in like manner the two witnesses prophesy, 1260 days. Rev. 11:3.

From this we see that 1,260 days are equal to $3\frac{1}{2}$ times or 42 months, and that a Scripture "Time" is 1,260 divided by $3\frac{1}{2}$ which equals 360 days. This is a calendar year, being twelve months of thirty days each.

This agrees with the five months which equals 150 days in Gen. 7:11-24 and 8:34. On the 17th day of the 2nd month the waters came, on the 17th day of the 7th month the waters were abated, 150 days in all divided by 30 days equals 5 months. Thus it appears that a Scripture "time" is 360 days.

Now we want to know how many of these times are included in our Lord's expression "Times of the Gentiles".

May we consider the 4th chapter of Daniel at this time. Here we read of the head of gold, Nebuchadnezzar going through a humiliating experience to teach him that there was a King in Heaven superior to all Gentile Kings, whom he should honor praise and extol.

The duration of this humiliation is four times stated to be seven times. Surely this experience was a warning and lesson not only to Nebuchadnezzar, but to all Gentile empires and rules, and may not the seven times be symbolic of the length of the Times of the Gentiles

which shall end in Gods revealing to Israel and all nations that the Most High reigns and in the person of Jesus Christ His Son will smite the Image and fill this earth with His Kingdom ruling all nations of the earth in justice and righteousness?

If this be so, then the times of the Gentiles are to be "Seven Times" during which time they are to have the upper hand and dominate in governmental power over Israel and tread down the Holy City which is evidently Israel's greatest punishment.

Further light on this can be had in Lev. 26th chapter. Here God promised blessing for obedience and various punishments for disobedience. A greater punishment which would last 7 times, even till they should confess their sin and God would remember his covenant with them and their land would come upon them 4 times, was this 7 times spoken of, very much the same as in Dan. 4. Truly these 7 times have passed over Israel and her punishment has been great. In order to understand the duration of the 7 times. There beginning and ending we will examine some scriptures that speak of a day for a year, upon this scale "a day for a year", Israel's punishments are measured.

In Num. 14:34 when the people believed the evil report of the spies after they had searched out the land 40 days and rebellion arose, God punished them by sending them into the wilderness 40 years "each day for a year".

The same scale is also given in Ezek. 4, 5, 6. He was to lie 390 days on his left side for the iniquity of Israel. Then lie on his right side 40 days for the iniquity of Judah. "each day for a year".

This scale is also used in the 69th and 70th weeks of Dan. 9th chapter, the 69 weeks of the 70 have been fulfilled beginning with the decree of Artaxerxes B. C. 457 Ezra. 7th chapter 11:28, and ending with the 3rd chapter of Matt. A. D. 26 when Jesus was Baptised. He was the Messiah the Prince. B. C. 457, plus 26 A. D. equal 483 years, just 69 weeks or each day for a year, 7 times 69 equals 483 years.

Therefore we conclude that the punishment of Luke 21 is the same as that of Lev. 26, and that the times of the Gentiles are measured by the seven times of Lev. 26, that is 360 multiplied by 7 which equals 2,520 days.

On this scale the 2500 days measured 2520 years as the duration of the "Times of the Gen-

tiles". This being the length of time of Israel's greatest punishment. This is the complete subjugation of Israel and began when God gave them into the hand of King Nebuchadnezzar. B. C. 603.

Two years after Nebuchadnezzar captured Palestine the vision of the Image was given him. Daniel revealed the meaning and announced by Divine Authority that he was the "Head of Gold" and that the children of men and beasts of the field, and fowls of the heaven had been given into his hands. (Dan. 2:38.)

Jehoiakim was King of Judah at the time Jerusalem was first captured, only a part of the vessels of the temple were taken to Babylon and a goodly number of Jews were left in the city and country. But 16 to 17 years later when Zedekiah was King of Judah he rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who came the second time with his armies against Jerusalem and burned the temple and took all the vessels and gold to Babylon. Jer. 39 chapter B. C. 588.

