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My Cup Runneth Over

Sometimes a very flood of joy
Sweeps over me,
How safe, how rich I am for all
Eternity!

Sometimes the singing in my heart
Will not be stilled;
And all the shadows in my soul
Are glory-filled.

Sometimes He sends a peace more deep
Than I can tell,
Because my loved ones are with Him,
Joyful and well.

Sometimes I am so lifted up
That earth grows dim;
As John, On Patmos' lonely isle,
Beholding Him.

Sometimes—nay, every precious hour
Of every day—
My hand is warm within His own,
My Light, my Way!

Sometimes I try in vain to count
My goods and store,
Joint-heir with Christ the Lord! My cup
Is running o'er!

Lord of that overflowing cup,
Increase, I pray,
My heart's capacity to hold
Thy joy each day!

—MARTHA SNELL NICHOLSON

God Of The Seasons

God of the wintertime,
Who robes the world in ermine white
And hides its barrenness,
Cover my sordid grime
With purifying grace so bright
Men see Thy holiness.

God of the springtime hour,
Who brings the buried bulbs to bloom
And wakes the sleeping trees,
Quicken in me the power
To burst the trammels of sin's tomb
And live my Christ to please.

God of the summertime,
Who warms the fertile earth and broods
Above the teeming fields,
Nurture a faith sublime
That conquers chilling moods
And harvest yields.

God of our autumn days,
Who loads our orchard branches down
And turns green woods to gold,
Help me to give Thee praise
In fruitful service that will own
Thy rights to all I hold.

—RALPH T. NORDLUND

Thanksgiving—Thanksgiving
I Thess. 5:18 "In everything give thanks...."

My Secret Pal here at the Bible School (and her identity is still a secret to me) gave me Helen Steiner Rice's little book "Lovingly" "Poems for all Seasons." I don't know anything that could have pleased me more. It seems her poems always express so beautifully just what I've been feeling in my heart and somehow cannot put into words. What a wonderful gift God has given her and she is using it to glorify Him. I'm going to use three of her poems from this book in my column this month.

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR EVERYTHING

Thank you God, for everything—
 the big things and the small,
 For "every good gift comes from God"—
 the giver of them all—
 And all too often we accept
 without any thanks or praise
 The gifts God sends as blessings
 each day in many ways,
 And so at this THANKSGIVING TIME
 we offer up a prayer
 To thank you, God, for giving us
 a lot more than our share...
 First, thank you for the little things
 that often come our way,
 The things we take for granted
 but don't mention when we pray,
 The unexpected courtesy,
 the thoughtful, kindly deed,
 A hand reached out to help us
 in the time of sudden need...
 Oh, make us more aware, dear God,
 of little daily graces
 That come to us with "sweet surprise"
 from never-dreamed-of places—
 Then, thank you for the "MIRACLES"
 we are much too blind to see,
 And give us new awareness
 of our many gifts from Thee,
 And help us to remember
 that the KEY to LIFE and LIVING
 Is to make each prayer a PRAYER of THANKS
 and every day THANKSGIVING

**GIVE THANKS FOR THE BLESSINGS GOD HAS
 SHOWN FOR "MAN CANNOT LIVE BY
 BREAD ALONE"**

He lived in a palace on a mountain of gold
 Surrounded by riches and wealth untold,
 Priceless possessions and treasures of art,
 But he died alone of a "HUNGRY HEART!"
 For man cannot live by bread alone
 No matter what he may have or own,
 For through he reaches his earthly goal
 He'll waste away with a "starving soul!"
 But he who eats of HOLY BREAD
 Will always find his spirit fed,
 And even the poorest of men can afford
 To feast at the table prepared by the Lord

FILL YOUR HEART WITH THANKSGIVING

Take nothing for granted,
 for whenever you do
 The "joy of enjoying"
 is lessened for you—
 For we rob our own lives
 much more than we know
 When we fail to respond
 or in any way show
 Our thanks for the blessings
 that daily are ours...
 The warmth of the sun,
 the fragrance of flowers,
 The beauty of twilight,
 the freshness of dawn,
 The coolness of dew
 on a green velvet lawn,
 The kind little deeds
 so thoughtfully done,
 The favors of friends
 and the love that someone
 Unselfishly gives us
 in a myriad of ways,
 Expecting no payment
 and no words of praise—
 Oh, great is our loss
 when we no longer find
 A thankful response
 to things of this kind,
 For the JOY of ENJOYING
 and the FULLNESS of LIVING
 Are found in the heart
 that is filled with THANKSGIVING

Thank you, secret pal, for these gems to share with the Report readers for this Thanksgiving season. Now, dear Lord Jesus, help me to show my thanks by my Thanksliving!!

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BIBLE COLLEGE NEWS

AFBC 1976 COMMENCEMENT SERVICES

December 8 and 9, 1976

Baxter Springs, Kansas

Wednesday, December 8:

Bible College Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 9:

Dedication Service—Myrtle Carney, speaker 10:30 a.m.

Homecoming Service—Keith Barker, speaker 2:30 p.m.

Commencement Service—Jake Regier, speaker 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 10:

Annual Business Meeting Approximately 9:00 a.m.

Come Be With Us!!!

AFBC Choir Tour

Sun. October 10—Baxter Springs, Kansas
Mon. October 11—Laverne, Oklahoma A. F. Church
Tues. October 12—Balko, Oklahoma High School Auditorium
Wed. October 13—Amarillo, Texas A. F. Church
Thurs. October 14—Big Spring, Texas A. F. Church
Fri. October 15—Rockdale, Texas A. F. Church
Sat. October 16—Katy, Texas A. F. Church
Sun. October 17—Alvin, Texas A. F. Church Even. concert—
Morn. Service—Evangelism Teams
in area Churches

We are excited about the success of the Bible College Choir tour for 1976. In 8 concerts we were able to minister to approximately 1100 people and present the gospel message in song. We are grateful to the Lord for the response that was shown. We feel like the choir tour has become an essential part of the ministry of the Bible College. Our obligation is to continually send forth the gospel of Jesus Christ in song and in sermon. Thank you for the gracious receptions you gave to the choir and all the hospitalities that were shown. At this time we have 3 more concerts scheduled at Joplin, Mo., Granby, Mo., and Galena, Ks. Please pray for us that we can be a blessing to all who attend.

Sincerely,
Ollie L. Kinser

AFBC Boards Meet

A meeting of the Bible School Board of Trustees and the Advisory Board was held at Baxter Springs, Kansas, Tuesday, October 19, 1976 for the purpose of deciding and acting on the placement of four additional members to the Board of Trustees, making up the 7-man board that was voted on and approved at the Oklahoma City business meeting early this year. It was decided to appoint one three-year member, one two-year member and two one-year members. Bro. Doyle Wiles was appointed a 3-year member, Bro. Jack Hopson was appointed a 2-year member, and Bro. Ward Stanberry and Bro. Lee Oakes were appointed one-year members. These four new members along with Bro. Jim Fox and Bro. Bill Hollis and the election of the regular three-year member at the business meeting at the close of Bible School will bring the Board of Trustees to a full seven-man board.

Since the board has always been a rotating board with a complete turnover every three years it was decided at this meeting to continue this method and to elect 3 members in 1977—2 members in 1978 and 2 members in 1979.

Ballots for the election at the close of Bible School will be mailed out soon to each minister and church board for that meeting to be held December 10, 1976. Since Bro. Roland Busch's term as trustee expires in December and he has declined having his name up for re-election the two names that will be on this ballot are: Bro. Howard Whiteley and Bro. Danny Robinson.

