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MY FUTURE HOME, THE HOLY CITY

Grace M. La Munyon

Text, Rev. 21:1-2. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride for her husband."

The Holy City, the new Jerusalem, is my future home that Jesus has gone to prepare for me, and not for me only, but for all who make the proper preparation to enter there. In this world I have no continuing city, having consecrated all to follow Jesus, and have become a pilgrim and a stranger; however, even as the patriarch Abraham, I look for a City which hath foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God.

I am intensely interested in my new home, for having once moved into it, I shall never move again throughout the cycle of Eternity. And since the New Jerusalem is to be a permanent home, let us inspect it thoroughly.

First, let us consider the size and formation of the city. John said it is four-square, the length, and the breadth, and the height of it are equal, each being twelve thousand furlongs, or approximately twelve hundred miles according to present day measurements. There are enormous cities on this earth but none nearly so large as this heavenly city. One writer states its square mile area to be about two-thirds the square mile area of the continental United States.

Think for a moment of the height of the New Jerusalem, twelve hundred miles! The Empire State building in New York City towers one hundred and two stories, 1,248 feet, and is the tallest building in the world. It is noted as an architectural wonder, and the men who designed it and built it were the best in their professions; yet the Empire State building is

only a pygmy in height compared to my glorious Home. There will be abundant room for all the inhabitants of that City, there will be no housing shortage, no crowded tenement houses, no slums. Everyone will live in mansions. Jesus has gone to prepare for those who accept His provision for entering there.

The City is built, to some extent, after the plan of the Tabernacle in the wilderness which God commanded Moses to build. There is an outer wall of jasper, great and high, which surrounds the City. This great wall has twelve foundations, each made of precious stones, and in them the names of the twelve Apostles of Jesus. Isn't this a wonderful tribute to those men who forsook all to follow Jesus, and who suffered so much



for His name? Many times during their earthly ministry they were without shelter, they were persecuted, insulted, defamed, they were stoned, beaten, imprisoned, and, finally, most of them gave their lives for the testimony of Jesus. In speaking of these, the writer of the book of Hebrew says, "Of whom the world was not worthy." How true this statement is! However, God in His wisdom and power is preparing a place that is worthy of these men, who first preached the Apostolic Faith. For their faithfulness to God and to His Son, Jesus Christ, the Apostles

shall receive a just recompense of reward, as well as having their names forever on review before the inhabitants of that Eternal City.

The City lies within the walls, and is made of pure gold, like unto clear glass. Can you imagine anything so utterly beautiful? Many times as I have passed jeweler's display windows, brilliantly lighted and filled with lovely gems of all kinds in fine gold settings, I have been almost entranced with their beauty. But those pieces which I have seen on display there are not to be compared to the beauty of the Holy City! Its buildings and streets will not be gold plated, they will not be 14 carat, or 24 carat gold, they will be pure gold that shall never tarnish but ever be fadeless and bright.

The "jewels" I see in display windows may be only colored glass or wax. Some imitations are so skillfully made that only an expert can distinguish them from the genuine. However, the "jewels" that adorn my future home are perfect gems, each one a masterpiece of design, with not one single flaw to mar their sparkling beauty.

Now, let us consider for a moment the means of entrance into this glorious place. There are twelve gates which lead into it—on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the west three gates, on the south three gates. The twelve gates of the City are pearl—each gate one enormous, lustrous pearl. It has been said that these gates are one hundred miles wide—an abundant entrance for the blood-bought throng. There will not be a box office at these gates where tickets of admittance may be obtained. Jesus payed the admission long ago in the garden of Gethsemane, and on the cross of Golgotha. Those who are accounted worthy to enter through those gates were bought by Jesus'

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Gethsemane

Phyllis Bachler

As we draw near the Easter season, my mind is drawn back to the garden of Gethsemane and the suffering our Saviour went through for us, that we might have life, and that more abundantly.

"And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane." Mark 14:32.

Gethsemane was a small place or garden, situated across the brook Kedron, at the foot of Mt. Olivet, east of Jerusalem. There was a small orchard connected with the garden, and the Olive, fig and pomegranate trees provided a cool shade which seemed very inviting to people who passed by.

Jesus and His disciples, according to Luke 22:39 and John 18:2, often went there to pray and relax from their duties. However, when we of today think of Gethsemane, we always associate it with the agony Jesus suffered while there the last time before His crucifixion. Shall we go back a few hours, in the life of Jesus, before this scene in the garden. The disciples had just finished eating the "last supper" with our Saviour as host. After Jesus had instituted the Lord's Supper, they sang a hymn, then went to the Mt. of Olivet. Jesus saith unto them "all ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd and the sheep shall be scattered." The disciples were unable to grasp the meaning of His statement and looked questioningly at one another.

Jesus knew the severe trial that lay before Him, and noticing the hour was growing late, He took the disciples and went down to the garden.

The choice of the spot, showed His courage and serenity of mind. This was His usual place of prayer. Holy memories aided His faith, because here in prayer He had gained the strength, wisdom and courage. He needed from day to day. The garden was just the place suitable for His earnest prayers.

As they entered the garden gate, Jesus saith to His disciples "Sit ye

here and watch." He was taking due precaution for His friends. He didn't want the mob, which He knew was coming, to surprise them so He said, "Watch." Then taking Peter, James and John, He went a stone's throw from the other group. He stopped and began to be very sorrowful. Peter, James and John were amazed and frightened, they had never seen their Master in this condition before. Noticing the fear and concern stamped on their faces, He hesitated a moment, then said,



"Tarry ye here and watch," then going from them a short distance, He fell on His face and cried "Abba Father, all things are possible with Thee. Take this cup from me. Never-the-less, not my will, but Thine be done." He was trying so hard to yield to the will of God. Feeling the need of human help, He arose, went back to the three disciples. They were all sleeping. His spirit was grieved, but He woke them saying, "why sleepest thou. Could you not watch with me one hour?" Watch ye and pray, lest you enter into temptation.

He went back again and prayed, saying the same word. "Abba Father, all things are possible with Thee. Take away this cup from me. Never-the-less, not my will, but Thine be done." He arose, went back to Peter, James and John again, but finding them sleeping, He returned to His place of prayer. Being in such great

agony, He prayed more earnestly, and His sweat was as great drops of blood, falling down to the ground. He prayed again, "Father if Thou be willing and if it is possible, remove this cup from me. Not my will, but Thine be done." Luke says, "and there appeared an angel from heaven unto Him, to strengthen Him. Jesus arose went back to His disciples and said, "Sleep on now and take your rest. It is enough, my hour is come; behold the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, let us go now, lo, he that betrayed me is at hand."

