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Rev. and Mrs. Frank Stimson

Fifty years ago Sunday, September thirtieth, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Stimson exchanged wedding vows in the home of the bride's parents, with their favorite minister officiating. He was their brother-in-law, Rev. Andrew Tune, a fledgling Baptist minister, and as they were his first couple to join in (Holy) wedlock, he waived the wedding fee, marrying them free of charge. Sunday, September 30th, 1973 the original ceremony will be reenacted by the original cast, save for Mr. Wid Gee, best man, who is now deceased. The original bridesmaid, Beulah Stimson (Mrs Ollie Rogers), the groom's sister, will again take her place, with her husband, Mr. Rogers taking the best man's role. Mr. Rogers, incidentally, is Mrs. Stimson's brother.

Rev. and Mrs. Stimson have spent many years pastoring churches in the Texas panhandle and in Oklahoma until their recent retirement. They now reside at 3243 S.W. 20th, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The reception to honor the couple will be held from 2 until 5 p. m. at the Sunshine Mission, 1815 South Central, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Host and hostesses for the occasion will be their children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Quinten Beagle and Daryn, Arnett, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stimson, Jr., Carol and Dianne, Cherokee, Alabama; Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Stimson, Tracy and Crystal, Oklahoma City; Capt. and Mrs. Allan Wylie, Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Capt. and Mrs. Raleigh Steed and Hud, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

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### Editorial . . .

There has seemed to be no special inspiration for the editorial for this month although I have prayed earnestly for it. In months gone by there has always seemed to be one thought or theme that has remained with me for days and sometimes weeks so there wasn't any doubt what my topic was to be. My deadline is the 15th of the month now and on the afternoon of the 14th Sis. LaMoyne Fox gave me this poem about the Church and the World. It was one of Bro. Gail Schultz' favorites and he quoted it many times in his teaching at Bible School. As soon as I read it I knew this was to fill my space in the October issue. I submit it with no comments or explanations of my own, with a prayer in my heart that it will accomplish what God intends for it to and it will be a blessing to others. Thank you LaMoyne, maybe God sent you to Baxter Springs with your husband with meat for the Bible School and this on His

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#### THE CHURCH WALKING WITH THE WORLD

The Church and the World walked far apart
On the changing shores of time,
The World was singing a giddy song,
And the Church a hymn sublime.
"Come, give me your hand," said the merry World,
"And walk with me this way!"
But the good Church hid her snowy hands
And solemnly answered "Nay,
I will not give you my hand at all,
And I will not walk with you;
Your way is the way that leads to death;
Your words are all untrue."

"Nay, walk with me but a little space,"
Said the World with a kindly air;
"The road I walk is a pleasant road,
And the sun shines always there;
Your path is thorny and rough and rude,
But mine is broad and plain;
My way is paved with flowers and dews,
And yours with tears and pain;
The sky to me is always blue,
No want, no toil I know;
The sky above you is always dark,
Your lot is a lot of woe;
There's room enough for you and me
To travel side by side."

And gave him her hand of snow;
And the old World grasped it and walked along,
Saying, in accents low,
"Your dress is too simple to please my taste;
I will give you pearls to wear,
Rich velvets and silks for your graceful form,
And diamonds to deck your hair."
The Church looked down at her plain white robes,
And then at the dazzling World,

Half shyly the Church approached the World

And blushed as she saw his handsome lip
With a smile contemptuous curled.

"I will change my dress for a costlier one,"
Said the Church, with a smile of grace;
Then her pure white garments drifted away,
And the World gave, in their place,
Beautiful satins and shining silks,
Roses and gold and costly pearls;
While over her forehead her bright hair fell
Crisped in a thousand curls.

"Your house is too plain," said the proud old World, "I'll build you one like mine; With wells of marble and towers of gold, And furniture ever so fine." So he built her a costly and beautiful house; Most splendid it was to behold; Her sons and her beautiful daughters dwelt there Gleaming in purple and gold; Rich fairs and shows in the halls were held, And the World and his children were there. Laughter and music and feasts were heard In the place that was meant for prayer. There were cushioned seats for the rich and the gay, To sit in their pomp and pride; But the poor who were clad in shabby array, Sat meekly down outside.

"You give too much to the poor," said the World. "Far more than you ought to do; If they are in need of shelter and food, Why need it trouble you? Go, take your money and buy rich robes, Buy horses and carriages fine; Buy pearls and jewels and dainty food, Buy the rarest and costliest wine; My children, they dote on all these things, And if you their love would win You must do as they do, and walk in the ways That they are walking in." So the poor were turned from her door in scorn, And she heard not the orphan's cry; But she drew her beautiful robes aside, As the widows went weeping by.

Then the sons of the World and the Sons of the Church Walked closely hand and heart,
And only the Master, who knoweth all,
Could tell the two apart.

Then the Church sat down at her ease, and said,
"I am rich and my goods increase;
I have need of nothing, or aught to do,
But to laugh, and dance, and feast."

The sly World heard, and he laughed in his sleeve,
And mockingly said, aside —

"The Church is fallen, the beautiful Church;
And her shame is her boast and her pride."

The angel drew near to the mercy seat,
And whispered in sighs her name;
Then the loud anthems of rapture were heard,
And heads were covered with shame;

And a voice was heard at last by the Church From Him who sat on the throne,
"I know thy works, and how thou hast said,
'I am rich, and hast not known
That thou art naked, poor and blind,
And wretched before my face;'
Therefore from my presence cast I thee out,
And blot thy name from its place."