Measuring the "Times of the Gentiles" from these two dates we have the following results: B. C. 603 plus 2500 equal A. D. 1917. (That is, the 2520 years reach to the same date in 1917 as they began in 603) B. C. 588 plus 2520 equal A. D. 1932. This gives us 15 years from 1917 to 1932 which may vary and reach 1933. This appears to be the **TIME OF THE END**. This is used in the record of different visions. (Dan. 8:17, 19;—11:35, 40;—12:4, 9.)

This brief period must surely mean the time when the "Times of the Gentiles" shall come to an end, and Israel shall be restored to her land, to loyalty to God and His Word. If this is correct 1917 must be the year when some event marking Israel's restoration should take place. Thank the Lord this is just what has happened and it surely makes us to know that time is short.

On Nov. 2, 1917 was issued the Balfour Declaration of the British Government assuring the Jews of a home in Palestine. On Dec. 9, 1917 General Allenby captured Jerusalem without drawing a sword or firing a gun. On September 22, 1919, the British Declaration by Balfour of Nov. 2, 1917 was reaffirmed by Earl Curzon, the new Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Great Britain.

On April 24, 1920, The San Remo Council of the League of Nations gave the Mandate to Great Britain over Palestine. In May 1920 the

British Government appointed Sir Herbert Samuel, a Jew, as High Commissioner, practically Governor of Palestine. June 30, 1920 Sir Herbert Samuel arrived and established his office in Jerusalem. About July 4, Sir Herbert Samuel declared to the Zionist Commission that neither he nor any Jew of the administration should work on the Seventh Day Sabbath. So now we see that Jerusalem and Palestine were restored to the Jews of our day, and the 7 times 2520 years of Israel's greatest and longest punishment has ended, although there still awaits the time of trouble, Jacobs trouble which shall come upon the whole world.

Tragic Events

Tragic events are to occur in the "Time of the End".

The 70th week (7 years) of Daniel 9 will doubtless cover the last of this period, for the 70 weeks are "to finish the transgression, and to bring in everlasting righteousness. Dan. 9:24. The Lord willing I will write on this subject.

HAVE YE RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT SINCE YE BELIEVED? ACTS 19:2

To answer this question truthfully and correctly in the sight of God requires a clear understanding of the word of God in regard to the Bible evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This question is directed to believers in Jesus only. Jesus makes this distinction in John 14:16-17, when He says the world cannot receive the Holy Spirit, "for it beholdeth him not, neither knoweth him: ye know him; for he abideth WITH you and shall be IN you." He is here talking to disciples whose names were written in heaven (Luke 10:20), who kept God's word, believed in Jesus (Jno. 17:618), and were already clean because of the word (Jno. 15:3). They had even received, what many nowadays receive and erroneously claim is the baptism, that is, a measure of the Holy Spirit—an anointing—a blessing giving them boldness and encouragement to openly tarry and praise God until baptized at Pentecost. cf. Jno. 20:19; 20:22; Luke 24:52-53. Did not their hearts burn within? Luke 24:32. This proves one can be saved and anointed and not have the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

In these days of sham, veneer, imitation and

substitution, when even the world is crying out: "Beware of imitations"—"none genuine without the signature," or label or some sign, it behooves us as, "sons of light" to be as wise as the "sons of this world" and see if the divine signs accompany the things we receive and put on for God's service. Not that we should seek signs (Matt. 12:39). We seek Jesus and the signs accompany. In the church, as in the world, the real things can be obtained if we seek diligently with faith unfeigned, refusing to be denied (Luke 11:5-13) and will pay the price (Acts 5:32).

The curse of the visible church today is caused by receiving a substitute for the Holy Spirit. Ignorance of the scriptures and the power of God (Matt. 22:29) has caused multiplied thousands to accept a "form of godliness, but having denied the power thereof" (2 Tim. 3:5). They know nothing of worshipping God in the Spirit nor of the manifestations of the Spirit. Like the Ephesians they know not that the Spirit has been poured out (Acts 19:2) and that God commands them to be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18). They know not the difference between a psalm, a hymn and a spiritual song (Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19). God's people are destroyed for lack of knowledge (Hos. 4:6; Isa. 5:13). The Holy Spirit brings knowledge of and power over sin and the enemy. By him we put to death the deeds of the flesh, etc. (Rom. 8:13). Hence the command to be filled. It is God's appointed way.