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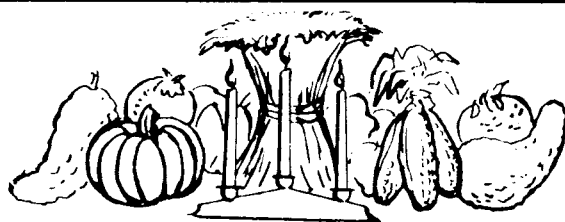
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IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS
One of the great themes of the New Testament is summed up in Paul's words:

In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you (1 Thess 5:18)

"In everything give thanks." That is not an easy thing to do, is it? It is not easy to be thankful when things just do not seem to go right. Do you suppose this means we can be thankful for disappointments and tragedies?

Realistically, there are many experiences for which we cannot be honestly thankful. But the person who has faith in God, who has committed his life to God, can be thankful even in the darkest moments for the hand of God upon his life. He can be thankful because he believes that God can turn tragedy into ultimate good. A deep Christian faith testifies.

"We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28)

It took this kind of faith for Helen Keller, blind, deaf, and mute, to say, "I thank God for my handicaps, for through them I have found myself, my work, and my God."

If you want to have one of the happiest weeks of your life, "Count your blessings, name them one by one; count your many blessings; see what God has done." If you will do this, something will happen to you.

"Let Us"

(This sermon was sent to us by Maxine Long. It was written in pencil by Bro. Gail and was found among his papers.)

by the late Rev. Gail Schultz

These permissive words lead us to many paths of duty and joy. We are not our own, but we are bought with a price, even the precious blood of Jesus, so then while it is said, "Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts as in the provocation." Heb. 3:15. "let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it." Heb. 4:1. God has promised—He is faithful, but we must be guided by His spirit—prompted by fear, so that steadfastly we seek Him until victory is gained. We can have an inward witness and a full assurance and a good conscience in all things pertaining to God and His dealings with us. Our fear is not of dread, but of love—"Having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them to the end." John 13:1.

"Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." Heb. 4:11. A Christian cannot be idle. They must strive to enter in. They must work, for the night cometh. The harvest is not only ripe, but passing, so mid raging waves of sin; let us extend the "faith route" and snatch from the "burning" those that we can. Unbelief always has and always will bar any seeker from rewarded results. Sin-sickness-and death all lie at the

Hello from Guymon!

We continue to be amazed at God's goodness and love to us. We are indeed blessed to have Sherli Morgan back with us and working in the church. Also Duane Methvin has moved over from Goodwell and is now our Youth Director.

We are looking forward to having the Gary Kerrs' with us the last of October. They will be the new directors of the Student Center. As our church continues to grow we have added two services on Sunday evening. We are presently studying from Romans in the 5 o'clock service and from Psalms in the 6:30 service. A board of men was recently selected to look into the prospects of enlarging the church so that all our people might worship together and also take a very heavy burden from Pastor Modrick. We praise God for the "problems" of growth.

Edwin Modrick, Pastor
Kathy White, Reporter

As we go to press we just received word that Allen Long of Taneyville, Mo. passed away Wednesday, October 27. He had cancer but the immediate cause of his death was a heart attack. His funeral was Sunday, October 31, 1976. Sis. Maxine wishes to thank everyone for the cards, letters, visits and other kindnesses shown to them. Their address now is Taneyville, Mo. 65759. Ph. 417-546-5867.

door of unbelief, but faith and praise open wide heaven's doors. **Let us** enter in. **Let us** invite others to join this happy band and be not ashamed but come boldly in prayer, for none of us want to come short of His glory.

Thus having gained victory, "**Let us** come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:16. We are not conformed, but transformed. The world loses its charm and we see its folly, when in tune with Christ. There is too much worldliness in many redeemed hearts today. They need to "come apart," "Come out" and completely lean on Jesus. We are to go to Him in time of trouble. He is our rock and our salvation. **Let us** prove our God and His tender mercy will outweigh every trial and temptation. He has said, "be of good cheer for I have overcome the world." John 16:33. Again we read, "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, **let us** hold fast our profession." Heb. 4:14. Jesus, the Son of God, tempted in all manner as we are, yet without sin, now is our advocate at the right hand of the Father. He knows—He answers, O, praise His holy name. Since we by faith have defeated doubt, and learned the benefits of salvation, **let us** hold this profession as a sacred trust, as just stewards. No, I am not weary in well doing, because my reward in Christ is sure. All the Gospel is good and none to be refused or rejected. Twenty-five years of service to Him has proven to me that He will never fail. Standing on His promises I can shout Amen to His will and wish.

Now we take a step further. "Therefore, leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, **let us** go on unto perfection." Heb. 6:1 (in part). Doctrine is necessary, without it, we have no foundation. Jesus said, "My doctrine is not mine, but His that sent me." John 7:16. However we cannot stress only this part of the Gospel, but **let us** go on to perfection. Many stay by the shallow waters of lean experiences, but there is a place where the healing waters flow, and joy and peace gives rest complete. Weary one—try a sanctified life, or better still a Spirit-filled blessing. Acts 2:4 is still real today. Yes, **let us** go on all the way with Him. It pays to serve Jesus.

Passing a few chapters of the Hebrews to Heb. 10:22 these words are recorded "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." When our heart is true to our profession, to our Christian vows, and to our church it is easier to draw near. Broken vows and walking behind light will only blind and harm. We then offend others and in a trap well set by Satan seek our own hurtful lust. **Let us** awake—**let us** be true. Heaven is cheap at any price. Even in death God considers our righteousness. Isa. 57:1. But the wicked have no peace. Isa. 57:21. **Let us** consider God's ways. They are best. Have you tried living a selfish life—then stop and **let us** hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering. Heb. 10:24. Another version reads, "**Let us** vie with one another in a rivalry of love and noble actions." We at times bear our own burdens, Gal. 6:5 but we too must bear one another's burdens. Gal. 6:2. We are the church. Christ is the head. We are many members and together contend for the faith once delivered. **Let us** love one another—**Let us** walk in the light—and **let us** stir up a deep-seated Christian love one for the other. A nation is a group of people bound together by common heritages of the past and hopes for the

future. So we as Christians are a nation.

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us** lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us." Heb. 12:1. Hebrews 11 is known as the faith chapter and calls to our attention a host that won by faith—so with these witnesses **let us** set or lay aside every hindering cause—so that all bondage is gone and we have a free course in Jesus. He knows the way for He is the Way. The sin of unbelief or any sin can become a dead weight and we lose our cause. It is often said, "I would rather see a sermon, as hear one any day," so live the life and your victory is won. The rest of Heb. 12:1 relates "And **let us** run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."

Yes, we are sure to win, by looking to Jesus, and in patience forbearance, the race is set, and we know our goal, so must we continue unto the end. We must not grow weary in our minds, but consider Jesus. He endured the shame of the cross, and paid the full price for our eternal redemption. We are to wait on the Lord, know His time—His Place and His purpose. Surely the Lord is our helper and we need not fear. We are going on toward God and heaven and home. His peace abides and with confidence we now run this Christian race. Heb. 12:28-29. "Wherefore we, receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, **let us** have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and Godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire."

The kingdom is great **let us** have grace—great grace—standing grace—abundant grace, all of these and more are mentioned in the Bible. If we fail it is simply because we do not want to take an humble road. We must have reverence for God—His Word—His house—His people and His ministers. God's consuming fire burns out all the sin and dross and leaves tried gold, pure silver, and precious stones. **Let us** be submissive to His will so that we may be a part of that coming kingdom where in Jesus will be King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Jesus suffered without the gate for our sanctification, so, "**Let us** go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach." Heb. 13:13. Too many seek an easy way. Modern methods of soul winning often stress faith, which is proper, but nothing is said of consecration or holy living. To say, Goodbye, Old World, I'm through with you, means that only the few will travel so. Yet Jesus went alone without the gate of Jerusalem. May we too go alone that His riches may abide on our lives. There is a reproach for holy living. If you don't feel it, be careful, for too often the world creeps in, and her laughter drowns out real spirituality. Be ye holy for I am the Lord your God. Lev. 20:7. "By Him, therefore, **let us** offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name." Heb. 13:15.

