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Season's Greetings



Yours in the Master's Service

EVANGELIST AND MRS. ROBERT L. PARHAM AND FAMILY

Christmas Present Of The Ages

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Christmas reminds us that Jesus Christ is the greatest fact of history. His is the greatest Christmas story, By the measure of His influence upon the lives of peoples and the programs of nations, by the test of the continuing moral authority of His philosophy, by the death of love with which men and women and little children adore Him, by the universality of His worship and the uniqueness of His Saviorhood, He is the greatest fact of history.

He alone of all the prophets promises at once forgiveness for sin, triumph over death, and the immortality of both work and personality. Twenty centuries have demonstrated that He is indeed "the same yesterday, today, and forever"; and the finger of the present crisis in world affairs has written upon the sky of contemporary history His ultimatum, "Without Me ye can do nothing."

He did not come to sit upon the throne of His fathers, or to lay the foundations of an earthly empire. He did not come to establish an educational or an economic system. He did not come to rule over the affairs of men by any political formulas of the past or present. He did not come to walk, however unselfishly, in ancient ways. He did not come primarily—let it be said in all reverence—to create the Church. All the good from these, all their achievements, all their glories, all that has risen from them—inevitable as they were and are in His gracious train—are but the by-products of His sublime purpose. For "I am come." He said, "that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly,"

Now we know why we are not disappointed when, searching in the debris of ancient civilizations, we fail to find His name upon the cornerstone of a king's palace. He did not come for that! In no museum is there a suit of mail that He ever wore, There is no book that He wrote in any library of the ancient or modern world.

But He Himself lives and moves

and has His being through the generations of human achievement, in the souls of both the humblest and the greatest. It is in the hope that thus He at last shall reign "where'er the sun doth his successive courses run" that the human race struggles on upon a road which, though it rises and dips, we believe remains permanently at no lower level.

Other religions have made contributions to the happiness and knowledge of man, have enriched art and enlarged science, have measured their strength and numbers against the strength and numbers of the Galilean. And we do ourselves no credit when we despise or ignore their gifts. They have raised the walls of beautiful cities and stretched wide the boundaries of mighty empires. They have taught man's mind and strengthened his body, they have enlarged his universe and feasted his ambitions. Yes, and they have fed his soul, for they have recognized the deathless longings of his immortal spirit and they have sought to give back an answer to his cry, "Light, light, more light!"—a cry that has rung through the ages.

But when this has been said and when all has been said, Christianity alone has made the final answer, because Christianity, in Jesus Christ, has given to the human mind in its simplicity and in its fulness the sense of the sacred in man, the divine and deathless in human personality, the sublimest qualities of the abundant life.

At this Christmas time our eyes are turned, not to a king upon a throne, but to the High Command of the Soul. In an hour when force again challenges for conquest, we give attention to the most amazing words ever spoken by a conqueror: "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

Only the Galilean came thus! All others have marched with weapons in their hands or with an incomplete, an inadequate philosophy upon their lips. But this Jesus, who stands in His place supreme and alone in the eyes of a disillusioned world, when He laid before His lieutenants His final plan of campaign and gave them unrecalled and unamended, said: "And I, if I be lifted up from the

the directions that were to continue earth, will draw all men unto me."

What confirmation that promise has achieved! They swung Him up between the earth and sky. They lifted Him upon a slave's cross between thieves. But with the first breath of His "It is finished" began the disintegration of the Roman Empire. They stoned the radiant Stephen, who believed that Word, but one of the very company of his persecutors became the field marshal of Christ's first advance toward earth's last frontiers. They fed His followers to lions—wild beasts starved for the occasion—and presently the bloody sand became the seed ground of His Church. They burned His Holy Book, only to find that they had but unchained His Word. At last, when persecution and martyrdom had failed, popularity came more seriously to threaten His plan. Men took on His Name with alacrity and hid their true selves behind loud professions. Wealth and distinction turned the heads of His captains; His priests came to serve earthly monarchs with a zeal greater than their passion for His cause.