Let us notice a moment the triumph upon the spot. Did you notice His perfect resignation. He struggled with, "If it be possible" —but conquered with "Not my will, but Thine." Let Jesus be our example of patience.

Mark the angelic service rendered. The "Blood-be-stained" Saviour, still had all of Heaven at His call. Matt. 26:53.

Remember His majestic bearings toward His enemies. He met them bravely. Matt. 26:55. He made them fall. John 18:6.

He yielded Himself, but not to force. John 18:8. He went to the cross, but transformed it to a throne.

THE OVERCOMER

You too may be a part of Him
Who died on Calvary's tree.
For Jesus bore the Cross alone
That sinners might be free.

But first you must be washed and
made
As white as driven snow
For no one but the pure in heart
His love will ever know.

And if you cannot understand
The trials which try you here;
Know that, when by His side you
stand
Your title will be clear.

For Jesus Church will be made up
Of those who overcome
And prove their right to live with
Him
In that celestial home.

—Edna Schultz.

PROPHECY CLASS THEMES

BEN BARKER, Teacher

THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

Mrs. T. B. Tucker

The bride of Christ will come into her glory at a time when there is no protection for anyone, anywhere, except those who have been washed in the blood of the Lamb and keep the word of his testimony. Sin is unrestrained at this time because the Holy Spirit has ascended to heaven, and the world is reaping because of its rejection of Jesus the Saviour. This great catastrophe and destruction was envisioned in Daniel's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the latter days of what would come to pass, however, the last seven years of trouble will also reveal some of the greatest moments of rapture and transitory changes for the true children of God.

As in the time of the flood, God protected Noah, and, as in the time of Egyptian bondage, God led His people out, so in the close of this age, during the terrible tribulation, He will again intervene for His people, praise to His mighty name! Our Saviour will come this time in person and lead His people out victorious.

This period of time will vitally affect all the children of God who make up the true church. In the church we find three classes of Christians, the 30 fold, which are the justified or martyr class, the 60 fold, or the sanctified class, which will be the bride of Christ, and the 100 fold, which is the man child or redemptive class.

At the beginning of the seven years of tribulation and trouble such as the world has never known, we will find the bride class of Christians in every nation. But when the covenant between the 10 toed Kingdom and Jews is confirmed, and they are permitted to establish their original form of worship with their daily sacrifice in their rebuilt temple at Jerusalem, many of the sanctified followers of Jesus will journey there too, and who

would not care to go to the greatest city of the world because "God is with you."

In the midst of the seven years of trouble, when the anti-Christ shall arise with great power, compelling everyone on the earth to take his seal, or be put to death, the bride of Christ will be "arrayed in fine linen, clean and white, for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints." Again we read in Isaiah 61:10 how the bride rejoices in the Lord, her Beloved, her Bride groom, as she has been clothed with the garments of salvation, covered with the robe of righteousness, and wears the jewels of His Divine grace. She will be given two wings of a great eagle to fly to a place of refuge, there to be hidden away and protected from the dragon who made war on the woman for times, time and half a time. "until the day break and shadows flee away." From God's word we find that place to be Carmel, northeast of Jerusalem, the land of Bashan, possibly in the walled cities thereof.

Isaiah the prophet, 725 years before Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, caught a glimpse of the bride of Christ at this time, and in the most beautiful way, tells us how even the wilderness and solitary place will be glad for her presence, and God will so honor this wilderness because of His chosen ones, that the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the

rose. The world hated this type of people, rejected and scornfully treated them, but God uses even the desert to rejoice and sing, just because of the bride's presence there. Glorious beauties will be revealed, which ordinarily would be associated with heaven itself, just because of those chosen ones. No wonder the prophet exclaims, "Strengthen the weak hands and confirm the feeble knees" and tells us to be strong because our God is coming to save us. The blind eyes will open and deaf ears will be unstopped, even the dumb shall sing His praises. Gushing streams will break forth out of the dry ground. There is to be a highway of holiness, one beyond human conception, and those on it cannot err, make mistakes, or have failures. The most ignorant could walk thereon in safety, nothing to hurt or destroy shall be there, but the redeemed of the Lord shall walk thereon.

After the world has been purified by the Saviour in a great battle, this ransomed company of saints will swing up to Zion with gladness. Truly it would be wonderful to be in this number. No wonder David said, "I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness," no wonder our hearts thrill with joy and leap within us, as we catch a glimpse of this ransomed company, the bride of Christ, returning to Jerusalem with the glorious Saviour, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Conquering King.

The Anti-Christ

Doris Nelson

We learn from the scriptures that in the last days there will be a great falling away and many shall depart from the faith giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. 1 Tim. 4:1. At this time the Holy Spirit will be

lifted from the earth and the Anti-Christ will make his appearance. He is first located as the "Little Horn" that arises in the midst of the ten horns of the Beast. Dan. 7:7-8. In this little horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a

mouth speaking great things. "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws; and they shall be given unto his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time." Dan. 7:25. The ten horns represent the ten kings that will occupy and rule the Roman Empire at the close of the age.

The Anti-Christ will be known by other names such as "Man of Sin," "Son of Perdition," and the "Beast." He will have power to call fire down from heaven and shall perform many miracles and do great wonders which shall deceive many people. Jesus said many false Christs and Prophets should arise, and would show such signs and wonders that if it were possible he would deceive the very elect. At the beginning of the week or last seven years the Anti-Christ will make a covenant with Israel that they may have their own mode of worship in their homeland for a period of seven years, but the covenant will be broken in the midst of the week, which will cause their worship to cease. The Anti-Christ will come into full power at the beginning of the first three and one-half years of this age and will demand all people of the earth to worship him.

At this time the Anti-Christ will erect an image of himself and set it in the temple, demanding everyone to worship it. He will have power to give life unto the image of the beast, so that it will be able to speak, and those that do not worship the image shall be killed. Rev. 13:15.

The Anti-Christ will demand all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond to receive a mark in their right hand or forehead, and no man will be able to buy or sell unless he has the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Rev. 13:17. The number of the beast will be six-hundred sixty-six.

To those that take the mark of the beast, God will pour out His wrath upon them, and they shall be tormented with fire and brim-

stone and many other judgments sent from God upon them because of the evil they have committed. "The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation: and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the Holy Angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever: and they have not rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." Rev. 14:10-11.

God has made a way of escape for those that love Him and will keep His commandments. We should not be tossed to and fro by doctrines of men and the ways of the world, but we should be grounded and established in the doctrine of Jesus Christ, striving to keep His commandments and doing His will at all times. By doing this we know that our God will make a way of escape for us.

We are glad that at the close of the age, not only the Anti-Christ will be cast into the lake of fire, but the Devil also. "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the Devil."