- Matilda C. Edwards



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Doty announce the marriage of their daughter, Linda Doty to Daniel White of Alvin, Texas on Friday evening, July 27, 1973. Rev. Jimmy Wallis performed the ceremony. "Danny" is attending The Electronics School of A & M. Their home for the next year will be at College Station, Texas.

Max Clanton, son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul A. Clanton, of Galena, Kansas was united in marriage to Sharon Shira, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Milsap of Baxter Springs, Kansas on June 29, 1973 at 7:30 p. m. at the Spring Grove Mission in Galena where Bro. Paul Clanton pastors. Bro. Paul performed the ceremony. Shari Cook was the organist and Sammy Ames the vocalist. Max and Sharon are making their home in Baxter Springs.



Open house to celebrate the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Saulters will be held Sunday, September 30 from two to five p. m. at their home at 430 East Third Street, Baxter Springs, Kansas. Hosting the occasion will be relatives: Mr. and Mrs. Merle Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wren, Mr. and Mrs. David May, and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Zufan. We add our congratulations, best wishes and prayers for many more years to the Saulters.

Ed Note: This year has special significance to me. My parents, Charles and Anna Mahan would have celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in May if they had lived, and O. A. and I are celebrating our 25th on October 23rd. I'd also like to send belated congratulations to the Publisher of the Report and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. F. D. Krueger, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary this year also.

### STUDENT of AFBC







Kim Flowers



Jimmy Botter



Tony Martinez

I praise God for sending me to Bible School. Since I have been here a lot of my outlooks on life have been changed.

I like the school and the teachers and the people that are going here. It is a great feeling to have such brotherhood.

Just since I have been here God has shown me that if we share our burdens He will answer prayer. The Lord has been blessing in many ways, and I thank Him for blessing me so many times. I just pray that He will guide me when I get out of school.

#### Herman Peters, Hempstead, Texas

I came to the Apostolic Faith Bible School because I felt that God wanted me here for a purpose. To me, it is a blessing to see others like me wanting to study the Word of God. As for the school itself, no one could ask for a better group of staff workers, for I feel each does great. The meals are good and there is always plenty, and the classes and teachers are helping me to understand and learn about the Bible. I feel and consider it a great privilege to be able to come here to Baxter Springs, study the Word, and be a part of such a wonderful family as we have here.

I never knew what living really was, until August 26, 1973. You see, on that day I found out how life can be so wonderful. I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. The way I talk, think and feel has changed. I praise the Lord that He has come into my life, for there He will always stay. I thank the Lord for loving me as He does, and for the privilege of serving Him and also for the privilege I have to study His word. The Lord is so good, and I know He is coming again.

Kim Flowers, Knoxville, Tenn. (formerly of Perryton, Texas)

I want to praise the Lord for the work He is doing in my life today. In the last year, the things He has given me have been getting better and better and Bible College is the best of all these. It is hard to believe that there can be so many wonderful people in any one place. When I get discouraged there are people all around to help me. I can draw strength from the students, the faculty and everyone else that is here and this is a tremendous blessing. I love the Lord, and I'm thankful for everyone who has helped make this college possible, because each one of you is helping me draw closer to the Lord.

Jimmy Botter, Alvin, Texas

We should all realize that things are never what they seem to be. I came to Bible School expecting to find miracles.

In the first week of school, one of the teachers said "We are to seek the Miracle-Worker and not the miracles." Since that day I have fully given my life to God and vowed to Him and me that I would follow Him where He leads me. For the last three weeks I have done my best to serve Him. Let me tell you that I have been blessed more than I have ever imagined. The Bible says that miracles will follow the Miracle-Worker. I would like to tell you that this is true in my life. On September 12 at the Wednesday night service, I saw this happen to one of my friends. I had carried a burden for him for the last three weeks. In that service my prayers were answered. That young man came to the altar and was saved. To me, this was a miracle. I felt that I had been saved again. I would like to thank God for answering prayer.

Tony Martinez, Spring Valley, Calif.

### TESTAMONIES







Joanie Ray



Gary Foster



Donna Anderson

I am so glad for the privilege to attend Bible School again. I have gained so much from the Lord this semester and school is only getting started. I enjoy being around Christian kids who aren't ashamed to live for Christ. I can really appreciate Bible School because I have been to college and can see the difference in the people more than ever. There is nothing in the world better than living for Christ and have Him live in you. We would appreciate your prayers for we are praying for a revival and for the Choir Tour.

Debbie Grimmer, Balko, Oklahoma

Jeremiah 29:11 (Living Bible) "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

This is the promise that the Lord re-affirms to me with the beginning of each new day. Like many others, I came to Bible School filled with questions for the future, anxious to know all the things God has planned for me. I wished that He would hand me the script for my life and allow me to read ahead. In the past few weeks I have begun to realize that God doesn't work that way. Part of his plan is that I learn to trust Him. The things He has for me are more beautiful than I could ask for, or even imagine. He has promised me a future and a hope.

I praise God for the Bible School. In I Samuel 9:27 Saul was instructed by Samuel "... but stand thou still awhile that I may shew thee the word of God." Here I have that opportunity. Whatever His plans are for my future, His will for me now is that I stand still long enough to learn His Word. Then He will give me a million beautiful tomorrows, one at a time, full of hope, in which to serve Him.

Joanie Ray, Anchorage Alaska

Bible School to me means something special. Before school began I asked God to totally take my life and use it. As the Lord dealt with me about school, he also began opening doors thus enabling me and my wife to attend. I had promised God that if He would let me attend Bible School I would do the best I could in school and also in doing His work. To this day God has enabled me to go out and preach at various times.

To me Bible School is an answer to prayer, a place where I can devote four months of my time to deepen my Christian experience with God. It is also a place where, with God's help, I can prepare for the ministry, if it be God's Will.