But, though shaken to its foundations, His Kingdom of the spirit stood fast. Today, with perilous times behind and yet weightier events before, His program is an irresistible and rising tide in human affairs. In all history there is no other spectacle like this—a king without a capital, a conqueror without an army, an empire without a sword! Here is the final proof that love is the greatest thing in the world and that Jesus Christ is the greatest fact of history.

—Daniel A. Polling

NEW CHURCH AT ALIEF, TEX.

Evangelist Otto Busch who has recently entered the evangelistic field with a company of workers has conducted a successful tent meeting at Alief, Texas. A large number were saved, sanctified, 14 received the Holy Spirit and several were healed. As a result of the meeting a new church is being built in Alief, Texas, under the direction of Brother Otto Busch, Brother Reuben Busch and co-workers. They plan to dedicate the church soon.

REJOICE

Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. 1 Chron. 16: 10.

I rejoice in thy salvation. 1 Sam. 2: 1.

Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Psa. 2: 11.

I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most high. Psa. 9: 2.

I will rejoice in thy salvation. Psa. 9: 14.

We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners. Psa. 20: 5.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart. Psa. 32: 11.

Let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice; let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. Psa. 5: 11.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright. Psa. 33: 1.

Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. Psa. 68: 3.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. Psa. 97: 12.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psa. 118: 24.

Thou shalt rejoice in the Lord, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel. Isa. 41: 16.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness. Isa. 61: 10.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. Matt. 5: 12.

Rejoice because your names are written in heaven. Luke 10: 20.

I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. John 16: 22.

Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Rom. 12: 15. Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. Phil 3: 1.

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, REJOICE! Phil. 4: 4.

Rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye

may be glad also with exceeding joy. 1 Peter 4: 13.

Rejoice evermore: Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 2 Thess. 5: 16-18.

Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things. Joel 2: 21.

Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. Zeph. 3: 14.

Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord. Zech. 2: 10.

Be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create; for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. Isa. 65: 18.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; and let men say among the nations, the Lord reigneth. 1 Chron. 16: 31.

"One of the least of these, my brethren."

KNOWLEDGE

Solomon prayed for wisdom and knowledge for the benefit of the people, not from selfishness. God granted his request and added riches and honor. 11 Chr. 1: 10-12. Oh, that rulers today would pray as did Solomon. If professing Christians could only come to the knowledge of the truth, (Christ) things would be different. There is a lack of knowledge of God. There are forms of godliness denying the power of God, ever learning and never able to come to knowledge of the truth to know Christ. II Timothy 3: 7-9. Some have not this knowledge of God. 1 Cor. 15: 34. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," Hos. 4: 6, "Therefore my people are going into captivity because they have no knowledge," Isa. 5: 12, "Yea doubtless and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, My Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung that I may win Christ." Phil. 3: 8.

Unto you (Christians) it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God, Mark 4: 11, Luke 8: 10. "I am the good shepherd, and I know my

sheep, and am known of mine." John 10: 14.

When Peter answered, "Thou art Christ the Son of the living God," Jesus said "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my father which is in heaven," Mat. 16: 16-17. What we must have in our lives is a knowledge of Christ. If we receive the crown of life eternal, and this is life eternal that know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou has sent John 17:3, 'by his knowledge my righteous servant justify many." Isa. 53: 11.

We pass from death to life by divine revelation that Jesus is the Son of God. We know we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. I John 3: 14 "And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the spirit which he hath given us. 1 John 3: 24.

We might be mentally persuaded all our lives and never have the knowledge of Christ and never become a child of God. "The devils believe and tremble. No man can say Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost, 1 Cor. 12: 3. So my readers we can only have a knowledge of Him by divine revelation and hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments, 1 John 2: 3.

He that saith, "I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in Him," 1 John 2: 4. To know Him is to love Him, to love Him is to obey Him. He that saith he abideth in Him ought Himself also to walk even as he walked" 1 John 2: 6. And so by keeping His commandments we gain wisdom in working out the knowledge of Him only as we obey Him can we trust Him. This is the confidence we have in Him. 1 John 3: 21. God Bless the Apostolic Paper in Blessing Humanity is my prayer.

Evang. S. W. Ditto,
912 Taber Street.
Houston, Texas.