MY IMPRESSIONS OF BIBLE SCHOOL

Bible School has left a great impression on me.

The love of God that is made manifest in our midst, is worth all the trouble, all the cares, and trials of life.

One of the greatest impressions that is left so forcibly and indelibly on my heart is the fact that the movement has seen the need of a place where we can settle down for a short time to study God's word.

The fellowship with our brethren in Christ and the communion we have with our Master leaves an impression that will never be forgotten.

Everyone has seen our need of

having a Bible School and the fact that there are some that do not have the foundation they need, now has the opportunity that they have long hoped for and prayed for.

The door now stands open that we may enter in, and go out, on fire for God, ready to face all the opposition, all the wiles of Satan, and stand for the gospel that will lead us in paths of righteousness, show us the way to life eternal, and help us to pull others out of the mire of sin.

When we study God's word in the midst of confusion, we don't acquire much knowledge that will last, but Bible School has given us the privilege of studying God's word in unity of mind and spirit, wholly and completely led by the power of the Holy Ghost.

The lives of the students in Bible School have left an impression of deep consecration of their lives to the Master's service. Their daily lives speak of an inward desire to follow Christ to the uttermost. Complete confidence and trust in God stand out most prominently in their lives.

The teachers, and their desire to help the student body, to me, speaks of great inward emotions and the fulfillment of their desire to see the people of the Apostolic Faith movement to press on, and fight the battle just a little harder for the battle is hot and it's a good fight. As Paul said, "fight the good fight of faith."

Surely we are fighting a good fight even though it is hard. He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved.

Bible School and its impressions all summed up and combined together speak of a School that is led by the Holy Ghost and completely in the Divine will of God. It means more to me than tongue can ever tell.

—Jim Clay.

"If chosen men had never been alone,

In deepest silence open-doored to God,

No greatness ever had been dreamed or done."



ITEMS OF INTEREST



EDUCATION IN CRIME

I recently picked up the Sunday Denver Post. The headline on the first page was, "Two Wyoming Game Wardens Found Murdered." And other items all over the front page were: "Bones Dug Up From Ashes of Log Hut," "One Captured, One Sought," "Condemned Killer," "Footprints May Be Clue To Lost Boy," "U. S. Is Alarmed at Chinese," "England Planning to Dump Wool On American Market," "Drunk Is Sentenced," "Strike Delays Soldiers' Return," "Chicken Fight Shapes Up," "Detective Fells Escaped Convict," "Condemned Slayer Resigned to Death."

The entire front page was given over to murder and crime and hatred. Day after day such rot in our papers is psychologically an education in crime. What people see and read continually influence them. We eventually look and act like what we have seen and read over a period of years. If we see and read good things, like Ernest in Nathaniel Hawthorne's "Great Stone Face," we become the image of good. If we see too much crime the poet Pope's words become a reality:

Vice is a monster of so frightful
mein

That to be hated needs but to be
seen,

But seen too oft, familiar with her
face,

We first endure, then pity, then
embrace.

I say that the daily papers filled with murder, rape and crime stories are a great menace to the morals of our American people. We must have a revival of Christian papers or perish.

—William L. Blessing.

ENEMY WITHIN OUR GATES

The godless, truthless way of life that American Communists would force on America can mean

only tyranny and opposition if they succeed. They are against the liberty which is America; they are for the license of their own. When they raise their false cry of unity, remember there can be no unity with the enemies of our way of life, who are attempting to undermine our democratic institutions. The Fascist-minded tyrant whom we conquered on the battlefields is no different from the American communistic corruptionist who now uses the tricks of the confidence man until his forces are sufficiently strong to raise with arms in revolt.

—J. Edgar Hoover.

POPE DENOUNCES RUSSIA

From Vatican City, January 19th, the Pope issued a 10-thousand word encyclical, accusing Moscow of persecuting Catholics. He also appealed to the United Nations to keep their pledge of religious freedom for all peoples—which pledge, was of course made with tongue in cheek. He chose little Ruthenia as an example and thereby fixed attention upon one particular place where Christian pogroms have been most violent.

He said Russian agents were circulating through the territory trying to force Ruthenians to quit the Church, and that an official Soviet order had banned Ruthenian bishops and priests from performing their sacred rites.

"What hurts our paternal heart above all" the Pope said, "is the fact that when the war still was raging all the nations of the world through their leading representatives promised us among other things that they would never attack any religion. This led us to believe the Catholic Church would be free to exercise its faith throughout the world."

IN THE BIBLE SCHOOL

From north and south; from east
and west,
We came in one accord,
To fast and feast; To sing and
pray

And learn from God's great Word!
At first 'twas hard to settle down
Into a strict schedule;
But, day by day, we loved the
more

Those days in Bible School!

The shouts of victory rang out
Each day in Chapel hour;
The glory of the Lord came down
In majesty and power!
The class in Prophecy began
With hearts atune, aflame,
To learn the fullness of the Truth
Of Christ's return again!

We learned the Doctrine of the
Lord.

By those endued with power;
And soon the moments glided by
Into a glorious hour!

The Gospel dear old Peter
preached,

On Pentecostal Day,
Was taught and practiced in the
school,

God's Spirit holding sway!

We gathered precious knowledge
In Evangelism, too,
Concerning how to win the lost,
As workers need to do!
And in the English class we sought
To polish up our speech,
That we may know the better way
To testify and preach!

The songs of praise in music class
Sent forth a joyful sound;
'Twas melody that lifted us
From earth to higher ground!
Sometimes it was quite difficult
Our lessons to perform;
The task became the lighter
By leaning on His arm!

And so the days sped swiftly by,
As days must come and go;
With heavy hearts and tear-
dimmed eyes,

Because we did not know
Just what the future has in store
For those who keep God's Rule;
So let us pray that we may meet
Again at Bible School.

—Hattie B. Jones.

Rev. Tica Tabor
Dean, Apostolic Faith Bible School,
Baxter Springs, Kansas.
Dear Brother Tabor:

It has been my privilege to be at the Bible School for a few days, and I am writing you, or any one who may be interested, a few of my thoughts concerning the school, its purposes, and accomplishments. I was greatly impressed when I found you and your wife taking courses in music. However, when I heard of your meeting last summer from which the workers were called away, and there was no one to even play or sing an altar call, I could easily visualize your position, and understand why a school of music would be necessary for some in our movement.

I will have to confess, Brother Tabor, that I had some preconceived ideas before coming to Baxter, and one of them I wish to express at this writing. I had an opinion that the school would be a benefit only to the young beginners, preachers and workers. But after attending many of the classes, my opinion is different, and I am convinced that any one, provided they were interested, could be benefited by the school.