- Gary Foster, Follett, Texas

### CHOIR TOUR

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Being at Bible School is one of the greatest joys of my life. I really love it here. It is so wonderful how God can take so many different kinds of people and put them together to make up such a fantastic place. Of course it wouldn't be the same without the ever present Spirit of the Lord. His love is what ties us all together.

I thank the Lord for the blessings I have received here at Bible School. He fills my cup over and over. One of the greatest blessings is the many opportunities we have in which to pray. So many of my needs have been met and God has shown to me so many ways I can continue to improve. I'm so thankful that He answers our prayers, and that He cares for us. Praise His Name!

Donna Andersen, Guymon, Oklahoma



#### Bethel Community Church Ashland, Alabama

We thank the Lord again for the opportunity to teach His word at the Academy here at Catherine. We have 70 students enrolled in the Bible Department and will be teaching Old and New Testament History in High School and Life of Christ in Junior High. These are wonderful students and we count it a privilege to work with them. On week ends we drive to Northeast Alabama and preach at the Bethel Community Church in Ashland. We thank God for the good work there. We are living in Catherine on the campus of the Academy in a house trailer. We desire your prayers for our ministry.

Jim and Mary Lou Arnall c/o Catherine Academy Catherine, Alabama 36728

#### Crosses. Arkansas

Dear Friends in Christ:

We haven't written to the Report for quite some time, so I will tell some of the past news.

In July, we had a Children's Crusade, directed by Sister Paula Bushman. Sister Sandra Lemmons helped with the music, and taught the smaller children. These girls did a wonderful job, and we thank the Lord for sending them our way.

We enjoyed Youth Camp, and Camp Meeting, and gained many blessings from the inspiring messages, and the altar services.

In August, our niece, Sister Myrtle Carney and Shirley Satcher were with us for a Sunday service. We were blessed by their special singing and the message Sister Myrtle preached.

We are happy that Billy Waggoner, from our church, is attending Bible School in Baxter Springs.

A revival is being planned in the near future, with Bro. Barry Methvin.

We are encouraged in the work here at Crosses. Recently the attendance has improved, and the Lord has really blessed in the services, praise His name.

Roland Haney, Pastor

#### Hudson, Wyoming

Greetings from the Hudson Community Church:

We here enjoy the Report very much, and would like the folks back there to see a report from our little church out here in western Wyoming. We are not very big, and many of our members are older, retired people, but the Spirit of the Lord is still active in our midst.

As some of you no doubt know, our pastor, Eugene Webster has been in poor health for some time, but since submitting to surgery a couple of months ago, and having prayer for healing during a recent evangelism service, he is showing marked improvement. He and his wife, Lucy and daughter, Dora Ann attended the Bible Camp at Baxter Springs last month also, and visited some of their relatives in Oklahoma, and they returned home feeling refreshed and rested.

While our pastor was in the hospital, his pastoral duties were ably taken over by Rev. Paul Wilkerson, a former pastor, and Rev. Max Pennington, who was here with his family a short week conducting a Kids' Crusade and evangelistic services, during which time the Lord blessed greatly with a few youngsters receiving salvation, and several adults dedicating their lives to the Lord's service.

During the meetings, women of the church furnished refreshments for the Kids' Crusade, and a main dish for the noon meal at the parsonage each day.

Rev. Paul Wilkerson and family recently moved here from Bayard, Nebraska, and have plans for carrying on the Lord's work in nearby Riverton, where Brother Paul is employed.

During some of our cold, snowy weather, of which we had a large overdose this winter, we greatly enjoyed the fellowship and musical witness of the Bible College Vibrations.

We have also made some progress with our long-dreamed-of new church building, in that we have purchased and paid for a lot of used lumber, and expect very soon to start putting together the framework of the new building. There have been many delays, due to sickness and weather, but it looks now as if it will go forward.

We are still a very small group, but the Lord is blessing us in many ways and we praise Him daily for His blessings. Please remember this little church in your prayers.

> Margaret Hoyt, Reporter Eugene L. Webster, Pastor

#### Katy, Texas

The last Sunday in August was the date of our election and appointment of teachers and officers for our Sunday School. Promotion Day was held September 9. The Ladies project for the month of September is to send an offering to the Apostolic Faith Bible College to apply on the new dishwasher. We are again having receptions in the different homes for after the football games. We are looking forward to having the "Christian Athletes Club" visit our church soon and bring us a program.

G. K. Kerr, Pastor

#### Pampa, Texas

We are happy to report to you that after a very busy summer and many people being away on vacations etc., that at last everyone is settled and have enrolled the children in school and are back in church, and we are glad that the attendance is looking up, although our hearts are sad because we have lost another family from the church. Gloria and Bill Norris and their boys have moved near Dumas and we understand will be attending the church at Dumas, so we are happy that Dumas will inherit this good family. They have surely left a vacancy in our ranks.

Our pastor has been giving us detailed information on the Apostles and our Bible Studies have been most enjoyable. Often we let the little things slip our minds and we need stirring up about various Bible Truths.

Brother and Sister Waterbury have consented to stay with us for another year. So pray for us that it will be a very successful year insofar as reaching souls is concerned. We have one new family that is coming regularly on Sunday morning. Our desire is that we shall reach the many as well as the few in 1973.

#### Edwin Waterbury, Pastor Anabel Simmons, Reporter

#### Taneyville, Missouri

We have been busy since we bought the property next to the church. The old buildings have been torn down, the trash and rubish hauled off and the grounds cleaned up. We are thankful for the ones who kept at the job until it was finished, although it was through some of the hottest weather we have had. The church has spent much time in prayer, too. We are trusting in the future to see a nice parsonage on this ground. With God's help and all working, praying and giving of their finances, the project will go through. You can't outgive God.