All these things we have considered diligently, now **let us** testify in private and public that our God does all things well. Give Him praise, be overcomers by the word of your testimony and the blood of the lamb. Many have lost the victory because they are not offering the fruit of their lips unto God. **Let us** thank God for life and health and every good and perfect gift. O, praise Him for this better full Gospel way that He has given me to travel. **Let us** follow on to know the Lord in all His fullness.

Testimony of Salvation

FOR DOCTRINE II CLASS 1976

By James Ray Routh
Des Arc, Ark.

Starting this off I can't help but give praise and thanksgiving to my Lord Jesus for truly we are sinners saved by grace, by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. I'm happy today because of the love my saviour has shown me. Praise and Glory to His wonderful name.

Before I start with my testimony I believe some background information is in order. My mother is a very wonderful Christian lady and we were raised in the Assembly of God church. Mom prayed constantly for twenty years before she saw even one of us come to the Lord. She never once faltered in her prayers.

When small, around seven years of age I had a very bad speech impediment and was crosseyed. Mom took me to a tent revival one night and my Lord healed me. Looking back I remember the preacher asking me to speak through the microphone that I was healed. He told me, "Son, the Lord has a work for you." I believe this was the beginning of my awareness of God. It was during these years that I started feeling the convicting power of the Holy Spirit.

Years passed, I went to church and the Lord dealt with me. Never once did I commit myself to the Lord. Many times I would go to the altar but I never would completely give myself over to the Lord. If only I had, so much heartache and sorrow could have been missed.

At thirteen the Lord dealt with me again in a picture show on a Sunday night, I refused and decided to stay with my friends. The convicting power left and Satan made me believe I'd committed the unpardonable sin. This was to haunt me for ten years. I never told anyone. You can't imagine the fear, despair and sorrow I felt in my heart thinking I would have to live under the visage of an angry God doomed to a devil's hell.

My teenage years were spent in stealing and running, nothing serious at first but the path was becoming broader. Fear, doubt and loneliness were my chief companions. I had friends. I couldn't stand to be alone, Yet I never told them the things of my heart. Hatred became deeply rooted in my heart against myself, my mother, the world around me. I was spiraling ever deeper into Satan's webb which was to lead from nightmare to nightmare. There were times I thought I was going crazy and there were times of deep depression when I thought of taking my own life. My mind was becoming depraved with all manner of filth and sin. It was hard to sleep at night. My Momma kept praying for me.

At nineteen I joined the army and was to spend eighteen months in Viet Nam. There were several times overseas I should have died but a mother's prayers stood between me and death. She would tell me how the Lord would wake her up in the wee hours of the night to intercede on my behalf.

I was drinking heavy now, smoking and hating deeply. Anger, hostility and resentment were prevalent. Once I was extremely sick, delirious with fever. The doctors never found out what it was, to my knowledge anyway. I came

close to dying yet I was spared. Just chance, no not just chance. I told my Lord I'd preach His Word if He wouldn't let me die. Looking back I wonder how out of the doubts and fears I could pray that prayer. My Lord is so marvelous. I love Him.

Becoming agnostic, I knew there was a God, yet I wanted to say there wasn't and I thought all people were hypocrites. One day though while on leave I was walking through the woods. This was about the only place I could find peace. I guess it was just being in the middle of God's creation, I looked up into an autumn sky, azure blue with clouds like white cotton floating on the wind, and then around at the tall trees and grasses and lifting my voice I said, "I don't know exactly who you are, whether you're a Great Spirit or whether you are God. All I know is that you are there." Praise God it wouldn't be long before I was to meet the Creator.

In March of '72 I was discharged, full of hatred, resentment and without any self control. I would fly into a blind rage. One time I stabbed my younger brother. It was a demonic force that I couldn't resist. It wouldn't be the first time this evil would take hold of me.

Fighting became a way of life. I knew the use of brass knuckles, knives and guns and out of pent up rage and hate I'd come to the point of murder, yet I never killed anyone outside of the army. Fear, doubt and suspicion gripped me. I wouldn't trust anyone. My philosophy at this time was get drunk and forget or fight. I got into dope, carrying enough to warrant a prison term if caught. I was so miserable.

One night at home I was getting ready whether to go up town or back South I forget now, but momma had been praying in her bedroom. Before I went out the door she called to me and said, "James, I'm going to stop praying for you." This scared me. I went back and set down on Momma's bed and put my arms around her and asked, "Momma, don't stop praying for me, Please Momma." She listened and explained she wasn't going to stop praying she was just going to give me up to the Lord Jesus.

I began to be entangled in the occult—into dreams and fortune telling but there wasn't any peace or satisfaction here either. There was a girl once who told fortunes. She told several of my friends' fortunes and when my time came she looked at my cards and said "James, I can't tell your fortune it doesn't make sense."

People would come up to me, even the ones I ran with and would ask, "why don't you settle down, why do you do like you do?" My only reply to this was, "I'm looking for something. I don't know what it is, but when I find it I'll tell you." Since that time I've heard many ask this question in various forms but Praise God now I can say, "I found it. It's Jesus Christ and His shed blood for our salvation."

Then one day we got into trouble with the police down in a Southern town and had to leave. We decided to go back North for awhile. My mind was messed up with philosophy, booze, dope and women. I and the guys I was with survived by stealing until we could get a job. This was when I decided to break free. The world isn't the answer, so one night I went home. I'd been home before but this was different. I was sick of sin and of myself.

One night while riding around with a friend on a Sunday night we picked up two girls. He knew they were both Christians. I didn't want to talk but Pat started the conversation. All she could talk about was her wonderful

Lord and Saviour Jesus. I'd known her past life, it wasn't pretty. I tried to confuse her with philosophy, with theology—I tried to intimidate her—I tried everything but she went right on. At last I asked her, "Pat if your God is so almighty, would He make a rock He couldn't lift? I thought, "I've shut her up now." This question if it were answered had to be answered in a yes or no. Little did I understand the anointing of the Holy Spirit. I left her at this, thinking there wasn't anything to it. I was wrong. The words stayed on my mind. I wanted to talk some more. I felt peace in the presence of this Spirit filled girl. Several nights later I met her again and asked her of the question. Her reply was, "James, the question didn't impress me at all My God is so almighty it doesn't matter which rock He makes He can always lift it." Her simple answer in faith impressed me. Satan made another play after that, an older woman I'd been seeing tried to get me to go to her fortune teller to "get my life straightened out." Praise God I never found time to go. Anyway, I promised Pat I'd come to church and three different times I came close to backing out yet God's hand was there. Momma was still praying and her prayers were being answered.

That night I went and when the altar call was given I was asked if I wanted to make my life right with God. I still didn't feel what I thought was conviction, even coming into the church earlier I'd told Pat don't expect me to be saved this night. There was a man, I was to find out two years later who he was, that came up behind me and told me if I went out the doors without God I'd never come through them again. How well I knew this in my heart, these words were true. I didn't go to the altar. I went to the first pew and bent my knees and heart to God. All my old depraved sin-wracked self, filthy in the vomit of darkness and sin and despair I brought to God. I opened my mouth to God but nothing came out. This scared me and finally I got out from the depths of my soul the words "God help me!" and then God forgave me in the name of Jesus Christ. This time a power swept over me. A physical power it went through me from my head to my feet. It made me to stand straight up it was so strong; like electricity for power and yet pleasant like a summer wind. All the rage, hate, the alcohol, the dope, the cigarettes, God delivered me from in a moment. He broke the bondage of Satan and this was the first time I heard the blessed Holy Spirit speak to me. It wouldn't be the last. His words were "Jesus Christ has saved you. You are truly saved and Jesus Christ is coming soon." Tears never came to my eyes but I knew I was saved. Doubts and fears fled away, confusion vanished. My life was given to the Lord that night. The next day found me burning my books on astrology and such and others I gave away. I threw away the items I'd stolen that were still with me and I knew I'd have to be making restitution to people that I'd wronged. No one had to tell me—I just knew what to do. Then about the middle of the week, I forget now exactly when, I cried and bawled in my Momma's arms, confessing my sins one at a time. Jesus Christ is so very wonderful. I went the full way and on May 21, 1973 at the age of 23 I met my Saviour. I returned to my God and my Lord Jesus Christ.