Brother and Sister Claude Parham and Brother and Sister James Davis have recently closed a tent revival meeting at Palm City, California. The Lord blessed in the meeting and much and lasting good was done. Sister Hattie Ostrander is pastor. God is rewarding her faithfulness there.

Brief Mention

Brother and Sister Roy Wooster have recently held a meeting at Hanover Community close to Milano, Tex. The Lord blessed in this meeting in a very special way. Crowds increased nightly as Brother Wooster preached the old-time gospel truth. He is now in St. Anders community, near Rockdale, Texas.

Evangelist Lee Barker is in charge of the work of the Lord at a schoolhouse near Vici, Oklahoma. The Lord is blessing his work and he extends an invitation to all ministers to stop by for service when passing.

Members of the church at Blytheville, Arkansas, honored Brother Robert Parham with a shower of useful gifts Saturday night, November 30, in the home of Brother and Sister Clifford Thacker.

Leonard Turner and Arthur Morton have been holding a meeting at Fairview Community near Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Brother and Sister Bill Handley have been holding meetings at Purcell, Missouri.

Brother and Sister S. W. Dickens recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Bonne Terre, Missouri. A large crowd was present. Brother and Sister Dickens were formerly of Webb City, Missouri.

Brother and Sister Marcus Adair, Joe Lilly, Wayne Huff, and Jona Janzen are having a very successful meeting at the Fifth Street church in Baxter Springs, Kansas. The Lord has been blessing and much good is being done for the glory of God.

The Lord has been blessing the people of the Spring Grove church in Galena, Kansas. Good crowds are attending. Brother W. C. Singleterry has been elected pastor for another year.

Brother John Hockersmith and party have been holding meetings in the Tri-State district.

Brother and Sister F. M. Reagan, 18726 Roscoe Boulevard, Northridge, California, print and give out tracts to hundreds of people yearly. May the Lord bless them in their work for God.

Brother and Sister C. E. Perham are rejoicing in the Lord. Brother Perham is much improved in health and has been conducting meetings lately at the Salvation Army Hall.

Sister Naomi Landers of Webb City, Missouri, who has been on the prayer list of the paper recently is now well and rejoicing in the blessings of the Lord.

We have recently had a letter from Brother Alford Whitely and he states that the Lord is blessing in that part of the country. Two have been saved in the prayer meeting in Galveston. The new location of the church at Galveston is 13th and Avenue I. All our readers in Galveston are cordially invited to attend.

Brother S. W. Ditto has recently held a lengthy meeting at Cheney, Kansas. The Lord blessed in a very special way. Everyone received a blessing from the Bible lessons given by Brother Ditto. His meeting was a great help to all. Brother and Sister C. G. Menks are pastors.

We have recently heard from Brother Guy Lemaster at Farley, New Mexico. He reports that the Lord has been blessing in the church. Brother and Sister Carroll Heller conducted a meeting there recently.

Sister Marion Taylor of Norwich, Kansas, writes that the people of Norwich are very interested in some ministers of the faith coming for a meeting and would like to establish a church there.

The Rees Brothers Evangelistic Party have just closed a very successful meeting at Union Chapel, near Stella, Missouri. On some nights as many as one hundred were turned away for lack of seats. Albert Durham is acting pastor of the church. The Rees Brothers are now in a meeting at Polar, Texas.

Brother and Sister Gene Cornell have recently had a three weeks meeting in Granby, Missouri. Everyone enjoyed their preaching. They are now in a meeting at Greenland, Arkansas, and Cave Springs, Arkansas.

Brother Linblade has recently conducted a very successful revival meeting in the Union Rescue Mission, 40 Auburn Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan. Brother and Sister Virgil Peters are pastors. Brother Linblade will conduct a meeting in the near future for Brother Fred Peters in Flint, Mich.

Evangelist Gail Shultz, who has been in South Texas for the past three weeks, is now in a revival meeting at Rockdale, Texas. He expects to be there for two weeks. Everyone is praying that God will give Brother Gail Shultz a good meeting in Rockdale.

Brother and Sister W. B. Wooster and family and Brother Gail Shultz spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wooster at Pharr, Texas.

