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“Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” --Jude 3.

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Jesus Reigns.

The Power of This Wonderful Gospel.

Great rejoicing was in the old Mission at Front and Burnside, as the ban was lifted and the old-time revival meetings opened again. The Mission closed for six weeks on account of the epidemic, the first time in twelve years that its doors were closed, except during the camp meetings.

The power and presence of God was mightily upon the meetings. It never could be told. Sinners flocked to the altar, souls were saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and the sick healed.

It certainly was a time of rejoicing, not only for the opening of the Mission, for God’s people to come to the house of the Lord and worship, but because peace had come to this old earth once more. No one was so happy as the children of God. Our hearts swell with gratitude to God for the closing of the war, the stopping of the awful bloodshed, the answered prayer and the hope of a widespread revival of salvation that may follow.

Thank God for the present victory; but it will take the coming of Jesus Christ as King to bring that “Peace on earth,” the abiding peace that our hearts are looking and longing for, as the children of God. We watch for His coming with hearts bounding with praises and love of God; but it will be a day of gloom and darkness to those that are not ready to meet him.

It seemed as if a flood of sunshine from Heaven broke over the earth on Armistice day, November 11th; and as if Jesus smiled down on this dark earth, and the cloud broke away. We can thank God that at last the bloodshed has been stopped and liberty has come to millions that were enslaved. One of the Portland papers printed a beautiful picture of Jesus, over a wrecked city, His train of light sweeping the earth and a halo about His head, proclaiming, “Peace on earth, good will to men.” Many thanked God that day with tears. It was true joy. Mothers shook hands with each other. Many, and even the newspapers, recognized God’s hand in bringing to an end this terrible loss of life, and bloodshed.

“Our Father’s God, to Thee,
 Author of liberty, to Thee we sing;
 Long may our land be bright with freedom’s holy light.
 Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.”

We can sing the national hymns of our beloved country with all our hearts, the country that has given us liberty to worship God and spread the Gospel. God has ever blest this nation, though they have forgotten Him; but when they call upon Him, He answers. Our enemies said in their heart, “There is no God but a god of violence and cruelty.” But our God still lives, and He delivers when men call upon Him. He answers the cry of His people. Millions of prayers have been ascending to Heaven, and God has vindicated His power. America sent her armies across the waters in the cause of justice and liberty, and great victory has been given.

But the Millennium has not come as yet by any means. Wars have not ceased, and they will not till the Millennium dawns; but we are looking forward with new faith and courage for the coming of our King, and to be caught away with Him in the air, for surely “Our redemption draweth nigh.” Luke 21:28.

Our Soldier Boys. One of our soldier boys who left Portland, now in France, writes that some other Portland boys that sailed on the same vessel with him carried Apostolic Faith papers, received from the Gospel Auto street meetings in Portland; and they were reading until they were nearly worn out. He has the privilege of living the Christian life among them. He writes:

“There seems to be so little that I can do here, except stand true and get my testimony in when the way is opened. Yesterday I was lying on my bunk when I heard two fellows arguing against the Word of God. I jumped up and joined them. It was only a moment or two till quite a few had gathered, and I began to give them my testimony of what God had done for me at old Front and Burnside, five years ago this month. Then I got out the tracts and let some of them read them, and also some papers that I have left, many of them are badly worn. One young man that stands with me like a rock, though he makes no profession of salvation, said, ‘Well, Blackie, if we get separated over there, you will see me down at the old Mission hall, when we get back home.’ He is a fireman on the railroad, and says when he gets it, he wants the real thing.”

Another of our Mission boys over in France whose testimony we printed in our last paper (“A Soldier Boy, Once a Drunkard”) is a young messenger of the Gospel as well as soldier in the U. S. A. While on the way across the country, he sent in a lot of addresses, written on scraps of paper, of people who wanted prayer, and the paper sent to them, those that he had met on the train. God uses these soldier boys to witness for Him. He writes:

“I had a wonderful meeting at the Y. M. C. A. the other night, and the boys sat and listened to the Gospel for almost an hour. I love them and love to tell the Story of Jesus and His Love.”

Some of our boys who are in training camps, get an opportunity to go out on Sundays to the nearest city Missions, and give their testimony on the street and in the hall. Another of our Mission boys, a soldier, who is also a soldier of the cross, writes from the training camp in Hoboken, N. J.:

“God keeps me from day to day, with peace in my heart. I preached Wednesday night, down on the Bowery, and God gave me such liberty to talk to the men, and many lifted their hands for prayer, so many young men among the hard cases. Some of them I talked to, and gave them the papers. They all promised that when they got to their room they would pray and read the paper. I believe that God is going to talk to them just like he did to me.”

This young man was once a homeless drunken sailor. He heard the testimonies on the street in Portland, received a paper, took it to his room and read it all night, and God talked to his heart. He came to the Mission and was saved. God is using this soldier boy to go out on the streets all alone in the slums of New York City and tell the story, that they might hear this Gospel and be saved.