The church is increasing in attendance and several new people are coming. We are having some wonderful services, including our Bible Lessons on Wednesday nights. We appreciate our good pastor and his family. We're expecting God to do great things for us.

#### Danny Robinson, Pastor Clara Pierce, Reporter

#### Stockton, California

We are taking care of the church here at Stockton The services have been good. One has been saved in the regular services. We are glad for the good report of the Bible School. We are praying for you and your work on the paper. May God Bless.

#### Bill and Zana Yeakel, Pastors

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Spearman, Tex. — Bro. Winston Barker, Pastor
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Beaver, Okla. — Bro. Delvin, Wiles, Pastor
Bro. Jack Cornell, Evangelist
Union Chapel, Stella, Mo. — Bro. Bob Cooper, Pastor
Bro. O. A. Busch, Evangelist (tentative date Oct. 1)
Amarillo Tex. — Bro. Neil Ragan, Pastor
Bro. Paul Clanton, Evangelist
Perryton, Tex. — Bro. Harrol Waterbury, Pastor
Bro. Jimmy Wallis, Evangelist

#### Pine Hill, Alabama

We are now settled into our new home in Pine Hill, and are very glad to be here. Even though we have been here but a few short weeks, we feel that the Lord has blessed in our coming here. We are looking forward to a good time of Christian fellowship and worship of the Lord with the people of Pine Hill Chapel.

The Sunday and Wednesday attendance has begun to increase and we thank the Lord for the way He has been moving in our midst. Several individuals have given testimony as to how the Lord has wonderfully blessed and supplied, both for natural and for spiritual needs.

We are praying about a revival and we are trusting the Lord for His will to be done. We desire the prayers of God's people that we would do the work of the Lord in such a way that it would bring glory to His name.

We extend an invitation to ministers and gospel workers to come to Pine Hill and visit with us. We can assure you that you will enjoy yourselves here, as the South is definitely the Nation's Center of Hospitality.

Carl and Cody Jelsovsky Pine Hill Chapel Box 248 Pine Hill, Alabama 36769

#### Guymon, Oklahoma

We are very proud to have three of our 1973 graduates going to Bible College. They are Deena Stump, Donna Anderson, and David Chambers. Our Children's Crusade was held September 16-19 at 7 p. m. each evening by Bro. Duane Methvin. We have choir practice every Sunday night at 8:30 and every Wednesday night at 9:00. Kathy White is our choir director. The new building material for the Activity Center is here and we are now waiting for Behne Construction to get started with the dirt and concrete work. We had a Father-Son outing on Labor Day. We recently enjoyed Gib Dolezal's visit and his speaking to some of our classes. Bro. Modrick's S. S. class will be studying the plan of the Tabernacle. Recently our attendance has ranged from 115 to 156. We thank God for His many blessings.

#### Edwin Modrick, Pastor

#### Bayard, Nebraska

Our pastors, the Paul Wilkerson's have left the church to minister in Wyoming with the Websters. The church has voted for Bro. Amos Harris to be our pastor until a future undetermined date. We desire the prayers of our friends, as our church is in need of a revival. We have a fine group of young people which we are especially burdened for.

Rev. and Mrs. Amos Harris, Pastors

#### NEW ARRIVALS . . . . .

Alan and Judy Poe of 1512 Jefferson, Joplin, Missouri, announce the arrival of little Lea Renee' born August 21, 1973. She weighed in at only 5 pounds, 4 ounces. She has a little brother, Jordan and the paternal grandparents are Harvey and Ann Poe of Joplin, Missouri.

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### **AFBC** Report:



AFBC CHAPEL



Supt. Ted Barker

The Fall semester of Bible School is well under way and every sign seems to promise a very successful term. We now have 65 students enrolled, and every one of them are wonderful people. We have seen four of them wonderfully converted, and their lives changed so completely.

The instructors seem to be giving so generously of their time and talents to the great work of teaching these students. What a good feeling to stand back and watch these dedicated people give Bible lessons coupled with their experience to these eager young men and women. Please pray for these teachers every day as they stand at their post of duty.

May I extend my sincere gratitude to the movement and its friends for their support of this school in every way. You have been so generous in answering the call for meat and different items that we have needed. I can only ask God to richly bless you beyond measure.

The Lord willing, we will see many of you while the school is on tour the week of October 14th. We are looking forward very much to this time.

I want to thank my assistant, Bro. Jack Cornell, for his untiring labors in helping keep things here at school in operation.

Please consider this a personal invitation to come visit us at the school at any time. I covet your prayers for guidance throughout this school term.

Sincerely, Ted Barker, Supt. Apostolic Faith Bible College Baxter Springs, Kansas

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The Last Days

The last couple of years the thoughts of the last days and the events to take place in that time have been so impressed upon my mind. Though we are so very near the end, the world seems to go on without giving heed to the warnings that are given in the scripture. Because of this condition I find myself time and time again turning my thoughts to the day in which we live and the soon coming of our Lord. A few years ago we talked a lot about the coming of the Lord and the time of Redemption but we don't mention it as much anymore. I remember the time when a message on these thoughts brought the shouts of praise all over the house. Today we hear the message with little reaction. This is a sign of the last days. We hear the cry, "Where is the promise of His coming"?