As you know I am engaged in the production of rice at Katy, Texas. Each year the seed is planted from it there always comes a crop of rice. A bountiful crop and an abundant harvest is the sincere desire of any good farmer. Wonderful crops have been produced during the last few years, mainly because of the efficient machinery that was available. In modern times nothing is more discouraging and fateful in the culture of rice than a lot of poorly made implements. Crops must go in and come out on time. The drills for sowing the seed rice should be equipped with sharp disc blades for the continuous planting of the seed uniformly shallow, medium, or deep, as the desire of the operator may be. Farmers are sticklers for good dependable tools because they produce results even when the elements are unfavorable. As in the planting season the same is true at harvest time. The combines are worked over, repaired, rebuilt, tuned up to a high point of efficiency for the purpose of gathering the golden grain the moment it is ripe. Getting ready proves to be the biggest job in the rice business. With good tools and implements the sowing and harvesting of rice becomes a pleasant experience.

In the Bible we read that our Saviour asks that His word be sown, and that someone should be interested in His harvest. What kind of implements would He enjoy using? What kind are we furnishing? If the instruments and tools are untried and weak why not strengthen them? If worn, rusty, and dull, why not sharpen and repair them for Him? Truly the Saviour should have the best available. We all agree that the greatest preacher of the gentile age was an educated and cultured gentleman. His sermons still live and are a consolation and joy to all. As an instrument in the Saviour's hands he proved a most profitable servant in sowing and harvesting for Him. His words have stood through the years.

I know, Brother Tabor, that you and your co-workers are helping our people with the School and I want to compliment you on the management. The house is kept clean from cellar to garret. Wholesome meals are served regularly and I noticed that, without begging or soliciting, supplies came rolling in from seemingly unseen sources. Beef, pork, canned goods, cases of eggs, canned fruits, vegetables, and even home made pies. Surely God has some faithful servants somewhere who sense the need of a school and are supplying the where with to make it a success. Surely not all have quit or backslid. Surely some know the need for the Master's work today, and wish to have a part and fill a place in His great plan.

The Apostolic Faith Movement was cradled and nourished in a Bible School. I heard years ago how God wonderfully blessed in the school of 1900. Years later I also received some of the benefits in my own life. And now His word has been verified again in this school of 1946. He has anointed in the teaching and reading of the Bible. His presence and divine approval has been felt in the classroom where prophecy, doctrine, evangelism, English, speech and music have been taught, and in addition some were sanctified, filled with the Holy Spirit, healed as shouts of joy to His praise filled the air. What more can we hope for or desire? I can only say, brother, let the good work continue until the Saviour comes and says "'Tis enough." May our people continue their support of this great institution, the Apostolic Faith Bible School.

As Ever Your Friend,
T. B. Tucker.

Brief Mentions

DUMAS, TEXAS. Brother and Sister George Hintergardt report the Lord is blessing in the work at Dumas. They extend an invitation to all ministers of the Faith to come for services.

HARDESTY, OKLA. The Hardesty church was greatly blessed and benefited in the recent revival conducted by Evangelist P. M. Campbell. Work is progressing on the new church and expect to have it ready for dedication in about three months.

Evangelist Dora Spencer has just held a revival near Sheldon, Mo.

Mrs. P. J. Flanagan is desirous that some Apostolic Faith evangelist come to St. James, Missouri, for a meeting there and to establish a work.

Brother and Sister Fritz Moore have been filling the pulpit at the church at Leakey, Texas.

Sister Annie Boren of Leakey, Texas, has been preaching and working in the Leakey church and in the surrounding community.

Sister Mollie Horn of Waco, Texas, has been doing personal work and distributing the Apostolic Faith in Waco.

Evangelist and Mrs. John Modrick have been with her mother at Pueblo, Colorado during the illness of Mrs. Modrick's mother.

BAYARD, NEBR. The Bayard church is being blessed of the Lord. They have recently had some very good services and the entire church is looking forward to an old time revival in March. Albert Janzen, Pastor.

STOCKTON, CALIF. Evangelist and Mrs. Glayron Rees and Rev. and Mrs. Paul Bailey have been having regular services at Stockton and are now building a new church there.

WORD OF THANKS

The Apostolic Faith Bible School faculty and student body of 1946 wishes to express their gratitude and appreciation to those that have made this school possible.
Apostolic Faith Bible School.
Tica L. Tabor, Dean.

Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Mahan and family of talented musicians have been attending the Apostolic Faith Bible School in Baxter Springs, Kansas and are now open for calls in the evangelist field.

Evangelist P. M. Campbell expects to be in special services throughout the Tri-State district while over seeing the building of the home for Pauline and Lula Parham at Baxter Springs, Kansas.

WICHITA, KANSAS. The Lord is blessing in the regular services at the Hoover Orchard church and they are expecting Evangelist P. M. Campbell there for a revival soon.

MEADE, KANSAS. Evangelist E. W. Dickson has just closed a good revival at the new church in Meade. Attendance and interest was good, the spirit of the Lord was present in convicting power in every service. The young People's meetings have been good and the Lord is blessing in all the services.

GALVESTON, TEXAS. The congregation at Galveston are going to have to give up their building and desire the prayers of every one that the Lord will make it possible for them to have a church home. Darrell Sutton, Pastor.

As the paper goes to press many students and ministers of the Bible School are undecided as to their plans for ministerial work. Announcements of future meetings will be published later.

Evangelist Sidney Rees has recently been in some special services in south Texas and in southwest Texas.

ALVIN, TEXAS. Evangelist Otto Busch has just closed a revival meeting at the Apostolic Faith church in Alvin. Darrell Sutton, Pastor.

SAN LEON, TEXAS. Evangelist Homer Coberly and family are now in a meeting in San Leon.

HOUSTON, TEXAS. Evangelist and Mrs. W. C. Stockdick, Jr., and their co-workers have recently held a very successful revival at the White Oak addition of Houston. The last report 23 had been saved.

Evangelist and Mrs. Donald Dibbens and Paul Harbin have just closed a Singing School at the church at Camp Wood, Texas. The Singing Schools are proving to be of great benefit and spiritual blessing to the churches. Brother Dibbens expects to have Singing Schools in the near future at Perryton, Texas, Spearman, Texas, Ralls, Texas, Big Spring, Texas and Balko, Oklahoma. Anyone desiring a month's Singing School, please contact Donald D. Dibbens, Vanderpool, Texas.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. and Mrs. John Hockersmith of Webb City, Missouri, announce the marriage of their daughter, Laverna Mae, to Mr. James Eaken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Eaken of Baxter Springs, Kansas, at the 5th St. Church in Baxter Springs, on Sunday, December 23. Geneva Eakens played the traditional wedding march, and Roberta Parham sang. The bride and groom were attended by Leota Chitwood and Leland Grimmer. Rev. Pauline Parham read the single ring ceremony.