About two weeks later, a little less, I received the blessed gift of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Six months later down in South Texas at McAllen, nine hundred miles from home, a man, that had never laid eyes on me, prophesied by the Holy Spirit and God let me know that it was not He that had told me I couldn't be saved again. but

it was Satan and that He had broken the bonds of Satan and when he comes to me as a flood I can call unto Him and He will raise a standard before Satan. The last and very last doubt was abolished from my mind. Satan could no longer use this lie against me. Praise God! Praise Jesus Christ for my freedom! I don't have the words to express my feelings for my Saviour but I do know where once I was lost that now I'm found. I love Him so very much. Thank God for praying mothers and fathers, who many times are the only wall between life and death for their children.

I've not written this for any kind of glory. Very few people know my testimony. I write this only for the Glory of God for it was by the blood of His Son, my Lord Jesus Christ that I was delivered and made whole. Praise the Lord. Since that time there have been four out of seven of us children come to the Lord. One whole family in one of my older sister's household have come to the Lord. Daddy before he passed away accepted our Lord Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. Praise be to the most blessed name of my Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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J. E. James' Singing Group "Remembrance"

J. E. James brought his mixed ensemble of 4 young married couples from the San Jacinto Baptist church, on October 2, 1976 to the Pampa Chapel for a concert that was a real blessing to the church. This group is called "Remembrance" and they will be available for concerts in the Panhandle area. Keith Barker, pastor of Pampa Chapel recommends them highly.

Praise Gathering



The Panhandle youth Praise Gathering held on Saturday, October 9 from 4-7 p.m. at Lake Fryer near Perryton, Texas was a great success. Keith Barker and Jack Cornell were in charge of this endeavor. Invitations were sent to all 16 churches of that area and there were young people from about half of the churches represented. About 45 youth attended. Bill Patterson, Jr. of Guymon, Okla. lead the singing and had the devotion. And a wonderful time of Christian fellowship was enjoyed by all. They are planning their annual Thanksgiving banquet for that area which tentatively is to be held in Perryton, Texas, and they also are looking forward to another "Praise Gathering" very soon.



Pampa, Texas

Greetings to you from Pampa, Texas! Our Pastors for five years, the Edwin Waterburys, have accepted a pastorate in Granby, Mo. We had a farewell service for them and had cake and ice cream and a gift of money. They served us well, and we will miss them all, but Kylon, their four year old, will be sorely missed as he was the pride and joy of the Church. We were sorry for them to go, but since God orders, we obey and trust Him for guidance and help. And He surely helped us in securing a new Pastor that has come into our church and is endearing themselves to all of us. Keith and Charlene Barker, with their little ones, Chris and Shannon have come to minister to us. We had a welcome dinner for them on their first Sunday in the basement of the Church, which was well attended. They ask for your prayers that we may see much accomplished for God in our community. And we also invite all Ministers, Gospel Singers and Workers to visit us as you come by.

Keith Barker, Pastor
Anabel Simmons, Reporter

Woodward, Okla.

The Gail Millers are doing a good work here in our church and town. Bro. Gail is the president of our local Ministerial Alliance and this opens many doors for us and gives us the opportunity of getting acquainted with the other ministers of the town in a more personal way. September 20-26 Max Pennington held us a good revival. The Church was blessed and in the special prayer for the sick several were healed by the power of God. We extend an invitation for ministers and laity alike to visit our church when you are in our area.

Gail Miller, Pastor

Bayard, Nebraska

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. We are thankful for the Love of God, His Word and the promise of our soon coming King. We were privileged to have Bro. Marcus Adair from Canyon, Texas on October 1-3. In the three night services he brought Bible lessons on prophecy and the soon return of Jesus Christ. He also ministered to us on Sunday morning. All four services were enlightening and beneficial. During October we also enjoyed the visit of Randall and Joyce Bensch of Norman, Okla. We extend an invitation to all to come and be with us in services.

Rev. and Mrs. Amos Harris and
Rev. Alvin and Glenda Buschman, Co-Pastors

West Purcell, Mo.

We are so thankful for God's wonderful love and mercy to us and all humanity. We are very glad for each one that has visited the services from the Bible School, every one enjoyed their help so very much and we hope to be blessed by having some of them come real often. Please remember Trevis Broadus for healing and the family in their bereavement as they lost a son recently. They live in Arizona now. We are so thankful God still hears and answers prayer in the same old fashioned way.

Since this report was sent in we've received the following additional information by phone about the progress of the church. Jacque Spicer is working in the church as director of Music, until her wedding on December 18. She is also working with the children and helping Sis. Ione Simmons with the Youth services. She will be directing the Christmas program which will include an adult musical program in addition to the children's program. The church attendance has been between 45-55 and the same number have been attending the Wednesday night service. New couples are coming and prospects look good. They are having a Young Adult recreation fellowship once every three weeks, and a "Ladies Night Out" once a month. The ladies have special projects of helping others and will be working on extra things at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Every Wednesday at noon is a weekly prayer and fast held at the church and the attendance at this has been 12. God is blessing.

Anchorage, Alaska

The Claude McLeod's pastored the Willow Full Gospel Church for two years then traded homes and churches with the Sandstroms to enable them to attend Northwood Bible College for one year here at Full Gospel Church. They planned to leave the Anchorage area but felt that they should stay and work at Full Gospel Church. Claude is employed by Montgomery Ward but finds time to be a real asset to the church and a big help to Pastor Ray. We are enjoying our new bapistry. We don't have to wait till the water is warm enough or to hold our baptismal services in a borrowed church. Our Media Ministry was begun over two years ago with the desire to share ourselves for the glory of God. Any profit that is realized from the sale of our tapes is immediately used to replenish our supplies and to publish our mail-out. We appreciate the Priests, Kenny, LaDonna and their girls, and their faithful work at the youth camp. Bro. Ray felt impressed by the Holy Spirit to ask them to come and assume the duties of Chugach Christian Camp and they truly have been a blessing here.

J.D. Ray, Pastor
Jean Lockwood, Reporter

Arnett, Oklahoma

The Lord has been most gracious to us and we are glad to be back with our news for the report.

Ellis County was blessed with the Larry Jones Crusade held at Shattuck, Oklahoma. The attendance from all towns was very good and we can see things happening in our community as a result of the Crusade. God is on the move. We have a great responsibility to pick up and carry on that which has been started.

We are happy to report our Sunday School attendance has increased.

The Lord has been anointing Reverend Malone with precious messages from heaven.

At this time, Brother Rick French is helping with our youth service which is now held on Wednesday night at the parsonage while regular services are going on in the sanctuary. We are very pleased with the work Brother Rick is doing for the youth. Attendance has been good but we are expecting a greater moving of the spirit of God upon the youth of our community.

Sunday, September 19, the Evangelism Class traveled to the various area churches. The Bible School Youth of this class (five in all) had charge of our evening service with Brother Jack Weimer bringing an inspiring message. Following the service, all gathered in annex for a bountiful supper and fellowship.

The Lord has really blessed the Missionary Meeting held every Tuesday evening with Bible study and prayer. Sister Carol has really put forth a lot of effort to see this meeting go forward and we appreciate her work. We are looking forward to a visiting missionary group from another church.