We want to talk to you today about the coming of the Lord and the conditions of the world at that time. We want to stir up our pure minds about the role the false church will play in that time and also what the true church will be like according to the scripture. I'm sure we have not forgotten the warnings given us but sometimes the cares of this life over shadow the vision we have had of the end of time. One of our good brothers has reminded us that the need isn't so much the preaching but the living out of what we already know. Surely today we need to stir up our pure minds by way of remembrance. The scriptures that we will use in this message are familiar ones but we hope, with God's help,

to help us to see the day in which we live and the part that you and I as God's people play. We have a great responsibility today as God's people. We excuse ourselves sometimes because of world conditions and crawl in a hole and fail to make our stand for God. God bless your hearts we have work to do today for God. We have a responsibility to carry a burden, there are still souls that need the Lord. Some may shut the door in our face or turn away when we endeavor to tell them about God but there are others who are hungry for God. We must work while it is yet day, the night is fast coming when we will be unable to work for God.

We want first to deal with the conditions of the world and the false church in the end time. First we turn to Second Timothy 3: 1-7 and read. "THIS KNOW ALSO, THAT IN THE LAST DAYS PERILOUS TIMES SHALL COME. FOR MEN SHALL BE LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES, COVETOUS, BOASTERS. PROUD, BLASPHEMERS, DISOBEDIENT TO PAR-ENTS, UNTHANKFUL, UNHOLY, WITHOUT NATUR-AL AFFECTION, TRUCEBREAKERS, FALSE ACCUS-ERS, INCONTINENT, FIERCE, DESPISERS THOSE THAT ARE GOOD, TRAITORS, HEADY, HIGH. MINDED, LOVERS OF PLEASURES MORE THAN LOVERS OF GOD; HAVING A FORM OF GODLINESS, BUT DENYING THE POWER THEREOF: FROM SUCH TURN AWAY. FOR OF THIS SORT ARE THEY WHICH CREEP INTO HOUSES, AND LEAD CAP-TIVE SILLY WOMEN LADEN WITH SINS, LED

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AWAY WITH DIVERS LUSTS, EVER LEARNING, AND NEVER ABLE TO COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH." Surely we are living in perilous times today. As never before we find a time when men are lovers of their own selves. We are altogether too sufficient today within our own selves, and lack the dependency we need on God. We look to our own understanding and to our own knowledge rather than seeking the will of God as we should. This scripture speaks of disobedient children. No longer do the parents rule the home, but today the children are the rulers. We hear the cry, "they must express themselves and they must build their own lives." Children are individuals but parents today we have a sacred obligation to raise our children in the fear of God and teach them the ways of God. Those little ones were given to us to care for and direct and we will answer to God if we fail. Many a young person is crying out today for a parent that will love them enough to say NO and mean it. Our young people need instruction today that will help them build useful, fruitful lives. I hear parents say, "I don't want to hurt them by refusing to let them do what they want to." The surest way I know of for you to hurt your child is to always let them have their way. These are signs of the end of time.

Read now 2 Peter 2: 9-10. "THE LORD KNOW-ETH HOW TO DELIVER THE GODLY OUT OF TEMPTATIONS, AND TO RESERVE THE UNJUST UNTO THE DAY OF JUDGMENT TO BE PUNISHED: BUT CHIEFLY THEM THAT WALK AFTER THE FLESH IN THE LUST OF UNCLEANNESS, AND DESPISE GOVERNMENT. PRESUMPTUOUS ARE THEY, SELFWILLED, THEY ARE NOT AFRAID TO SPEAK EVIL OF DIGNITIES. Peter has given us more signs of the last days. We are seeing the things Peter spoke coming about all around us today. Though these a e troublesome times I do not groan over living in this time, I'm not one bit sorry about it. One of these days I'm looking for this thing to wind up. One of these days gravity is going to break loose and God's chosen ones a.e going to depart this world. This is a glorious day in which to live. We have the privilege of living in the time of the glorious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and living in the time when redemption is going to take place. We worry so much today about the trials and test and we moan and groan and feel so sorry for ourselves, and if we are not very careful we will forget that God's grace is sufficient to reach our every need. The more the test the more His grace and love abound. Praise His name forever. We have nothing to hang our heads about today, our God is able to meet every need. Sometimes we feel all alone, and maybe we tell someone that we attend the APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH and they don't know what kind of a church that is and we feel so sad. Quit feeling sorry for yourselves and tell them what we believe and what God has done for us. Don't mince words. This may be just what they need. It was just the answer for me when I heard this gospel. There are still people today who want God. We need to be telling the world that Jesus saves and keeps.

Turn now to Jude 11- 13. WOE UNTO THEM! FOR

THEY HAVE GONE IN THE WAY OF CAIN, AND RAN GREEDILY AFTER THE ERROR OF BALAAM FOR REWARD, AND PERISHED IN THE GAINSAY-ING OF CORE. THESE ARE SPOTS IN YOUR FEASTS OF CHARITY, WHEN THEY FEAST WITH YOU, FEEDING THEMSELVES WITHOUT FEAR: CLOUDS THEY ARE WITHOUT WATER, CARRIED ABOUT OF WINDS; TREES WHOSE FRUIT WITHERETH, WITHOUT FRUIT, TWICE DEAD, PLUCKED UP BY THE ROOTS; RAGING WAVES OF THE SEA, FOAM-ING OUT THEIR OWN SHAME; WANDERING STARS, TO WHOM IS RESERVED THE BLACKNESS OF DARKNESS FOR EVER. Anothey prophecy of the last days. The riots and the rebellion we see today were prophecy given in the days of Jude. We have been fully warned of the conditions that will prevail. We are shocked today at the immorality in our country and yet we were warned in the scripture that this was what was going to be. Now that does not mean we are to take after this way of living and be as bad as the world. We are to be a separate people, we are to be people in whom the light of God's love shines. The infidelity and the broken homes that we see around the country takes the very heart out of us, and sometimes it gets pretty close to home. It breaks our heart when we see those who once had power with God and a real testimony go down in defeat in the traps of the devil. Brothers and Sisters we need to be stirred today and draw close to God. But for the grace and love of God it might have been us. The cry is made "We must be modern, we are living in a different age now and we must go along with the tide". God is not looking for those who drift with the tide but He is looking for men and women that will dare to be different and stand for the truth. Don't be deceived by the lie of the devil. God is able to keep us from these things and we can keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Jesus prayed not that we would be taken out of this world but that we would be kept from the evil. We are not to be dabbling in everything that comes along and running here and there after the things of the world. I often say that the poorest excuse I can think of for doing something is that everyone else is doing it. That is a very poor excuse. God help us to be individuals in our devotion and service to Him. God help us to be men and women enough to search out the scripture and stand on the word of God regardless of what everybody else does and hold on to the word. I read the other day where Paul was speaking to Timothy and he said "HOLD FAST THAT GOOD THING WHICH HATH BEEN COMMITTED UNTO THEE." God help us to hold it fast. The things of the Lord just get better and better as the years go by and the word is the same as it was 36 years ago when I gave my heart to God at an old fashioned altar.