A dinner and reception were held in the Bible School following the ceremony.

The bride and groom have been attending Bible School and he expects to enter the army soon.

BUCKLIN, KANSAS. The congregation at Bucklin has sold their building and plan soon to build a new church of cement blocks, two blocks west of Main Street.

LOMITA, CALIF. The Lord is blessing the regular weekly prayer meetings in the different homes at Lomita.

MAGNOLIA, ARK. The Lord is blessing in the work at Magnolia. Many victories have been gained in spite of much illness in the church recently. Brother and Sister J. M. Scott, pastors, attended the closing exercises of the Bible School in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Brother Ralph E. Denton has been attending the Bible School and for the present will be assisting in the work at the 5th Street church in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

NOTE—Ralph Royse, Bucklin, Kansas, has for sale, small tent 20x30, small P. A. system and an inter-communication system.

Sister Pearl Yeakley has left San Francisco, California and will be in special services in the Mid-west in the near future.

ATTENTION CHURCHES!

A motion was made and carried at the Convocation at Magnolia, Arkansas to start a fund to help ministers in new fields and in the building of churches. It was suggested for each church to work out their own plan how to give to this fund. Some churches plan to give one Sunday School offering a month, others plan to give the tithe of all funds coming into the church and Sunday School. This money is to be sent to Pauline Parham, editor of the Apostolic Faith, and a committee will advise on the distribution of such fund. A record will be kept and a report will be given in the Apostolic Faith. This new move received 100% cooperation and was greatly commended as a forward step to spread the gospel and encourage ministers to go into new fields and build churches.

SENT IN—
Magnolia, Ark. -----\$10.00
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Now my thought is for the souls of men;
I have lost my life to find it again.
And ere since alone in that holy place
My Master and I stood face to face.

I can say with the poet that I had a similar story to tell of my conversion.

Every man is born with sin in the heart and I was human like anyone else, thus I was a sinner. In younger life I had personal desires. They were, to be noticed of men, and to gain great wealth and popularity. That is only human nature.

One day I found myself confronted with this question, "what think ye of Christ?" Matt. 22: 42. It was then and there, I met Him face to face. I realized my need. Reluctantly I gave up my ambitions and desires. My air castles vanished and before me was only the vision of Christ looking deep into my heart and apparently exposing the filth of my self righteousness. It seemed to be a horrible moment to me, but the impression had to be made and that was it.

I cried to Him in prayer, asking that He forgive me of all my sin. When I had completed my repentance and witnessed His approval and the burden lifted, then I looked again and saw the same face, but it looked so different and new to me that I have continued to look there for all my needs. Never have I been rejected and any good thing I needed from Him. He is a wonderful Saviour to all men. His call is to "whosoever will."

So friend, why not stop for a while in some quiet place and listen to the knock at your heart's door. Then look to see if your Master is standing there facing you. It is certain that sooner or later you will meet Him. If not here on earth, it is certain that you will meet Him at the judgment. So why not make it soon? You will never regret it.

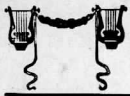
—J. W. Depew.

Personal Testimony

J. W. Depew

A poet once said—
I had walked life's path with an easy tread
I had followed where comfort and pleasure lead,
Until by chance, one day in a quiet place,
I met my Master, face to face.
I had built my castles and reared them high;
Till their towers pierced the blue of the sky.
I had sworn to rule with an iron mace,
When I met my Master, face to face.

I met Him and knew Him and blushed to see
That His eyes full of sorrow were fixed on me,
And I paused and fell at His feet that day,
And my castles melted and vanished away.
They melted and vanished and in their place
I saw naught else but the Master's face
And I cried aloud, "Oh God! make me meet
To follow the steps of thy wounded feet."



CHILDREN'S PAGE



The Sabbath When Jesus Was a Boy

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

The sun was dropping below the hills, and darkness creeping into the homes of the people of Nazareth. It was the beginning of the Sabbath, for as the sun goes down on the sixth day of the week, Friday; the Jewish Sabbath begins. It ends as the sun goes down the following day.

The children are happy, for all Jewish children looked forward to the Sabbath. It was a happy day of rest and worship, and of doing good.

This was an old custom among God's people, but unknown to other nations. The keeping of the Sabbath was first begun when God had worked 6 days on the creation. The seventh day He commanded to be a day of rest.

All day Friday was spent in preparing to welcome this Holy day. The house was cleaned and special bread called "challah" was baked. Just before sunset the Sabbath table was prepared. Two loaves of freshly baked bread and a cup filled with wine were placed upon it.

As the sun went down the Sabbath lamp was brought out by the mother. This lamp is different from the one used on other days. It represented the presence of God. The mother lights it from fire in the corner of the room, which is kept burning continually. There she prays by repeating a scripture from the Old Testament—"Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who hast sanctified us by thy commandments, and commanded us to light the Sabbath lamp."

When this done the lamp is carefully placed in the niche in the wall. The family then goes to the Synagogue for the evening worship. The men sit by themselves in the center section and the women at one side, separated from the men by a screen of lattice.

When the family returned from the evening service the Sabbath meal was eaten. One after another, each person drank from the same cup of wine. Then followed the ceremony of hand washing. A prayer was said, the bread broken and passed.

Services were held in the Synagogue twice on the Sabbath. They were divided into two parts. In the first part prayers were recited by a member of the congregation. This member was especially chosen to lead in prayer. After each prayer the congregation said "Amen."

In the second part of the service several men read from the scrolls or Old Testament Books. Sometimes there was a sermon to explain the verses that had been read. Music and chanting of psalms were also a part of the services. Every boy looked forward to the time when he would read from the scrolls.

There were 39 different kinds of work which were not to be done on the Sabbath. Some were plowing, planting, baking, weaving, etc. A man was stoned to death if he broke a law.

A person was allowed to walk about a mile, which is known in the Bible as "A Sabbath day's journey."

—Viola Modrick.

My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother

And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures.

Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth.

Children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

—Viola Modrick.

SABBATH EVE

(The Jewish people used to think of the Sabbath as a lovely princess or queen that came to visit them.)

My mother cleaned the house today,

Till all was shining bright;
For Sabbath Queen is on her way,
And she will come tonight.