A contribution has been sent to the teachers at Bible School to help support them in their efforts for the Lord. Even though the offering may be small we know God can multiply it when they go to use it.

Reverend Earl Malone, Pastor
Ruby V. Kibbe, Reporter

Hinton, Alabama

Greetings to all of our brothers and sisters in the Lord. We've all been excited about the two newest members of our congregation. They are Clifford John Satcher, son of Arville and Karen Satcher and Marcus Daniel Richardson, son of Randy and Shirley Richardson. They were made welcome with a baby shower one Sunday night after service.

Our young people worked hard on a skit for the October youth rally held here at Hinton. The skit was based on The Sermon on the Mount and we enjoyed it and it refreshed our memory of this great teaching.

Sunday, October 10th, was our special musical share service. All kinds of musical talent was discovered and everyone seemed to enjoy worshipping in song.

We were very glad to have our pastor, Myrtle Carney, back home during the week of choir tour. We'd been counting down the days for quite some time.

Myrtle Carney, pastor

Canyon, Texas

Currently there are 46 students enrolled in the Faith Bible Center's Bible classes. Courses offered are New Testament Survey, Life of Christ and The Acts of the Apostles. Randy Wallis, the new student director reports that interest has been on the increase daily among the college students concerning the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Several of them have recently accepted this powerful gift from Jesus and many more are searching the scriptures in respect to this experience. The New Singing Group which will be traveling this year is making a steady progress. They began their singing year with the musical "It's Getting Late" followed by the film "The Rapture" at WT's Activities center on November 2, 1976. Faith Chapel's fellowship and outreach is strengthened by offering a PRAYER and PRAISE service each Friday at 7 A.M. Charles Ware is currently heading up an EVANGELISTIC EXPLOSION team to share Christian area homes. The fall conference of Business Sessions conducted by the Board of Trustees and Advisory Group was held at Faith Bible Center October 22-23. A 1976 Plymouth van has recently been purchased to be used both by the Bible Center and Faith Chapel. It has already been put to good use in extended trips to the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, Amarillo, Palo Duro Canyon, besides being used for services and revivals in area towns.

Marcus Adair, Director
Ron Martin, Pastor

Alvin, Texas

Sunday, October 17 the AFBC choir from Baxter Springs, Kansas was with us for the evening service in concert, we also had an evangelism group with us for that morning service. We had a water Baptismal service Sunday, October 3. We had a Church Life Revival October 4-8, at 7:30 p.m. We have a fast day each Wednesday of every week. Jimmy and Twanna Botter are helping with our church choir. Our thanks to them. Our tape ministry is about to be launched. A reception for Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Stanberry was held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 18th at the Stacy Botter home. The new Mrs. Bennie Stanberry is the former Delilah Wooster.

Jimmy Wallis, Pastor

Shattuck, Okla.

We are rejoicing in the Lord for His goodness to us in our church. Bro. and Sis. Elmer Christinson and family came in August to pastor and we feel they have been a great blessing to our church people and community. Our congregation has started to grow and we are very encouraged in the work the Lord is doing here.

Rick Myers and Nyla Smith were married Sept. 25th. We really appreciate their help in the church.

Everyone enjoyed the Bible College Evangelistic Team when they came and ministered to us. It makes us proud to see the young people doing such a fine work for the Lord.

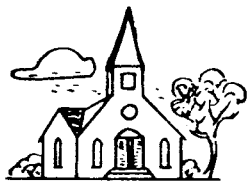
We want to invite everyone to stop in and visit us at any time.

Paula Taylor, Sec.
Rev. Elmer Christinson, Pastor

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Laverne, Oklahoma

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

It has been some time since a report has been sent in from the church. It is good to keep in touch with God's people and the different churches.

The Lord has been very good to us and we can say Blessed be the Lord, who daily leadeth us with benefits.

The ministry of Brother and Sister Delvin Wiles the past year has been a blessing. We were so happy to have Brother Randy Dalton and wife move to our town for awhile and be with us some in services.

Oct. 11 we were privileged to have the Bible school choir here for a concert. May the Lord bless these people as they sing the praises of God.

We are praying, the Lord will send us a revival before long.

Psalms 27:14 tells us "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord.

We look forward to the report each time and pray the Lord to bless your efforts in publishing it.

Pine Hill, Alabama

Delvin Wiles, Pastor

We thank the Lord for His goodness and mercy to us here at the Pine Hill Chapel. So thankful that He sent Bro. David McCance and his wife Sharon to be our pastors. They have already won our love and devotin with their bubbling over enthusiasm for the Lord and His work.

We have had a rummage and bake sale, and the funds will be used to have some work done on the church. We've also started a project of making church quilts for the purpose of paying for the beautiful furniture for the parsonage. Thanks be to God for making all these things possible.

A joyous time was had by all at our Second Homecoming Services with dinner at noon, and good old time singing in the afternoon.

Please pray that our church will continue to grow in Spirit and number. God bless you, Sis. Busch, in your untiring work for the Report.

David McCance, Pastor
Mamie M. Kelly, Reporter

REVIVALS

Granby, Mo. Rev. M. D. Methvin October 25
Joplin, Mo. Rev. Jack Barker October 25
Perryton, Texas. . . . Rev. Calvin Springer October 31
Galena, Kansas Rev. Johnny Scruggs. November 10

Taneyville, Mo.

We are grateful for the spirit of the Lord that has been present in our services. We thank God for the dedication of Brother and Sister Barker and appreciate the work they are doing here. We are also happy to have Sister Shari Cook with us to minister in music and song as well as working with the various youth groups. The newly organized Joy Club is growing and we pray that many parents as well as children will be reached.

We miss the Danny Robinson Family very much and pray God will continue to bless them as they labor for Him in Balko, Oklahoma.

We enjoyed having Grace Beeler, Debbie Scruggs, David Korengay, and Gaylon Schultz from the Bible School with us for Sunday services. It was an added blessing for Brother Gaylon to preach for us. We also appreciated Sister Glowanda Quesenbury being with us in services. God has blessed us in many ways and we are thankful!

Bro. & Sis. Winston Barker, pastors
Belva Pennington, reporter

Marlon Sparks of Gause, Tex. held an outstanding revival here October 3. (As we go to press it is still in progress and will continue at least until Wed. Oct. 20.) Bro. Winston Barker reports that about 22 have been saved, 15 sanctified and 5 have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Firday, October 16 Shirley O'Dell brought her special slide and taped musical program entitled "Hallelujah". The musical portion of the program is by the Gaither Trio. It was a real blessing to the revival.

Open for Calls

Rev. Marlon Sparks is a 21 year old Evangelist and the son of Rev. and Mrs. Billy Sparks of Gause, Tex. Marlon felt the calling of God into the ministry at the age of 12, and began full time evangelism upon graduation from high school. He has ministered in word and in song in 35 states including Alaska.

He has travelled with the College Vibrations of Baxter Springs, Ks., The Son-Rise Singers of Alvin, Tex., and more recently he travelled professionally with the well known Weatherford Quartet.

He has spoken to various groups and organizations with emphasis on the needs of our youth today and with an appeal to put God number one in their lives in order to live a victorious life and to be able to cope with the problems of this generation stressing strongly that Christ and Christ alone is the answer.

Rev. Marlon Sparks
Box 9
Gause, Texas 77857
Phone: 713-279-2073



Obituary of Maggie C. Shepherd

Mrs. Shepherd was born December 28, 1894, near Joplin, Mo. On February 29, 1920, in Stratford, Texas, she married Clarence T. Shepherd. They made their home in Perryton, Texas, since 1923 where Mr. Shepherd owns and operates an electrical shop.