The One Hundred and Twenty Filled Pentecost. Acts 2:4.

Just before Jesus left this earth He commanded His disciples to tarry until they were endued with power from on high (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4 5, 8). In obedience to this command they were continually in the temple praising God (Luke 24:53) and with one accord continued steadfastly in prayer, and "when the day of Pentecost was now come they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." The twelve and the seventy had already received power over all unclean spirits and to heal all manner of diseases and sickness (Matt. 10:1; Luke 10:17-19); but when they were filled they spoke with tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

These different tongues were no doubt given

for a sign of the believer to the unbeliever (1 Cor. 14:22; Mark 16:17). They were all in the temple and speaking with tongues of the mighty works of God before any outsiders came in. It was the sound of the tongues, etc., that caused the multitude to come together. But when it came time to preach salvation from sin by repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ as their Saviour it was Peter alone that preached to them and no doubt in one language, for they were all Jews and were DWELLING in Jerusalem. It would be hard to believe a Jew would be dwelling in Jerusalem and not speak or understand the Jewish language. If they had not a common language how could they have spoken one to another (ver. 12). Surely it was as the Spirit gave utterance (ver. 4) and not the gift of tongues.

The Gentiles Receive The Holy Spirit At The House of Cornelius. Acts 10:44-48.

The thing that amazed these six Jews (11:12) was that on the Gentiles was poured out the Holy Spirit. There must have been some positive evidence to make them give up their great prejudice and admit it. The one positive sign was "for they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God." If this sign was recognized by Peter as certain proof can we accept anything less sure? In this instance every one heard and understood the words of Peter showing that the tongues were not for the preaching of the word. It was the sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The Ephesians Filled. Acts 19:1-7

When Paul found certain disciples at Ephesus that had not received the Holy Spirit he began to inquire why they had not, which shows that he considered the baptism of the Holy Spirit to be important. Upon finding that they did not understand Christian baptism he baptized them into the name of the Lord Jesus. "And when Paul laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied." So clear, so positive. How can we doubt it?

Again we find no occasion for preaching the word in tongues because all understood Paul.

Samaria Receives. Acts 8:4-24.

In the record of the outpouring of the Spirit upon the Samaritans we find no positive, direct evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, but we may conclude that it was something most extraordinary because it was this

thing that caused Simon the sorcerer to sell out and to fall into the "bond of iniquity." Simon had seen Philip work signs and great miracles that amazed him (ver. 13) but they did not cause him to fall.

The apostles at Jerusalem deemed the baptism so important that they sent Peter and John down to see that they received it.

In Mark 16:17-18 we have Jesus' own signs on His own people, and one of them is "They shall speak in new tongues." A new tongue is one that has never been used before. A spiritual worshipper with a spiritual praise! Praise God for Jesus! We are made complete in Him. A new creature (2 Cor. 5:17) with a new tongue. The Holy Spirit himself taking control of the tongue and praising God as HE will. Oh the sweetness of that private communion of the Spirit (2 Cor. 13:14) with God in tongues which no man can understand (1 Cor. 14:2). This is not the gift of tongues mentioned in 1 Cor. 12:10, 30, where they speak in tongues at will, but is speaking mysteries unto God as the Spirit gives utterance. When our souls overflow with praise and thanksgiving to God for Jesus and we just cannot find words to express ourselves, it is then that the Spirit takes up the thanks and praise and our souls are satisfied. Surely as Paul says in 1 Cor. 14:17, we give "thanks well" when we thank him in the Spirit with tongues. But we must use spiritual wisdom and keep in God's order, not allowing our private worship to interfere with the edification of the assembly. Not that there should be no speaking with tongues in the assembly. There may be little or there may be much. If not, why the need of the interpreter (14:28) when ye come together (ver. 26)? Much needs to be taught regarding the gifts and work of the Spirit in the assembly, but that is not the purpose of this article.

Beloved, it is one of the tricks of the enemy to get your eyes on the defeats of God's people. Just get them on Jesus and His word.