The women's lib movement in the world today is a sign of the end of time. The Bible speaks of a time when a woman would surpass a man. We are seeing this very thing today and God is not pleased with it. There is not one thing wrong with being a woman and filling a woman's place. If we are what we ought to be we are neither a servant or a leader, we are a help mate, a partner in life to build and guide a home. God never in-

tended a woman to rise above a man. The man was to lead the home and be the one in charge. He was to have the responsibility and care for his wife and children. Many a woman has been forced into the leading role when her husband refused to be the leader but God did not intend for it to be that way. My good ladies and girls we have important work to do for God today in caring for our homes and guiding our families and being good examples of Christian behaviour. Let's fill our place and stop our grumbling and complaining. Let's go down the way rejoicing that we have the privilege of serving God and being a part of this glorious plan. Lets keep our heads and hands out of the garbage that is sweeping our land today.

Increase of knowledge. Do you realize that there is the greatest quest for knowledge today that there has ever been. The libraries are stacked to capacity. Most homes probably have more books today than they have ever had. Do you remember the scripture that I read to you awhile ago in Second Timothy? Paul said ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Man today is seeking the wisdom of man and not the knowledge of God. Our schools are crowded to capacity, there are more students than there is room for. Many today are going on to higher education and I certainly am not against education. I wish I had more than what I do but I'm saying that the thing that we need most is wisdom and knowledge of God. We need today to shew ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Not using the word for our own purposes, you know the Bible speaks against using the word of God deceitfully. We are not to use the word of God for our own devices but we are to measure our lives to the word of God. We are living in the time when man is trying to change it to suit himself. Many feel that the Bible does not mean really what it says, but may I assure you every word is meant and ever word is true. God help us today to seek knowledge from Him. God help us to study the word and not only to study the word but apply it to our hearts that we may gain that which we need in Him. It's a wonderful thing today to know the will of God and be a part of the plan of God.

The scripture spoke of having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof. Church membership is a fashionable thing. It may not be fashionable to get down on our knees and pray. It may not be fashionable to fast and wait upon God, or to make a real effort to serve the Lord, but to belong to a church is fashionable. It is considered good business. In Revelation the 3rd. chapter we read about the Laodicean church age which said "We are rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing". We are now living in that church age. In material things the church world today is indeed rich and increased with goods but where is the power of God. The Lord said of this age that they knew not that they were wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. He said "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint

thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. Friends, today we need reality not show and sham. We need the true blessings of God that we can carry on the work of God. The nakedness of modernism is becoming very apparent. We must separate ourselves from the world and the things thereof. Anybody can belong to a church but it takes an old fashioned, old time experience in God to be a child of God. It takes more than a lip service unto the Lord.

The breakdown in our government is another sign of the end of time. In the last few months there has been the greatest departure from trust in our government that there has been in my life time. We have seen corruption in and out of government. Peter spoke of the rebels when he said, "BUT CHIEFLY THEM THAT WALK AFTER THE FLESH IN THE LUSTS OF UN-CLEANLINESS AND DESPISE GOVERNMENTS. PRE-SUMPTIOUS ARE THEY SELF WILLED THEY ARE NOT AFRAID TO SPEAK EVIL OF DIGNITIES". Do you know as a Christian individual we are taught to respect our nation and our leaders. We are taught to pray for them. We are taught to respect them. I'm glad I'm an American. With all the sin and the sorrow that we see today and with all the corruption that perhaps is in our land and country, there is not a single country under the shining sun that I would trade this country for. The Watergate trial and the talk of impeaching our President are signs of the end of time and the coming of our Lord back to this earth. If we aren't very careful we can be swept into the howling mobs today and be carried away with the corruption. We realize there are things that go on that should not and we are not upholding them, but we are saying we have a responsibility to carry a burden and be a strength in these times for the Lord. I have often wondered how many people there were in Pilot's judgment hall that were just there to see what was going on, but they got caught up in the mob and perhaps they were the ones that were howling the loudest, "AWAY WITH HIM GIVE US BARABBAS". If we are not careful we will get caught up in the spirit that's sweeping the world today. If we lean just a little bit, we let down just a little bit on our principles we can be caught up and before you know it we are swept down the river and there is no returning. Folks today we have too much at stake. We have the most glorious gospel to be found on the top side of the earth. I believe that with all of my heart. We have the most precious thing that has ever been committed to man. Let us cherish it, lets take care of it, lets work for the Lord. Let's hold the gospel precious to our hearts and be faithful to God. I might not always approve what the leaders of our land do, but you know, often when I hear of things that have taken place that should not have, I often ask myself, WERE YOU FAITHFUL IN PRAY-ER? DID YOU PRAY FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS LIKE YOU SHOULD HAVE?