Said mother: "Little son of mine,
The house is clean and sweet;

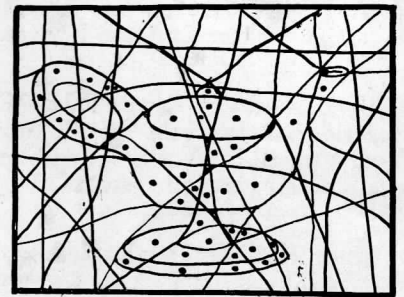
I've blessed the candles that will shine

To guide Queen Sabbath's feet.
But, little son, have you swept clean

Your heart and set a light
Within your soul for Sabbath Queen

When she comes here tonight?"

—Selected.



Shade or color every section with a dot in it, and you will have what the mother lit each Friday evening when the third star appeared in the sky.

"TILL IT GETS LIGHT!"

By William Hawley Smith

When it gets dark,

The birds and flowers

Shut up their eyes

And say "Good-night;"

And God, who loves them,

Counts the hours,

And keeps them safe

Till it gets light.

Dear Father! Count

The hours tonight,

When I'm asleep

And cannot see;

And in the morning

May the light

Shine for the birds,

And flowers, and me!

STUDENT BODY



First Row—Left to right—Faculty—Ben Barker, Albert Durham, Gail Schultz, Tica Tabor, Ralph Durham, Dona Tucker, and Mrs. T. B. Tucker.

Second Row—James Eaken, Jim Clay, Ethel Fullbright, Frances Taylor, Lealand Grimmer, Rex Russell, Ralph Denton, Hallie Chitwood, Dorcas Crouse, Betty Clay and Cleta Wiles.

Third Row—Carrol Heller, Charles Mahan, Anna Mahan, Phyllis Bachler, Leota Chitwood, Jewel Hickman, Ida Drachenberg, Jaunita Nelson, Patsy Peterson, Bonnie Bard and Loraine Barker.

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Fifth Row—Floyd LaMunyon, Grace LaMunyon, Myrtle Fullbright, Juliana Huff, Betty Jo Carlson, Juanita Murray, Neola Moore, Odessa Summerford, Thelmer Eiland, Marie Jay, Belle Stewart, Frances Stork, Amber Lilly, Lovie Tabor and Doris Rees.

Sixth Row—Wayne Huff, Eula Mae Taylor, Opal Carmak, Hattie Jones, Ethel Gilmore, and Mrs. S. M. Whited.

Last Row—Paul Mahan, Henry Pletcher, Leonard Carlson, Edward Tucker, Ed Stork, Joe Lilly and J. W. Depew.

DOCTRINE CLASS THEMES

RALPH DURHAM, Teacher

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIANITY

Apostolic Christianity — What does this term mean to you? Is it just another form of religion; another name applied to some man-made organization? Or are you one of the hundreds who never have stopped to think what it really means? Let's take a few minutes to analyze the term and get a full picture of what Apostolic Christianity implies.

Let us make as our motto—"We will follow the apostles as they followed Christ;" for in this statement is contained the very essence of Apostolic Christianity. They had no other foundation for their ministry than Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God, and Him crucified. They acknowledged in every way His presence in preaching and the power in His name to bring forth the needed results at the needful hour.

The apostles felt it necessary to be continually in prayer and as they prayed they expected an answer. Their faith brought the victory every time. Fasting often accompanied their prayers, for many things are accomplished only through fasting and prayer. Stomping, screaming, falling under the power, and such unseemingly actions, were not a part of the apostle's prayer life. Although they often prayed in unison, their prayers were simple, direct and to the point, going forth with a child-like faith that brought results. God revealed many wonderful things to them because of their obedience in prayer.

Their courage was inexhaustible. When brought before the rulers of the land and questioned for the gospel they preached, they answered without hesitation, "We ought to obey God rather than man." Their lives were counted as naught that they might carry the whole council of God unto all the world. Their lives were so attuned to His will that they faced persecution fearlessly with victory in

their lives.

The power of God which was manifested greatly in these mighty men of God, brought about many wonderous miracles. By it, the sinner was converted, the coward made courageous, the persecuted strengthened, the perplexed made to understand, the converted empowered for service, and the devil fearlessly denounced. Many today feel that the power of God is shown in dancing in the spirit, jerking the body and other fleshly manifestations; but there is no scriptural proof that the apostles felt it necessary to indulge in such demonstrations of the flesh. The power of God in the Bible was witnessed in the healing of the sick, the casting out of devils, the unstopping of deaf ears, and the salvation of souls. His power will not cause us to make fools of ourselves, but will edify and glorify God in every way. It has been said, "The Bible tells us to let our light shine, not to cut a shine."

There was not a trace of uncertainty in the apostle's testimony, neither should there be in ours. We have the best thing this side of heaven, and we should act like it. We should be quick to speak a word for our Lord and Saviour as each opportunity presents itself, remembering that profession without possession does not in anyway help the furthering of the gospel. Our lives speak so loud the world may not hear what we say.

Paul was determined to know nothing among the people save Jesus Christ and Him crucified. If we today would follow his example, gossip, malice, and hatred would have no place in our lives. Paul also preached without money and without price. Jesus said, "I will supply all your needs according to my riches in glory," and "that which is not of faith is sin." Are you fully trusting Him? His promises never fail. Paul was in-

terested in his fellow Christians. He was always willing to pray with and for them. We too should bear one another's burdens.

The apostles were successful in obtaining the blessing of God in their own lives, winning souls to Jesus, and being obedient to the heavenly vision. Does Jesus require less of you and me? No, friend, I hardly think so. We are told in His holy word—"Be thou an example of the believer, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith and in purity." This leaves a great responsibility on our shoulders. But can't you hear Him say, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Are you an Apostolic Christian? Are you walking in the footprints of Jesus as did the apostles?

The way will not be easy, but all things are possible through Christ. Let us be encouraged and more determined than ever before that,—“We will follow the apostles as they followed Christ.”

—Naomi Mahan.

It is commonly known in nearly every circle of life that Jesus Christ once lived on earth and that He selected a group of men called disciples to be His helpers. It is not known but also discussed in these different groups of society. Christianity, as a word or thought, conveys to the mind various standards and requirements that tradition and self-justification have handed down to the would-be followers of Christ. It is the purpose of this theme to mention the one and only successful standard of Christianity; that is, the Christianity of the apostles. Apostolic Christianity is the teachings of Jesus in practice.

Jesus was divine and the apostles did not refrain from preaching His divinity and believing it, as is seen by their manner of conduct toward the resurrected Christ. No doubt they were somewhat confused at the sudden end of Christ's ministry and perhaps they felt helpless without His personal con-

tact with them. However, they did not fail to realize His death was the only way to bring salvation to the world. The reality of the saving power of the blood of Jesus might not have come to them as they watched the soldier pierce His side, but they were not long in spreading the glad tidings that Jesus had purchased redemption through His blood. They knew salvation could only come through His name by faith in His name. Had not the apostles obeyed their Master's command to tarry for the Comforter His Father would send, they might have been prone to forsake His service because of His physical absence. By obeying that command to tarry, they received power to continue God's great work through the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter that had been promised. They labored, not as one who labors with the expectancy of receiving compensation before death, but with that blessed hope of Christ's return to earth actually living in their hearts.