Jesus said signs would accompany believers and we find in 1 Jno. 5:5 that a believer is an overcomer of the world. Are you an overcomer? Have you overcome the worldly opinions of this sect which is everywhere spoken against (Acts 28:22), by taking your stand with them? What would Jesus have you do? Will you do it? If the world has nothing to say against you, Jesus will have nothing to say for

you. His grace is sufficient (2 Cor. 12:9. Ask Him.

Do All Speak With Tongues?

1 Cor. 12:30

In Acts 2:4 they all were filled and spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. This "all" means the hundred and twenty and none less.

In 10:44 the Holy Spirit fell on all that heard and they spoke with tongues.

In 19:1-7 the entire twelve obeyed and received and spoke in tongues.

In 8:16-17 there is not the least room to doubt that any did not receive to the fullness, signs and all. The "they" who received in verse 17 includes the same number as "they" who obeyed in verse 16.

Not one person left out. Every person where evidence is given, spoke in tongues when they were filled with the Spirit and so will you, for God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34). To this agree the words of Peter: "For to you is the promise and to your children, and to ALL that are afar off" (Acts 2:38-39). Peter is talking about the gift of the Holy Spirit which Jesus sent (Jno. 14:16-17; Acts 2:33) and not the gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor 12:1-11). God gives Jesus to sinners, Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to believers and the Holy Spirit gives gifts to baptized saints.

Not all have the gift of speaking in tongues at will as in 1 Cor. 12:30, but all speak in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance at the time of the baptism. While all do not continue to speak with tongues after the baptism. I believe it is our privilege to do so if we keep in the same hungry, prayed-up and yielded condition in which God sealed us.

This seal of the Holy Spirit, with the tongues as evidence, is a sign of the righteousness of our faith in Christ Jesus, which we had while we were yet unsealed (cf. Rom. 4:11; Eph. 1:13; 4:30). Oh, the joy of being in a place before God that he will put His seal of approval upon us and assure us that if we stay in that place our salvation is as sure as His word. In connection with this righteousness of faith will say that God is not pleased with those who have a spirit of fear (Luke 1:73-75; 2 Tim. 1:7) and are afraid of receiving the wrong spirit, because He has promised to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him (Luke 11:11-13). So many fail here when Jesus has pro-

mised and positively told us if we ask for bread God would not give us a stone. Get rid of the fear. It is not of God.

This speaking with tongues as the Spirit gives utterance is most positively not repeating words of any kind after some one else. God fills the mouth, that is open wide (Psa. 81:10), with words you never heard or thought of. This river of living water just flows from within you (Jno. 7:38) without thought or care of the words. You speak or eject, but it is the Spirit that gives that which is uttered or spoken. God has promised to create the fruit of our lips (Isa. 57:19).

Have you repented and been baptized in water according to the word? See Acts 2:38; 8:16; 8:36; 10:48; 22:16; Rom, 6:3-4, and Matt. 28:19-20. Observing all things that Jesus commanded.

Tongues Shall Cease, Etc.

To those who claim that God is not working miracles in these days and that tongues and prophecies shall cease (1 Cor. 13:8), I would say that God's word also says when they shall cease. Dan. 9:24 says that prophecy will be sealed up after the seventieth week when there will be no more sins, etc., everlasting righteousness shall be brought in and the most holy anointed. This wonderful time is not yet come. Tongues and prophecy are both gifts of the Spirit and we have no reason to believe, nor right to say that tongues shall cease before prophecy.

If these people who make the above claim will honestly meet the conditions which Daniel met in 9:20 they will get what he got in 9:22; that is, wisdom and understanding from heaven. Oh, the foolishness of trying to tell people tongues have ceased when God has been working such a wonderful work in our souls. Glory to Jesus! They might as well say that God has ceased to send the literal rain upon the earth as to say that He is not now sending the latter rain of the Spirit to those that thirst for it and have a place to put it. Glory to Jesus, I have it! But, oh, how I had to want it and ask God for it.