Mrs. Shepherd passed away August 20, 1976 in the Newman Memorial Hospital in Shattuck, Okla. She is survived by her husband of the home, five daughters; Mrs. Martin (Daisy) Eagan, Central Point, Oregon; Mrs. Roy (Blanche) Davison, Amarillo, Texas; Mrs. Herbert (June) Sutherland, La Mesa, California; Mrs. Wanda DeArmond, Amarillo, Texas; and Mrs. Bob (Hazel) Taylor, Big Spring, Texas; 11 grandchildren, several great and great-great grandchildren and other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held in her home church, The Full Gospel Church of Perryton, Texas on Sunday, August 22, 1976 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Harrol Waterbury, pastor, officiating. Harrol and Barbara Waterbury sang "Till the Storm Passes By" and Bill and Iris Cornell sang "Amazing Grace". Casketbearers were Wick Brown, Donald Flowers, Dan DeArmond, Billy Johnson, William Toler, and Bobby Taylor. Interment was in the Ochiltree Cemetery in Perryton under the direction of the Good Samaritan Funeral Service of Booker, Texas.

Sis. Shepherd was a wonderful saint of God. And was an example to all that knew her of trust and faith in our Wonderful Lord. Her home church and the movement will greatly miss this faithful warrior of the Gospel.

Obituary of Jack Arthur Shandley

Jack Shandley was born March 15, 1907 and died September 15, 1976 at the age of 69. Mr. Shandley was born the son of Joseph and Mamie Boyd Shandley. A native of Hamilton County, he was born near the town of Hamilton and received his education in Hamilton County Public Schools. On September 29, 1929 he was married to Lora Elizabeth Herbert in Pasadena, Texas. To this union was born 7 children all of them survive. Mr. Shandley was self employed most of his life. The last 6 years as a fishing guide on Lake Livingston. He was a member of the Apostolic Faith Movement. Survivors include: four sons: Jack Arthur Jr. of Kemak, Texas, Robert Boyd of Seabrook, Texas, Alvin Lee of Livingston, Texas and Granberry Boyd of Leakey, Texas; three daughters: Jenny Pearl Lambert of Denison, Texas, Jo Ann McCaleb of Seabrook, Texas, and Sarah Martz of Greenburg, Pennsylvania: One brother, J. C. Shandley of Pasadena, Texas; one sister Una Lingan, La Porte, Texas; 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Olen Bachler.

Obituary of Velma Marie Russell

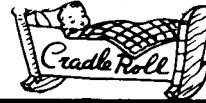
Velma Marie was born in Amarillo, Texas December 4, 1929, being the oldest of 8 children born to J.P. and Elsie Whittington. The Whittingtons later moved to Dumas, Texas where she attended public school. She accepted the Lord as her personal Saviour at a very early age. She received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit at the age of 18. In that meeting she met Rex Russell, a member of the Evangelistic team conducting the meeting.

She became Mrs. Rex Russell September 13, 1948. They were blessed with 2 sons, Bobby Leon of Shattuck, Okla. and Jimmy Gail of Dumas, Texas where he is the pastor of the Apostolic Faith church there.

Along with her husband, Velma was a faithful laborer for the Lord in the Apostolic Faith Church the greater part of their life together. Their anointed ministry with this congregation has been a blessing to many in Dumas and the surrounding community.

Velma won the victory over this life and departed for her eternal home October 14, 1976 at the age of 46 years, 10 months and 10 days. Besides her beloved family she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Whittington of Dumas, Texas; one brother, Robert Whittington of Amarillo, Texas; five sisters, Mrs. Jean Montgomery, Mrs. Shirley Toney, Mrs. Lois Hockaday, all of Amarillo, Texas; Mrs. Betty Matson of Dumas, Texas and Mrs. Geraldine (Kim) Cook of Fritch, Texas; three grandchildren, Bobbie Michele, James Kelly, and Christie, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 16, 1976 at the Dumas Apostolic Faith Church with Bro. Jake Regier officiating, assisted by Bro. G. K. Kerr and Bro. Wapel Ferguson. Her nephew Ron Russell was the soloist. Interment was in the Dumas Cemetery. Her six brothers-in-law were her pallbearers. Her husband's brother, Don Russell, and the husbands of her five sisters.



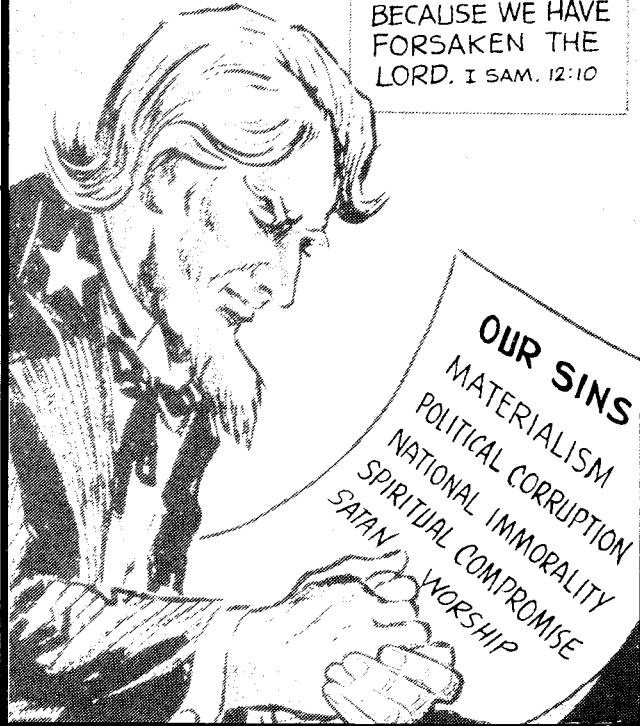
Russell and Linda (Adair) Peck of 8714 Timber Point, San Antonio, Texas 78250 are the proud parents of a baby boy named Ty Russell. He arrived August 28, 1976 weighing 7 lb. 7 ozs. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Peck of Ganado, Texas and maternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Marcus Adair of Canyon, Texas.

Gary and Lori Kerr and proud to announce the birth of their son, Jeremy Kade, born October 1, 1976. He weighed 8 lbs, 5 oz. Paternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Kerr of Liberal, Kansas, and the maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. L. Graves of Lubbock, Texas. Gary is the new student director at the Student Center in Goodwell, Oklahoma. Their address is Box 522, Goodwell, Oklahoma 73939.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank Arnall are the proud parents of a little baby girl, that they have named April Catrina. She was born October 7, 1976 at 10:45 p.m. and weighed 9 lbs. 10 oz. and was 22 in. in length. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thomas of Dallas, Texas. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Arnall of Granby, Mo.

AS ISRAEL ONCE PRAYED, SO SHOULD WE

WE HAVE SINNED,
BECAUSE WE HAVE
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HOW ARE WE BUILDING?



A. F. Report

REDEMPTION

By The Late

Charles F. Parham

We have the redemption story this morning. I think, perhaps, that this truth has brought the greatest scriptural light and inspiration to my life of any of the tenets of the Christian faith.

There are many things in Scripture, such as foreordination and predestination, that used to be very dark to me; they are all clear since the sunshine of redemption has been shed on them.

One time, while feeling the presence of God and dwelling in the heavenlies, in vision or dream, I can not say which, there was in my room a beautiful figure, neither male nor female; the flesh looked like the beauty of beaten snow; beneath this figure stood the person of which it was the exact picture or counterpart, I beheld until this encasement descended and clothed upon the individual who stood beneath; and I said, "Lord, what is this?" And He said, "Redemption."

Listen! "For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For verily in this we groan, longing to be clothed upon with our habitation which is from heaven. Not that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life." Paul further says, "As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly;" not the heavenly, but the image of it. Glorification is the heavenly, but redemption is the image of it.