Brother and Sister Laverne Johnson are in the Evangelistic work and have been conducting meetings in the Tri-State district.

Evangelist J. W. Elliott gives a very good report of his services for the Lord and reports his stop at Hanover, Texas, where Brother Roy Wooster was conducting a revival as a great blessing and soul-stirring time.

Many letters are coming in from different ones who are planning on attending the convocations. Some report that they hope to attend a part of both.

Brother and Sister Roy Wooster have accepted the Pastorate of the church at Eagle Lake, Texas.

Evangelist and Mrs. Claude W. Parham who have been in the evangelistic work in California for several months, are enroute home and expected to spend the holidays in the Tri-State district.

Convention Week

DEC. 26 TO JAN. 1

NEW MISSION

Seneca, Mo.

RALPH A. DURHAM

AND

TICA L. TABER

IN CHARGE

CONVOCATION WEEK

From December 26, to January 1, a convocation of the Apostolic Faith believers will be held at Seneca, Missouri, in the new mission. All are invited to attend and cooperate. A common table will be furnished for those coming from a distance, also dormitory arrangements have been made. Everyone expecting to stay at dormitories please bring bedding. All persons desiring private rooms and further information should write immediately to Evangelist Ralph Durham, Granby, Missouri, or Rev. Tica Tabor, Seneca, Missouri.

Evangelist Homer Coberly and family who have been in West Virginia for several months recently returned to Cave Springs, Arkansas, and are now enroute to Roswell, New Mexico, conducting evangelistic services on the way. R. L. Coberly is expected to leave soon for military training.

Brother and Sister John Weimer of Cheney, Kansas, recently visited the Parham home and attended services in various places of the Ti-State district.

Reverend A. B. Stansberry and son, Brother Bennie Stansberry, are building a home in Katy, Texas. The Katy Mission gave a shower Thursday night, November 14, in honor of Reverend Stansberry.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND A CONVOCATION, THE ONE THAT IS CLOSEST OR THE ONE OF YOUR CHOICE. A CONVOCATION WILL GIVE YOU A SPIRITUAL UPLIFT AND WILL BE A BENEFIT TO YOU.

CONVOCATION ROCKDALE, TEXAS

As we go to press we have heard there will be a convocation at the Apostolic Faith Mission at Rockdale, Texas, from Christmas until New Years. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Evangelist Claude Pruitt in charge.

Brother Robert Parham made an evangelistic tour leaving Baxter Springs November 17, and stopping over at the Springfield, Missouri, church where Brother and Sister George Sly are pastoring. They have a nice place of worship located at 1954½ North National. He went from there to Blytheville, Arkansas, where he conducted a two weeks' revival. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Brother and Sister Clifford Thacker are pastoring there. They have a great opportunity and are doing a good work for the Lord there. After leaving Blytheville, Arkansas, Brother Parham stopped by Bonne Terre, Mo., for a night's meeting and visited with Brother and Sister S. W. Dickens.

Brother Ralph Durham, Brother and Sister Harold Cooper and Brother and Sister Lee Brock have conducted a meeting in the new mission at Seneca, Missouri. They have also been working on the church getting it ready for the convention to be held soon. Brother and Sister Tica Tabor are pastoring.

Brother and Sister Millard Brown have recently closed a revival meeting at the Full-Gospel church at 1314 Main in Joplin, Missouri. The Lord blessed during the meeting and much good was accomplished. They will continue to look after the work until the first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Schumacher, the Jewish Evangelists, have been conducting services in the various missions of the South.

Apostolic Faith Convention

Union Church
Spearman, Texas

DEC. 22 TO JAN. 1

PAUL BAILEY

AND

JACOB C. REGIER

IN CHARGE

APOSTOLIC FAITH CONVOCATION AT UNION CHURCH, SPEARMAN, TEXAS

There will be a convocation at the Union church at Spearman, Texas, on December 22, to January 1. "There shall be a holy convocation," Exodus 12: 16. All ministers, Christian workers and lay members are invited to attend and assist. The daily program will be: breakfast, 8:30; prayer, 9:30; Bible lesson, 10:30; lunch, 12:30; afternoon service, 2:30; young people's meeting, 6:30; and evangelistic service at 7:15. Services will be conducted by various ministers. A common table will be provided, rooms may be secured at reasonable rates. Bring bedding and cots. For further information write to Reverend Paul Bailey or Evangelist Jacob C. Regier, Box 23, Spearman, Texas.