In Eph. 4:7-15 we read Jesus "gave gifts unto men—till we ALL attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a full grown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ—no longer carried about with every wind of doc-

trine, but may grow up in ALL things into Him." No one of sound mind will venture to say that the church has yet reached this exalted condition. As long as the church preaches the gospel there will be new believers, babes in Christ, and how can a spiritual babe grow to be a full grown man in ALL things if the spiritual supply has been cut off? How can the signs accompany if God has cut off the signs? According to Jesus (Mark 16:16-18) as long as there are believers they will have the signs. Would you dispute Jesus? Dare you preach verses 15:16 and deny or wrest verses 17-18 (2 Pet. 3:16)? "Add thou not unto his words lest he reprove thee and thou be found a liar" (Prov. 30:5-6).

It is claimed that the gifts were men, apostles, evangelists, etc. This is true, but it is the gifts of the Spirit to the man that fit him for his place in the body. The trouble today is not the lack of gifts on God's part, but it is because of lack on man's part to meet God's conditions for the gifts. "The gifts and calling of God are not repented of" (Rom. 11:29).

God will give you all you will use for His glory. If you have received little it is because you have used and will use little.

The following are a few common objections to the scriptural baptism with answers by the scriptures:

I asked God for the baptism and didn't get it.

Psa. 68:6—The rebellious dwell in a parched land. Jas. 4:3—Ye ask and receive not because ye ask amiss.

My preacher says tongues are of the devil.

Matt. 12:24—That is what the Pharisees said of the works of Jesus. "The disciple is not above his teacher"—read Matt. 10:22-25.

I don't need it.

Eph. 5:18 is a positive command to be filled. If you obey you must have it. The apostles needed it.

I received the baptism but I did not speak with tongues.

What did you receive that the apostles did not have before they were baptized? You received what the disciples received in Jno. 20:22—*an anointing.*

Paul discourages the speaking in tongues.

1 Cor. 14:1 ff. It is the improper use of the tongues in the assembly he mentions. 1 Cor. 14:5—I would that ye all spake with tongues. 14:18—I speak with tongues more than you all.

14:39—Forbid not to speak with tongues.

God knows I want the baptism and He will give it to me when He wishes. God knew you wanted salvation but you had to ask to be saved.

Jesus told His disciples to tarry and not to preach until filled. Luke 11:1-13 says to ask importunately refusing to be denied, cf. Luke 18:1 ff.

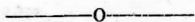
Isa. 62:6-7—Take ye no rest, and give him no rest—till he make—(you)—a praise in the earth. Gen. 32:24. Jacob wrestles and prevails.

Pentecostal people do so many peculiar things.

Tit. 2:14 A. V.—God's people are a peculiar people. Luke 6:26—Woe unto you when all men speak well of you.

Some erroneously claim that a new tongue is nothing more than putting away profane or unclean speech and using our tongue in our own language to glorify God, etc. If this be true, what is prophecy, etc.?

1 Cor. 14:2—He that speaketh in a tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God; for no man understandeth; but in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. 14:26-28 shows the need of an interpreter when the saints come together. See Acts 2:4-8.



LAST WORD FROM BURBANK

We are closing our part of the great meeting in Burbank. The wonderful results will never be known until the unfolding of the great day of God. While other meetings have largely resulted in healing this meeting has been specially freighted with salvation. Nearly two score of heads of families have been saved, beside others. A remarkable feature of this meeting was that it began with a funeral and ended with one. We were called here the week before the meeting began to conduct the funeral of the son of our dear Brother and Sister W. J. Adler. God so worked that a marvelous wave of conviction swept many of the relatives and friends so that the early part of the meeting all the relatives, and there were many of them, of this precious boy were saved, bringing perhaps more people to the Lord by his death than if he had lived many years. Then there was a very dear old man, a saint of God, John Henry, with face always beaming and testimonies ringing, he was the father of 12 living

children, ten of them with their families were attendants in the meeting, many of them were unsaved, some had even despaired that they would be saved, but after spending the Thursday fast meeting with us, during the afternoon of which he said he believed it was the happiest day of his life. Brother Campbell had driven him and his sainted wife to their home about five o'clock.