This chapter has been covered with a robe of mourning and dragged to the cemetery till we have lost its beautiful significance and power. Let us resurrect it this day and realize that redemption means that we shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and not only we, but the dead shall be raised in that redemption, that we may know the mighty power that God wrought in Christ when he raised Him from the dead, that it is to have the image of the earthy, which we now endure, changed to the image of the heavenly. Redemption means to have the same kind of body that Jesus had when he came out of the grave, having the power to appear and disappear, the power to move through space at will.

Scriptural Redemption

Nowhere in the Scripture is redemption spoken of as conversion. In the 15th chapter of 1st Cor. it is stated, "The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" It does not say a word about going up, not in the entire chapter; but mortality shall be swallowed up and we shall put on our immortal bodies here, and this redemption shall come down from God. "O

death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" How can one claim victory when death has had its sting and they stand in the mouth of the grave? But in that day there shall be no more death.

"The trumpet shall sound." There is no inference that it is Gabriel's trump which sounds at the descension of the Lord Jesus Christ when the Bride shall rise up and meet Him in the air to reign with Him. The only body that takes part in the Parousia, or the so-called rapture is the man-child; and they go up to the throne of God and the Lamb; but the body, the Church, and the Bride of Christ remain upon the earth till Jesus descends. But this trump is Michael's, the last of the seven trumpets, and in the 10th chapter of Revelation when that trump begins to sound and the ministry has finished its work that God intended from the foundation of the world, and the climaxing trump shall sound which shall mark the end of the conflict between Michael and the devil, then redemption will take place with the prepared saints of God and they shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.

Daniel tells us, referring to the same thing, that in the time of trouble, now about to begin in the world, when the reign of anarchy shall prevade the entire earth, and nations shall fall and society be devastated and disrupted,—at that time God's people will be delivered. God says in his Word that "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

For a space of three years and a half this blessed company of redeemed saints will not preach the gospel of the kingdom that it is our duty to preach now, but will preach the everlasting gospel to every kindred, people, tongue and nation saying, "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of his judgment is come."

Glorious Church Inaugurated By Redemption.

I have a view of that heavenly soldiery in redemption bodies in my mind. Jesus said when he came out of the grave, "All power in heaven and earth is given to me." O Christian, that which you are striving for may never come to you personally and may never come to the church entirely, until the glorious Church "without spot or wrinkle" is inaugurated by the mighty power of redemption. The same thing will be true of the church then that was true of Jesus,—"all power, dominion and authority" will come to be recreated—the man restored—and he will be able, by the power of Jesus, to go forth with dominion and authority in his redemption body to every quarter of the globe, healing the sick, and turning many to righteousness in the three and a half of socialism which will cover the entire world. During that peaceful reign there will be a world-wide ministry of the "glorious church, without spot or wrinkle."

The church of Jesus Christ has never been in existence. When people say that the church was inaugurated at Pentecost, it is false. When people say that Jesus founded a church, it is not true. Jesus came to spiritualize Judah; and Adam belonged to the church, Abraham belonged to the church, and every saint of God that has found spiritual life and has been born again belongs to the church, in this age and in every age. You are taken into the Church of the Living God by conversion, on probation but

you do not come into full membership until you are sanctified. God has been using the various stones and timbers and different parts of the Glorious Church throughout the ages. Paul carried the spiritualized message of Judah to the Gentiles. That is the whole sum and total of it.

We Are His Workmanship

Every church that has ever been established has formed a part of His great machine shop on earth, and the Lord has been gathering the gold into the Methodist church, the Baptist church, the Presbyterian church and every other church. He has many factories in which to burn out the dross. He is graciously drawing different ones into these furnaces, and the farther we get in God, the hotter the fire will be, because the infinitesimal dross requires a hotter fire to get it out of the gold; this continues until we are seven times purified and shine forth reflecting his image, even as the artisan, as he works the gold, gazes into its mirrored depths and sees reflected perfectly his own features. We are His workmanship, created in Jesus Christ.

Since I threw my life into His hands, put my faith and confidence in the blood of the Everlasting Covenant which was able to make me perfect, I have ceased all my strugglings, ceased all my groanings and fastings for myself, and have given my life to be poured out for others; and when people criticise the unfinished work, the lack of varnish, the lack of beautiful carvings that some day may adorn the cornices and cap this building, I say, "Brothers and sisters, I have perfect confidence in the Master Builder; the Architect knows His business; He knows better than I the exposed places that may be marred by some superstructure falling, or some odds and ends crashing down; He knows better than to place plate glass in a window where the upper structure may break and fall on it. He knows His business and I am satisfied with what has been done, oh, so satisfied," There was so little to admire before the Master Builder started to build. He first dug up the loam and then the clay to lay His foundation. He dug down below the rubbish, and founded it upon the Rock. I have admired the structure as it went up, and as I have gazed upon it I have caught a faint glimpse of what it will be in its finished beauty, and I am absolutely satisfied thus far with the construction.

Brothers, sisters, have you grieved the Architect by your murmuring and complaining because of the unfinished portions of the building He is constructing?

Put your faith and confidence in Him; He will finish the structure and beautify it and ornament it until it will be worthy to be a part of the Great Temple that the Architect is building for eternity.

He has been drawing his stones and his timbers from the various movements and churches in all ages; He has been getting his gold from Ophir, stones from the quarries of Persia, and trees from the mountains of Lebanon, and they are going to come together in a body; each one of us will take our place, without the sound of a hammer, without human instrumentality whatever, and the glorious church, without spot or wrinkle, will be inaugurated by the mighty power of redemption; and then, and only then, will we have organic unity. But until that time you and I must

find individually that unity which will enable God to slip us into our place in the body. If the Master should use me to be the filling in the wall or should hide me in some obscure place in the building or in the cellar, never to be seen, I shall be satisfied; if he wants to carve me into a stone for the cornice or to cap some beautiful pillar that supports that cornice I shall be satisfied.

When Redemption Takes Place.

Daniel sealed up these things "till the time of the end," and John, the Revelator, was told to "seal up those things which the seven thunders utter and write them not." The mystery that Daniel sealed up and that John, the Revelator, shut up was this: "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and the dead shall be raised, and this corruptible body shall put on incorruption and death shall be swallowed up in victory."

Redemption takes place in the time of trouble, and in that time of trouble the Jews will go back to Palestine and establish their seat of government in Jerusalem. For fifteen years their Congress has met as a legislative body in Bern, Switzerland, or London, and has exercised all the functions pertaining to legislative bodies. They have already carried the flag to Jerusalem, and every Congress has met and adjourned sine die,—"next year we meet in Jerusalem," but they never have, and they never will, until the appointed time shall come. We are now living in the dawn of this time.

Redemption Purchased For All.

Paul says in the 8th chapter of Romans, where he is teaching us what it is to have a sanctified body, that, "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and as an offering for sin, condemned sin in the flesh." And then the climax of that thought, a little later on, is expressed in this wonderful promise: "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only so, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for our adoption, to-wit, the redemption of our body."

"For He hath been made unto us," he says again, "wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption." And in the next chapter Paul says: "For I could wish that I myself were anathema from Christ for my brethren's sake, my kinsmen according to the flesh: who are Israelites." There is the adoption—the redemption of your bodies belongs to them, the Israelites, and the covenants and the glory. Only those who have their lives hid in Christ with God will ever reach the glory and the prize of the high calling, and having life in God obtain immortality, which is the hope of His calling, and which is the glory of His inheritance in us, and God shall permit Him to take out the people of this earth and lift them to His own glory as a reward for His redemption that He purchased for the whole human race in His death and atonement; and God is going to permit those who will, to come into this life, and run the race and obtain the prize, which is immortality.