It was absolutely essential for the apostles, as it is for every Christian, to pray. The apostles prayed much and there is a marked distinction in their manner and result of prayer. Their love toward God and the realization of prayer. Although their prayers were simple in speech, which seems out of place in Modern Christianity, they drew God's attention and His answer because they prayed in expectancy. Many times, in order to gain greater results, they fasted as they prayed. They communed with God, not for the praise of men, but to see the power of Satan broken and conquered.

In order to meet the rising ways of persecution given the Christians, the apostles could not have continued without courage from God. Their courage caused them to hazard their very life to see souls saved and to extend the kingdom of Christ. With the fore-knowledge of persecution they feared not, ceased not to preach the gospel of deliverance. Tradition, popular religions of the day, and unbelievers failed to check their boldness to preach the living word to kings, beggars, or whomever they could. Their knowledge of what Jesus

would do for believers and power they had received of the Holy Spirit was without doubt the source of such outstanding courage. There was no uncertain tone in their testimony as they testified of Christ's crucifixion, His return to earth, healing of disease, His power to save and sanctify and of the great Judgment to come, having Christ as the Judge.

The courage that lived in the hearts of those men of God was not a daring or fool-hardy spirit which brought disaster to them and their work. On the contrary, their ministry was accompanied by a particular kind of power. That power was manifested in many ways which glorified God but there is never a trace found of it being a personal, social, or intellectual power. It was a power given from God and not purchased with money. Since it was a power from God, it had to be a spiritual power. The power they possessed gave them boldness and wisdom in dealing with learned and unlearned. By it their enemies were brought to naught and defeated. From this wonderful power came a victorious ministry which produced powerful, Godly examples of the teaching of Christ lived out. These examples cannot honestly be overlooked by any Christians.

Thus, looking at true Apostolic Christianity from the standpoint of laity and ministry alike, it would be contrary to reason to pass the judgment of failure upon this marvelous pattern for Christian living. There has never been a man nor group of men receive such power from God without the same consecration and devotion to God. Because of the complete consecration they were successful in soul-winning, bringing the glorious gospel to thousands, seeing the bondage of disease broken and suffering humanity relieved, and having the valuable experiences in being led by the spirit of God.

Is this not a challenge, not to ministers alone, but to everyone who names the name of Christ to strive for the "old-time power?" Apostolic Christianity is absolutely the only kind of Christianity that will stand the test of modern

MUSICAL PROGRAM OF BIBLE SCHOOL

Miss Dona Tucker, English and Voice teacher of the Apostolic Faith Bible School, presented her voice pupils in Recital, Thursday night, February 28, at the Bethel Community Church, Baxter Springs, Kansas. The piano students were presented by the teacher, Mrs. T. B. Tucker. The following program was presented:

Prayer by Rev. Gail W. Schultz; Solo, The Rose of Sharon, Ralph Durham; Trio, At the Rainbow's End, Donna Gilmore, Peggy Gilmore, Frances Weaver; Piano Solo, Stepping Stones, Betty Clay; Duet, I have Found a Hiding Place, Mrs. Gail Schultz, Mrs. Goldie Palmer; Solo, God Understands, Mrs. Olen Bachler; Duet, He Always Knows, Doris Rees, Hallie Chitwood; Solo, Somehow, Mrs. Harold Cooper; Piano Solo, Chimes, Mrs. Tica Tabor; Solo, The Glory of His Presence, Rex Russell; Solo, Because He Loved Me, Mrs. Palmer; Quartette, What Will It Matter Then?, Albert Durham, Rex Russell, Bob Palmer, Wayne Huff; Sermonette, Dean Tica Tabor; Solo, Unclouded Day, Ralph Durham; Solo, Shadows, Neola Moore; Piano Solo, Carry Me Back, Wayne Huff; Trio, O The Rose of Sharon, Donna Gilmore, Peggy Gilmore, Frances Weaver; Solo, Teach Me To Pray, Mrs. Bob Palmer; Duet, The Love Lighted Cross, Frances Taylor, Eula Mae Taylor; Solo, I Never Loved Jesus Till Now, Wayne Huff; Trio, The Rock That Shelters Me, Dorcas Mahan, Naomi Mahan, Ethel Fullbright; Chorus, Blest Be The Tie That Binds, including, Mrs. Hattie Jones; Prayer, Rev. Ben Barker.

ridicule and stop the mouths of those who would say it is an impossibility to follow Jesus, our Lord, as He was and is today.

—Bob Palmer.

Commencement Week for Bible School

Special services were held from February 28 to March 3 at the Bethel Community Church, 21st Street and Military Avenue, Baxter Springs, Kansas. The following is the order of the services of the last day of the 1946 term of the Apostolic Faith Bible School:

ORDINATION SERVICE

A special call to the ministry.

Congregational Singing.

Invocation Rev. Walter Michener

Song "Take My Best"

Mahan Quartette

Scripture Reading.

Song "Just Where He Needs Me"

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon

Sermon Dean, Tica L. Tabor

Dedication for Service.

DEDICATION SERVICE

at the Bible School
923 Lincoln

Congregational Singing.

Prayer Rev. Ben Barker

Special Music.

Scripture Reading.

Sermon Rev. Pauline Parham

COMMENCEMENT

Congregation sings "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Invocation.

Song "Teach Me to Pray"

Girls Quartette

Ethel Fullbright, Phyllis Bachler, Amber Lilly, Francis Taylor

Song "I Ought to Do Something for Jesus"

Male Quartette

Wayne Huff, Harold Cooper, Bob Palmer, Joe Lilly

Presentation of Speaker Dean, Tica L. Tabor

Speaker Rev. Robert Girouard

Presentation of Diplomas Dean, Tica L. Tabor

Certificate of Award in Music Albert L. Durham

Benediction Rev. Gail W. Schultz

THE HOLY CITY

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blood, there is no other means of entrance.

Since I am going to live in this City permanently, I am interested in knowing who my neighbors are. I cannot tell you now the names of all of them but I expect to see many of whom I read in God's Holy Word. I expect to see Stephen, Paul and Silas, the twelve Apostles, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of Jesus. I expect to see some of you there, and I hope there will be a few there that I have helped to find Jesus, and whom I have encouraged along the way.