My son Wilfred and wife were stopping at their home. While in conversation with my son Wilfred, Brother Henry was suddenly stricken with apoplexy. Before yielding to unconsciousness he said to the family, I am very ill, perhaps it is the end, a few minutes later smiling up at them he said, "This is the end, I am so ready to go". Lying unconscious 48 hours he fell asleep. Lacking a few days of 80 years of age. Within an hour after his death weighed with mighty conviction, three members of his family were wonderfully reclaimed. It was one of the most tremendous fights I have ever experienced as spirit forces seemed to fether and chain those precious souls. As the result of his death all the family with the in-laws have been wonderfully saved. His funeral was held in the "Little church of the flowers" the most beautiful funeral chapel in America, on Tuesday March 2nd. Our party conducting the services.

So many calls for at least a few nights services make it seem almost impossible to leave the state. We are arranging to be at as many places as possible to accommodate the people, who are coming from a radius of 100 miles about each place to catch the last word of our message before we turn our faces toward the east. We are expecting, the Lord willing, to conduct a large campaign in Phoenix, Arizona. Then we want everyone to arrange within coming distance, for a tent meeting in Sterling, Kansas during the month of May. Sterling is a few miles west of Hutchinson, Kansas, and north of Kingman, Kansas where we held the great Inter-State meeting last year. The 22nd birthday celebration will be held in Baxter Springs, Kansas, on June 6th, 1926.

Then the big National Camp Meeting is planned for Cherryvale, Kansas, from the middle of June to the middle of July. While many have sent their names for the new year and some have done splendidly in donating to its publication, yet we shall be in special need even

for the next paper as it costs about \$175 a month to print and mail this paper out with all our labor donated. Yet if you dear readers could hear some of the wonderful letters we are getting of thousands blessed and bodies and souls healed, and saved, you would know that this is the most valuable part of the work, and we believe that our paper is doing much to spread the Full Gospel and heal and save the people.

Don't forget in writing letters to always place your full address in the letter as we often have difficulty in finding your correct address; and if you do not receive the paper regularly let us know and we will mail you back numbers. Make the paper your special concern and pray mightly for it.

Announcement Extraordinary

It may be a surprise to many of our readers when we announce that Miss Dora E. Preston, our Secretary and Pianist, and Mr. Fred Arthur Campbell, Musical Director have decided to join lifes forces to work jointly in the service of the Lord. Thus perfecting our party in a very special way for future service. Instead of losing these valuable assistants we shall bind them more firmly to the work of God. Those desiring to send congratulations or rembrances can address them in my care, Baxter Springs, Kansas, Box 252.

The meetings in Burbank continue with great victory under the spiendid leadership of Evangelist Alice Wilson Parham with her husband Wilfred Fox Parham as musical director. They have held extraordinary meetings throughout the summer, at one place a \$50,000 Temple has been erected as the result of their campaign. In two other places tabernacles costing \$5,000 a piece were dedicated. As a result of our campaign in Lansing, Mich., last summer, a large and commodius tabernacle with prayer rooms adjoining has been erected. In Burbank a contractor in a few days will put a large force of men to work building a beautiful chappel 40x90 with tiling roofs, prayer room and nursery attached. And this is only a small notice of the immense work that is going on under the labors of our ministers throughout the country. The dear ones in Houston have built a fine place of worship, where under the leadership of Brother S. W. Ditto and Wm.

Bacon the work is going forward by leaps and bounds. Brother S. E. Waterbury conducted a splendid campaign, in Oklahoma City. Sister Lillian Thistlewaite and Sr. Ostrander have taken the work at Wawaka, Texas. From there will Pastor many of the missions around. Homer Coberly concluded a splendid meeting at Gray, Oklahoma. The Morton Sisters are opening a campaign at Lindsay, California. We want to heartily endorse Brother Bacon's Bible lessons that are running in this paper. We have lately purchased another Coupe so that we can more easily travel at cheaper rates than by train which will convey our entire party. We got tlie used car from a special friend who donated \$100 on the purchase. We had to borrow some of the rest to make the purchase possible. Anyone wishing to send in donations to complete the payment on the car should do so at once, as it will be a great aid in the spreading of the Gospel. Especially in visiting the sick. Many remarkable healings have ocured lately. One especially of an insane woman who fully recovered from the hour that prayer was offered. While letters coming from those whom we have sent handkerchiefs report the healings of all manner of diseases including cancers and consumption.