From Genesis to Revelation not only is the consanguinity of Christ's life marvelously outlined, but from Genesis

to Revelation the blood that flowed in Abraham's veins has been traced with unerring finger; and when you sing, "I've been adopted, my name's written down," you are singing a falsehood. You cannot adopt anybody into the family of God. You might just as well adopt a negro into a white family and expect him to turn white. God says the leopard cannot change its spots or the Ethiopian his skin. Everyone that comes into this spiritual realm must have a definite conception and proper prenatal influences in order to have birth into this spiritual life, and he is born into this kingdom, not adopted; adoption does not pertain to the soul, it pertains to the body: "adoption, to-wit, the redemption of our bodies."

Pre-destination & Fore-ordination.

Foreordination and predestination have nothing to do with the damnation of infants. Where are the babes who are never privileged to attain spiritual life in this world? They never attain immortality and enter through the gates into the City, but "of such is the kingdom of heaven;" and when God comes down to the earth with "the Holy City" and capitolizes the world with that glorious city, when the meek shall inherit the earth, and the kingdom of heaven comes down to the earth in the beginning of eternity, all the babes will appear, for they will belong to that "kingdom of heaven" on earth.

Some babes are born but for a season, they being incarnated into flesh just long enough to develop the possibilities of eternal existence. They enter a home for a particular child ministry, their work is to be wrought in that particular household, and when their work is done on earth, God takes them and transplants them to the gardens of Paradise. When your work is done on earth, at any period of your life, young or old, God will take you hence; but never let the devil kill you with diseases. And if God should see fit to let your babes quietly pass away in a beautiful, sweet, sleeping death,—if dissolution should take place for you tonight, how beautiful it would be; but do not let the devil kill you before your time.

Let us see how clear predestination and foreordination are.

In the 1st chapter of Ephesians it says: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." Where? In heavenly places. If you want to get into heavenly places, get up out of the kingdoms of this earth, into the kingdom of heaven; be translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son.

"According as he hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world." I wish every Bible student would take his Bible and hunt up every verse that refers to being "in Him," and he will be astounded at the necessity not only of justification but of sanctification which ingrafts us in the Vine, and the necessity of being in Him. That is a deep experience, my brother, my sister, that many of you have never reached.

Oh, that we might know just what it means to be in Him! When you study your Bible you will find that to be in Him means to be sanctified in the body of Christ, to lay everything on the altar (and the altar is not Christ), but the altar has sanctified our gift, and He has sanctified and put Himself on the altar, the altar of God. We do not lay ourselves on the altar, but He, being on the altar, we

simply take our place in the body of Christ, take our place as a rib, as a toe, as a finger; the whole body, fitly joined and compact, works in perfect harmony and beauty, and is altogether lovely, from the head, which is Christ, down to the feet.

In the building of the great structure that God is building, there must of necessity be some refuse material that He cannot use; there is chaff and stuff in the world that never can and never will obtain any privilege of life; yet it will be comparatively small compared with what orthodoxy has been teaching us.

In Him shall all be made alive. We were in Him before the foundation of the world, "that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love; having foreordained us unto the adoption of children." We were foreordained before the foundation of the world unto the adoption, as sons, through our Lord Jesus Christ. There never is, in Scripture, any real sonship, though we are heirs of it, until redemption takes place. You are conceived in conversion, born in sanctification, and are in childhood until redemption takes place, then you reach your majority and obtain your inheritance in the land of Canaan. Sanctification was never intended to be our inheritance until we have driven all enemies out of the land. Canaan is a land of warfare, where we fight to conquer, not to lose, till every foot of ground is ours; and then the division takes place in redemption.

God foreordained and predestined before the foundation of the world, before the morning stars sang together or Adam ever dwelt in the garden of Eden. When in the mind of God, and when in the courts of glory, angelic creatures were weaving into the great garments of His salvation the plan of God, He foreordained and predestined that every soul throughout the ages should come to the grace of being IN HIM, living IN HIM, moving IN HIM, running IN HIM,—the life hid with Christ in God; and having obtained these gifts and graces, with the reward to be obtained in the end, the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. These gifts and graces are but given us to lend speed in the race that is set before us, so that at the close we may have that sweet consciousness that we have run the race, we have kept the faith, and henceforth there is laid up for us a crown of righteousness.

That is what God foreordained and predestined, and it runs throughout the Scripture, that everyone that should reach that grace of being "in Him" should in the fullness of time be gathered together in one. He says, "That in the dispensation of the fullness of time He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both in heaven and earth, even in Him; in whom we also have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will; that we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory. Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers, that the knowledge of Him might be unfolded to us, that we might know the mighty work He wrought in Christ when He raised him from the dead." Throughout the past ages and at the present time we are

being made ready and beautified by the sanctification of spirit, soul and body, being baptized by the Holy Ghost of Pentecost, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, He having foreordained us to that sonship, to that inheritance, to that redemption, to that adoption, to-wit, the redemption of our body; and every such one as lives in Him or has lived in Him to the fullness of their privileges seven years before Jesus comes, will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and be clothed upon with our house, which if from heaven.

Election in Jesus

This clears away the mist of foreordination and predestination, high calling and election, and the prize of the high calling. What is the election? Just to say I am elected? Oh, no; when a fellow is going to be elected he has to campaign, he has to run for the election; and after the election he must qualify before he can take his office. So when you get the grace of sanctification that puts you in Him, you will have to qualify, and that qualification means sanctification of this body, and Pentecost for your soul.

When you obtain a real conversion and reach a life of salvation, you must live a justified life on the converted plan, and when you get sanctified and live a life of holiness resultant from this experience, you must be justified before God in your sanctified experience and the life of holiness. Sanctification puts you in Canaan, but when you obtain the Pentecostal blessing, that puts you in the heavenlies. You have gotten your election in Jesus, and your life must be beautiful, sweet, mellow and justified on the Pentecostal plane or you will lose it.

In The Presence Of Our King.

The Holy Ghost is like a dove, so easily wounded that He retires quickly when the least that is rough or uncouth or unnatural or unbecoming is done.

In the beautiful home God gave us (one of the most beautiful mansions in America), where Pentecost fell, the drawing room was finished in hand-carved wood from the cedars of Lebanon, and the marvelous stairway that led up to the upper rooms was of hand-carved white bird's-eye maple, and each room was of different colored wood. It was in the drawing room, under the carved edges of the cedars of Lebanon, that Pentecost fell; and we walked the corridors of that beautiful mansion and moved through its rooms with a feeling of such reverence and sacredness, because the Holy Ghost, the prime minister of heaven, the representative of God and His Son, was our guest; and we put on our best raiment, and our best manners and finest dignity and trod as kings and queens, princes and princesses in the courts of our God, that nothing foolish or unbecoming should occur to mar the visit or to shock the refined sensibilities of the heavenly Visitor in our midst.

Oh, men and women, those were days of hallowed glory. May God give us that in our lives which will cause us to tread as in the courts of a king, because we are going to be the guests of Royalty some day and we need to be trained, that we act with becoming dignity and modesty "in the presence of our King."

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When forgiving isn't easy

IT ISN'T EASY TO FORGIVE when the other person doesn't care—when he isn't sorry for what he has done. Yet if we're to be thoroughgoing followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, forgiving is a part of our assignment.

Aunt Emmy was a shining example of this. This dear Christian was cheated out of her inheritance by a scheming old reprobate named Corby, but she didn't return evil for evil. Instead she began a crusade most people thought was "just plain silly."

Aunt Emmy, whose heart was full of Christian love, prayed for Corby, smiled and spoke to him if they met; took cookies and jam to his home when the children were sick; read Bible stories to the youngsters.

For months nothing happened. Then, after two years, Corby melted. One morning he went to see Aunt Emmy, and she led him to the Lord. She could forgive even if the one who wronged her wasn't sorry, for her heart was full of the same love that caused the dying Saviour to forgive those responsible for His crucifixion.

—GRACE V. WATKINS