Lets bring it down closer to home than the political realm. Do you realize there is a break down in the loyalty of the churches today that is appalling. There is no respect for the pastor anymore. A minister no longer is a cherished vessel of God. They are someone that can

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be used and God bless your heart it isn't right, I don't care who does it. Our Elders and board members no longer are respected men that are looked up to and considered the church leaders that they once were but today they are bemeaned and abused and torn down by those that are supposed to be their Brothers and Sisters in Christ. This is a break down in our loyalty to one another. We are losing the values that we so desperately need to carry us through.

We bring it down closer even than that. Our loyalty to one another as children of God is in sad shape. We need each other today as we never have before and we are going to need each other more tomorrow. God help us to be bound together in the unity of the spirit and the bond of love. Let's pray one for the other and be a strength and help to each other that the love of God may be shed abroad. The devil is tearing God's people apart and destroying our power in God. These are signs of the last times.

My mind went back to Noah for some reason today as I was studying and thinking about this and I remembered that the scripture in speaking of the flood that came upon the earth said that Noah and his family entered into the ark but the rest of them did not know what was happening until the flood came and took them all away. There is also a wonderful thought in this. Noah knew all the time what was happening and what God had planned and he and his family were kept safe. We can also know the signs of the time. The Bible tells us to settle it in our hearts what we are going to do. Have you really made up your mind what you are going to do about Jesus? Time is slipping away, what we do we must do quickly. We had better be making up our minds or the flood may come and take us all away and we won't even know what happened.

Another example that I remember from the scriptule was a man by the name of Samson that was very strong in his day. He was a mighty man. He was a man that God had chosen but you know he began dabbling in things that he had no business being in. He tried to tease the devil and play tricks. He thought he could out smart him. I wonder how many times we have done the same thing. We don't really mean any harm and we are just having some fun. Samson didn't mean to get caught either but he did. He went to sleep and Delilah called the men and they cut off all of his hair and his strength went with it. The thought I want you to get from that is that when he woke up, when the sleep was gone, the scripture tells us that he went out and he shook himself as he had before and he wist not, or he knew not that the Lord had departed from him. Do you know when we begin to dabble in everything in the world and when we begin to tease the devil, if we aren't careful all of our strength will be gone and we won't know where it went. If we are not careful folks the devil will get the advantage of us and we will lose our power with God by playing with the world. We say "Oh, this is not going to hurt and that is not going to hurt." No, it may not hurt a great deal but you add this to that and then something else and the first thing you know you are overcome of the whole thing and there is

no way out. Let me use this illustration. I have watched young couples just starting out. They would buy something on the payment plan and that was really alright because they could manage the payments on that. Then they would need something else and they would buy it also on the payment plan. Even the two were not too bad since the payments were not large, but on and on they added more and more things to the list and had payments on each one of them. Many times when it was too late I have heard them cry "I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO". The little sins and the weights will do the same thing. They will add up and become too much for us to bear, and many an individual has lost out with God not because they committed some terrible sin to begin with but because they let down and the weights and the sins began to stack up and the first thing you know it was too much for them. They were overcome.

It breaks my heart when I see the dope peddling in our country. It breaks my heart when I see the lives of the young and old alike destroyed with dope and alcohol and nicotine and the other destructive things in the world. I'm sick when I see the lives of young women ruined because of the immorality that is in the land. All of these things are signs of the end of time. I still contend if we will serve the Lord, He is able and will keep us from these things and give us victory. Friends we have something to offer the world. The gospel will lift people out of the gutter and give them new life. Aren't you glad for a gospel that will do something for people?

Now lets look at the true Church and God's people in the last days. God will have a people that will pay the price and close out this age with victory. They are not going to be overcome. In .Ephesians 5: 25-27 we read "HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIVES, EVEN AS CHRIST ALSO LOVED THE CHURCH AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR IT; THAT HE MIGHT PRESENT IT TO HIMSELF A GLORIOUS CHURCH, NOT HAVING SPOT, OR WRINKLE, OR ANY SUCH THING; BUT THAT IT SHOULD BE HOLY AND WITHOUT BLEM-ISH." This is a picture of the church which will close this age. There will be no spots, no wrinkles, no blemishes in that church. We are not told how many there will be in the church that will make up the bride of Christ but God will have this group. One thing I do know is that they are those that have been Sanctified and cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ and are born into the family of the living God and they are going to be victorious because the Lord is going to see them through. In the 12th, chapter of Revelation we are also given a picture of the church in the last day. The first verse reads, "AND THERE APPEARED A GREAT WONDER IN HEAVEN; A WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN, AND THE MOON UNDER HER FEET. AND UPON HER HEAD AND CROWN OF TWELVE STARS". This is the true church in all her glory. She has been surrounded by the heavenly bodies, the sun, the moon, and the stars. Now that doesn't sound like a run down bedraggled bunch of people to me at all, does it to you? It goes on to tell us about the man child that was born and caught up to God and His throne. The class that will make redemption. The dragon was right there

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to destroy that group of people but God met the need and they were caught away with victory. The wonderful power of God to deliver His people.