Yours in the Happy service of the King,
Chas. F. Parl.am.

TESTIMONIES

Wherefore laying aside all malice guile and hypocracies, and envies and all evil speaking as new born babes desiring the sincere milk of the word that may grow thereby if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious, to whom coming as unto a living stone disallowed indeed of men but chosen of God and precious, ye also as lively stones are built up an spiritual house, a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Unto you therefore which believe so these temples of ours must be free from all hatred malice and strife, to build a spiritual house unto God. For He is precious But unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed to some is made the head of the corner, a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word being disobedient where unto also ye were appointed, but now ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood an holy nation a peculiar people,

that we could show forth the praise of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light, so God has chosen us as a peculiar people before the world or rather before the church, for they know so little of the power of God. Unto whom He says, Now therefore if ye will obey my voice indeed and keep my covenants then ye shall be a peculiar treasure to me above all people. For all the earth is mine and we are His and He has made us Kings and Priests and we shall reign with Him on the earth. For this cause He said, I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Thank God for He has taken away the sin of the world, that thru the blood of the Lamb we can be saved and sanctified, for He has said that we who look for Him, He shall appear a second time without sin unto salvation. And they that have this hope in them purify themselves even as He is pure. Unto Him be glory and honor and praise forever more.

Mrs. Maggie Pettit,
Birmingham, Ala.

CHURCH HAS SPLENDID GROWTH

United Brethren Church Preaches
The Full Gospel.

Our dear Brother L. D. Thornburgh, whom we have known for many years and his wonderful consecration to all the will of God, is now located in Glendale California. We are giving a little account of their work.

When the Grandview United Brethren church opened its Sunday school in a tent 18 months ago there were 16 children, but today the membership totals 124. The picture shows the Sunday school grouped in and on the edge of the basement of the new church, Fifth Street and Justin Avenue, with 96 present and 28 absent.

From the tent this church proceeded to build a bungalow for a parsonage. The school has so outgrown it that three of the largest classes have to sit outside.

This growth, plus new houses going up on every street, a new day school house costing \$75,000 with near 6,000 people in West Glendale, and as yet having no church house, has caused a "strike". It is enough to cause

thousands to join. Funds did not come to operate a steam shovel. It still is true that where there is a will there is a way. So a preacher with a pick and a man with a 1-4 ton truck "struck" keeping their eye on the dent. The third day was a Sabbath and the big dent created much excitement. A man living 12 miles away, hearing of their need, sent over a 2 ton dump truck. Others gave and joined. One gave \$25 for 8 loads of dirt, another offers his cement mixer and work. Surprises happened all around. The striking continued with from 3 to 9 men for 14 days and they report a basement 80 feet long by 36 feet wide, by 5½ deep, nearly ready for the cement, all freely donated. At ordinary wages it would have cost near \$550. Also much of the carpenter, cement and painting work is promised to complete this house of God.

This church is the common people's church, evangelistic and interdenominational in spirit. They make any "in Christ" feel at home. They believe in the heart conscious reality religion of the fathers, and preach Christ "the way, the truth, the life, the light, the door, and head." The mighty redeeming Savior and Son of God.

Ten different denominations worship with them. Seventeen different ministers have spoke, saying, "Surely the Lord is in this place." They are not formal, creedish or stinty, but openly fundamental, Spirit born and filled, bent not merely on social membership religion, but on the reforms, joys and victories that always follow the repenting, personal salvation religion of Jesus Christ.

The pastor says real Christianity started from the newly resurrected Lord, and it begins within the heart when "Born Again". Christ is the second Adam; the "Spiritual" one. "Ye must be born again". That to play at, perform, bind with laws and solemnly mouth so vital a concern as to let it drift into pleasing forms, produces the most deceiving, dangerous and biggest sham on earth. Jesus Christ is the most real, central, essential and vital fact in history. He warned of "sheep's clothing", formalism and Judaism.

Come neighbor, let's not let the material bind us, nor be deceived as to spiritual and eternal worth. Have full interest in the safest, highest and holiest. "So builded we the walls; for the people had a mind to do and work."