Jesus will be there, the One whose nearness and whose presence I have felt so many times in this life. I have not seen Him yet, but I shall see Him there, face to face. I hope I can hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

God Himself shall be there, to dwell with us, and He shall be our God and we shall be His people. He is the creator, the Heavenly Father, the One who designed the plan of redemption for all those who shall live in the New Heaven and the New Earth.

The living conditions in that Holy City will be the very best. God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. The curse which the world has been laboring under since Adam and Eve were driven from the Garden of Eden will all be gone. All things will be made new.

The gates shall not be shut at all by day; for there shall be no night there. It will be an endless, glorious day in which to worship and praise God and the Lamb.

In the cities of this world there are many churches and fine cathedrals, however, in the New Jerusalem there will be none, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

There will not be electric lights or neon signs along those golden streets; and there is no need of the sun, nor the moon, for the glory of the Lord shall lighten the City, and the Lamb is the light thereof. Such light has never been seen in this world! Imagine the gold, the jasper, the pearls, the diamonds, and all the other precious jewels, catching and reflecting this glorious light. No artists' brush can portray this scene, no writers' pen can describe it fully—it is beyond the reach of human imagination!

In conclusion, hear the words of John the Revelator as he says: Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the City.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIANITY

I should like to portray for you a vision of the Church triumphant, Christ's church, His Body. We read of its being a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle nor any such thing. Therefore we would picture a church building of such architectural perfection as has never been witnessed by mortal eyes. Yet one of such beauty, simplicity and strength of design as to command the immediate attention and fascination of every observer.

The setting of this magnificent structure in the hills of God's eternal truths, with the river of the pure waters of life flowing near by, coming from beneath the Throne of God, and on either side of the stream the luxuriant foliage of the tree of life with its twelve manner of fruits being yielded every month; and the leaves of the tree for the healing of the nations. There shall be no more curse; but the Throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in that city where we find His church in its completion.

But wait! What is this church? Of what do we find it is made? Let us check the scriptures for we are sure they contain the truth. Then shall we consult a few for our enlightenment.

Jesus told Peter, "Upon this Rock will I build my church," Matt. 16:18 so it must be built on Jesus Christ the Rock. In Eph. 5:30 we read, "For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bone." Prophets, with Christ the chief corner stone and we are fitly framed together growing into an holy temple in the Lord for an habitation of God through the spirit. I Pet. 2:5 informs us, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house . . . acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." Eph. 4:15-16 gives us this deep truth, "But *speaking the truth in love*, may grow up into Him in *all things*, which is the head, even Christ. From whom the *whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth*, according to the *effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*" These inspired scriptures tell us conclusively of what the church consists and what it is.

Let us mentally place these materials where they belong and note the blessed truths and astounding effects and results. Christ is the Rock, firm and sure, on which to lay the foundation. The Apostles and Prophets the foundation material securely joined to the Rock and together, "by that which every joint supplieth." I prefer to call this mortar, for the joints, Apostolic Christianity. (May I make a note here that, "Apostolic Christianity" is not a coined phrase but an experimental knowledge and practice given and honored of God.) If you will take particular notice of, Apostolic Christianity, it very obviously contains everything the Master commanded His servants to do. In turn this sincere practice in their daily lives caused them to supply the material, mortar, that fitly joined their lives into a compacted unity of spirit and purpose.

If this mortar was and is the only material that will stand the test and accomplish the required results for eternity, perhaps it would be well to check the contents and consistency. The Apos-

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tles were possessors of very definite calls and experiences from God through Jesus Christ. Their lives were clean, spirit filled and carried an abundance of zeal with wisdom. They preached the gospel consistently and "loved not their lives unto death." Their faith was so rooted and grounded in Christ that as they went everywhere teaching and preaching the Lord confirmed the word with signs following to the extent they actually reached the need of the poor, sin sick, disease riddled, maimed and blind humanity along their life pathway. Those possessed of demon spirits were delivered through faith in Jesus name. They made themselves all things to all men that they might reach some for the Master. They rejoiced that they should be counted worthy to bear persecution for Jesus Christ's sake insofar that prison doors were opened by the Angel of the Lord, as they sang His worthy praises while locked in stocks, chains and cells, to set them free. This *type of fruit bearing branch in the vine* alone will "supply" the mortar that I prefer to call, Apostolic Christianity; and in turn this mortar alone will, "fitly join together"

recognizant of the fact that *each joint must supply.*

Shall we return to our church, His Body, we left it with the foundation laid. Next I believe we should lay the chief corner stone, which is Christ. This Stone is dimensionally and materially free of all imperfections. He being the master builder can draw a tight line from this perfect corner to plumb the entire Structure as He lays tier on tier of the "lively stones" who are, "fitly joined together by that which every joint supplieth."

Christian can you vision yourself being prepared for that place in that Body that shall best suit the Master? He is the architect extraordinary, in this structure so transcendent, He has considered a special place for you. Did you realize that He is so vitally interested in you, individually, that the Holy Spirit is daily urging you to a deeper consecration? If you will unreservedly yield your all to His leading it is sure to result in a life of Apostolic Christianity. Can you think of a calling that would be a greater privilege? It should inspire our hearts and every fibre of our being with an unquenchable zeal to do whatsoever He saith.

Do you see, brother, sister, on that eternal morning when the

Son of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings? When the last trial has been overcome, the last victory won and we stand enraptured in His marvelous light and likeness, with those eyes of love and compassion that we shall behold and hear His blessed voice say, "Well done son, daughter." Then shall every tear be wiped away and the pain of the struggles be forgotten. Too, we shall never cease to praise Him for the privilege He affords us in this life to, "earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints." Apostolic Christianity, if you please, in this present world.

Friend, no half hearted consecration or loudly proclaimed profession, regardless of how many you are successful in deceiving shall avail you anything in that great morning. Only Apostolic Christianity in its strictest sense of sincerity and power shall fit you in that Body.

Shall we step back to view His handywork once more? Can't you picture this Body, church, in all its grandeur, beauty, architectural perfectness and the glory of His approval round about. Do you gain a better perspective? Perhaps we should step a little closer, there is something, in particular, I want you to notice. Look! fellow-servant, "fitly joined together by that which every joint supplieth," the lively stones throughout the edifice. Mortar, that shall stand the test, Apostolic Christianity.

Col. 2:3 reads, speaking of Christ, "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Let us avail ourselves of the treasures He is placing at our sincere request.

What is your life supplying?

—Chas. O. Mahan.

Passive faith accepts the word as true—

But never moves.

Active faith begins the work to do, And thereby proves.

Passive faith but praises in the light,

When sun doth shine.

Active faith will praise in darkest night—

Which faith is thine?