Brother and Sister Murphy Barnes and the Watkins Brothers are having services in the Heights Faith Tabernacle located off Heights Boulevard at 20th Street in Houston, Texas. They have had some very good services and a number have been saved. They are building a house trailer which they plan to use in the Gospel work.

Brother and Sister Robert Girouard's car was burned and practically destroyed while they were traveling between Spearman and Perryton, Texas. They all escaped without injury.

CHURCH ATTENDING

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By Gail W. Schultz,
Laverne, Oklahoma

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In Heb. 10: 25 we are given this information: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some are; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. "The Day," refers to the Coming of the Lord and with His coming not far away, all Christians are commanded to gather together, "More." But in place of gathering more many do not go to church much or at all. We are in the day of falling away. 11 Thess. 2: 3. This is speaking of falling from grace, but many have fallen from worship and the congregating of themselves in the House of the Lord. Some say, "We can listen to the radio, others "I can worship at home," neither of these will replace the command to assemble together.

If it is hard for you to go to church read Heb. 10: 32-33. Do you remember in those first days after you were saved, though the fight was hard, the illumination of your experience gave you a great desire to go to church. If you have stopped going to church who hindered you? Gal. 5: 7. When we are on fire for God, we will have a joy in going to the house of the Lord. The joy of the Lord is your strength. Neh. 8: 10. One time there was a people that feared the Lord and spake often one to another. God heard and a book of remembrance was made of it. Mal. 3: 16.

Psa. 122: 1. I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. It is here that the word of God is preached. Rom. 10: 14. That word will not return to God in vain, in it we find comfort, strength and instruction. In public worship, prayers should be offered and testimonies given, for in so doing exhortation will be given one to another. I Cor. 14: 3.

Many times Jesus went to places of worship and the apostles likewise, to hear and instruct in righteousness. These examples should inspire us to go to church. If possible we should go to all regular and special services. It is in the church that revivals are

conducted, souls saved, bodies healed and victories gained that makes us stronger in the great cause for which we stand.

CHRISTMAS STORY

Matt. 2: 1:12

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Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, in Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet. And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, are not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come in the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

Brother and Sister Johnnie Modrick are now in a revival meeting at Arnett, Oklahoma. Reports are coming in that the meeting is fine. All passing that way are invited to stop for services. Brother and Sister Jake Pletcher are pastoring the work there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chester Taylor was married to Miss Dora Shank at Argonia, Kansas, in November. Reverend Wayne Palmer performed the ceremony.

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Harold Campbell and Miss Bernice Simmons were united in marriage on Tuesday, November 25, by the Reverend Gail W. Schultz.

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Miss Floy Ruth Peck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peck of Katy, Texas, and W. C. Stockdick, Jr., were united in marriage December 1, at Rosenberg, Texas.

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CHRISTMAS MEETING

There will be a Christmas meeting with a program and basket dinner Sunday, December 22, at the Apostolic Mission, Cave Springs, Arkansas. They are looking forward to a great time of fellowship and everyone is invited to attend. The Lord willing, Brother and Sister Robert Parham will be present. E. W. Durbin in charge.

PRE-HOLIDAY SERVICES

Evangelist and Mrs. Robert L. Parham will conduct some special pre-holiday services at the new Apostolic Faith Mission at Seventh and Florida Avenue (East Joplin, Missouri). This new church is a result of a revival meeting conducted by the Reverend Olen Bachler and party. The Lord is blessing in the new church. Brother and Sister Olen Bachler are pastors of the church.

Evangelist Ben Barker has been laboring for the Lord in and around Laverne, Oklahoma. The Lord has been blessing his ministry. He has just had some special services in Wichita, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stark and party of Rockdale, Texas, have recently made a tour of the South Texas Missions. This is their first visit to the missions of the South.

Spirituality is all of the forces and facilities of the soul, and spirit, working to do the full and complete will of God.