On down we are told of the church that makes her flight into the wilderness. The devil gives chase and tries with all his might to defeat her but she escapes without harm. When she makes her second flight the dragon, the devil himself, again tries to destroy her but the scripture says the earth helps the woman and again God makes a way for his people. God always makes a way for those that will trust and serve Him. Later in the same chapter, when the man child has been caught up and the church has successfully made her flight, the devil turns to make war with the remnant of her seed, which is the justified class living in that day. He kills them for their faith in God. Oh I hear someone say, he defeated them that time. Please read the 11th verse with me, "AND THEY OVERCAME HIM BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB, AND BY THE WORK OF THEIR TESTIMONY; AND THEY LOVED NOT THEIR LIVES UNTO THE DEATH." Is life so precious to us that we have sold out God? No he did not overcome them. He killed them but he did not defeat them. Later in the book of Revelation we read where they are given white robes for the scripture says they are worthy. That doesn't sound like defeat to me. If they take our lives in these days and we go down with faith in God it is not defeat but victory.

Read now from Revelation 14: 1-5, "AND I LOOKED, AND, LO, A LAMB STOOD ON THE MOUNT SION, AND WITH HIM AN HUNDRED FORTY AND FOUR, THOUSAND, HAVING HIS FATHER'S WRITTEN IN THEIR FOREHEADS. AND I HEARD A VOICE FROM HEAVEN, AS THE VOICE OF MANY WATERS, AND AS THE VOICE OF A GREAT THUNDER: AND I HEARD THE VOICE OF HARP-ERS HARPING WITH THEIR HARPS: AND THEY SUNG AS IT WERE A NEW SONG BEFORE THE THRONE, AND BEFORE THE FOUR BEASTS, AND THE ELDERS: AND NO MAN COULD LEARN THAT SONG BUT THE HUNDRED AND FORTY AND FOUR THOUSAND, WHICH WERE REDEEMED FROM THE EARTH. THESE ARE THEY WHICH WERE NOT DE-FILED WITH WOMEN: FOR THEY ARE VIRGINS. THESE ARE THEY WHICH FOLLOW THE LAMB WHITHERSOEVER HE GOETH. THESE WERE RE-DEEMED FROM AMONG MEN, BEING THE FIRST-FRUITS UNTO GOD AND TO THE LAMB. AND IN THEIR MOUTH WAS FOUND NO GUILE: FOR THEY ARE WITHOUT FAULT BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD." We are given a number for this class of Christians, a hundred forty and four thousand that are caught away from this old earth. They were not defiled with the systems of this world, for they are virgins. There are many schemes and plans of man today which will trap and destroy us. Are we keeping ourselves pure for the Lord? This group is made up of those that follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. Take time to follow the footsteps of Jesus in your Bible. Are you following Him? There was no guile found in their mouth. God help us to examine ourselves.

In Daniel 11:32 we read "BUT THE PEOPLE THAT DO KNOW THEIR GOD SHALL BE STRONG, AND DO EXPLOITS". He was talking about our day and the evil that would abound but God was going to have a people. We are not looking for a world wide revival as far as the sinners are concerned but we are expecting a revival among God's people that will carry us through victorious.

Time is slipping away. Are we ready to stand at the judgment bar of God and give an account of ourselves? We are judgment bound people. We are looking for the return of our Saviour back to earth again and the scripture tells us in that time the small and great shall stand before him to give an account of the deeds done in this body. We may make excuses here to man but in that day we will be without excuse. Read Revelation 22: 12, "AND, BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY; AND MY REWARD IS WITH ME, TO GIVE EVERY MAN ACCORDING AS HIS WORK SHALL BE." Sometime back a man wanted to hire a young fellow to work for him and he told him that he would pay him whatever he was worth. The young man answered that he could not work for that. I wonder if it will be that way with some of us at the judgment bar of God. He said He would reward man according to his works. What are we doing for the Lord?

In closing Read Jude 17-25, "BUT, BELOVED, RE-MEMBER YE THE WORDS WHICH WERE SPOKEN BEFORE OF THE APOSTLES OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: HOW THAT THEY TOLD YOU THERE SHOULD BE MOCKERS IN THE LAST TIME, WHO SHOULD WALK AFTER THEIR OWN UNGODLY LUSTS. THESE BE THEY WHO SEPARATE THEM-SELVES, SENSUAL, HAVING NOT THE SPIRIT. BUT YE, BELOVED, BUILDING UP YOURSELVES ON YOUR MOST HOLY FAITH, PRAYING IN THE HOLY GHOST, KEEP YOURSELVES IN THE LOVE OF GOD, LOOKING FOR THE MERCY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNTO ETERNAL LIFE. AND OF SOME HAVE COMPASSION, MAKING A DIFFERENCE: AND OTHERS SAVE WITH FEAR, PULLING THEM OUT OF THE FIRE; HATING EVEN THE GARMENT SPOTTED BY THE FLESH. NOW UNTO HIM THAT IS ABLE TO KEEP YOU FROM FALLING, AND TO PRESENT YOU FAULTLESS BEFORE THE PRES-ENCE OF HIS GLORY WITH EXCEEDING JOY, TO THE ONLY WISE GOD OUR SAVIOUR, BE GLORY AND MAJESTY, DOMINION AND POWER, BOTH NOW AND EVER." The signs that are all around us must be in the end time but may I tell you again that the grace of God is sufficient to carry us through with victory. I don't know what your need might be but God is abundantly able to reach your need. If you are lost without God, He is able to save you and give you a new hope and new life. Christian whatever you may need, God is able. He will have a people that will serve Him and enter into His joy. God help us to be among that number.

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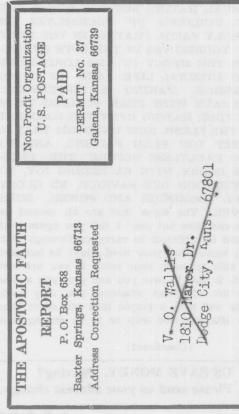


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