Many of these messengers of the Gospel were once drunkards, heard the Story from the Gospel Automobiles that go out every night from this Mission hall. People come from every walk in life: wealthy people, yet bound: the man without a friend on earth, bound in sin; people in the middle walks of life, that had no power over sin in their lives. We have seen the great God of Heaven stretch forth His mighty arm, and break the chains and set them free, and give them victory over every manner and kind of sin.

Behind the Bars. God gave us a wonderful meeting at the Salem Penitentiary recently. The 22-piece Mission Orchestra accompanied the singing. The prisoners listened with great interest, as the different testimonies were give by men and women that had been wonderfully saved from lives of sin and shame. Letters have come from the prisoners, begging us to come back; 150 of them signed a request, asking the workers to come back and hold another service, telling of the good that was done. We have heard since then that a number of the prisoners have died through the epidemic, and one of the first to go was a man that was saved, and had given his heart to God and lived the life behind the walls.

On Thanksgiving day the orchestra, singers and workers, held a special meeting at the County Jail for one hour, which was greatly appreciated by the men. Many hands were lifted for prayer at the close of the meeting. Bands of workers go to the jails and hold meetings every week.

At the Street Meetings. God is wonderfully working at the street meetings. The testimonies are wonderful. Conviction rests on the people. At one street meeting a business man was passing, and he heard someone scoffing. Immediately he defended the Gospel in his heart. He said right there he saw a vision of Jesus, and God spoke to him. He went directly home, got down on his knees in the bath room where it was dark, and prayed. He says he would not take anything in the world for what God did for him. The Gospel is surely being spread through the street meetings.

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JESUS REIGNS.

The Power of This Wonderful Gospel.

The presence and power of God are manifest to heal the sick at old Front and Burnside. A woman was carried into the Mission on a Sunday morning, that had not walked for years without

crutch and cane. She was wonderfully healed as she sat in the meeting. Next day she was on the street, walking and praising God for what He had done for her.

“Jesus healed my body instantly when I had the inflammatory rheumatism. I said, ‘Jesus, I know you can heal me, and you do heal me, and I am going to get up.’ I got up and dressed myself. Jesus has been my Physician for many years.”

“Jesus Christ healed me when I had suffered seven long years with gallstone trouble. I longed for death to get out of my misery, but Jesus healed me strong and well, God alone did the work.”

“My baby was paralyzed at birth. The motor nerves were paralyzed and his hands hung limp. There was no possible chance for him to live. The God of Heaven healed him, when the elders anointed and prayed for him.”

“I had my skull fractured, was hurt in the ship yards, the blood was running out of my mouth and nose, and God healed me. I heard the voice of God speak to me one night, that these people were praying for me. I felt myself sinking, and the voice of God said, ‘You are going to get well,’ and God raised me up.”

“I was hurt internally and my shoulder broken in an automobile accident. I was pinned down under the machine, the weight resting on my head and chest, my face was in the dust. They took the machine off from me and I did not know anything till I was taken home. My eyes were bulging out and red. They said if I did not have something done, they would always be that way, but I told them God was my Physician, I had trusted Him all these years and He never failed me. God healed my eyes and healed my broken shoulder.”

Wonderful healings are being testified to. A number of our people were at death’s door with influenza, and God raised them up. During the epidemic, people all over the city, not only our own people but many others, were calling up the Mission people, asking prayer. The workers were going night and day, praying for the sick. Calls came from many others by wire and by letter from a distance, and there were many remarkable healings, some raised up almost from death. Hundreds of letters coming into the office bring many wonderful answers to prayer.

A little boy was dying, that lived some distance from Portland. He had been accidentally shot, the bullet passing clear through his chest and lung. The doctor said he could not live. His lungs were almost filled with blood, his breath grew shorter. His lips and finger nails and turned blue. A message was sent at once to the Mission at Portland, and prayer was offered for him and God healed the child. The doctor could not understand it and said it was God. The little boy was saved after he was hurt. He prayed and told his mother, “Jesus is right here.”

Others are receiving sanctification and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. While the seekers were receiving the baptism at the altar, the Spirit was heard to speak in the Chinese language, of the coming of the King, with words of rejoicing. So many spoke of the soon coming of Jesus, in the Chinese language, during the revival meetings this summer.

A woman had asthma and appendicitis. She got so bad that she had to be propped up with five pillows, was not able to lie down at all. She was so bad that her folks thought she was going to die. She told them if they would get her up out of bed, and take her to the meeting, that she

knew God would heal her. They got her out of bed and took her in an automobile. She was prayed over and was healed, went down town and ate a hearty meal, which she had not been able to do, and went home, took the pillows off her bed and slept all night long.

She got up the next day and told them that she was going shopping. Her friends that knew her condition thought it was an awful thing for her to take her life in her hands that way, but she went, was gone all day, and prepared to go to the loganberry fields in a few days. She worked there for three weeks, not losing one day. She is in better health than she ever was in her life.

A man with white hair was wonderfully saved. He had grown old in sin, had been one of the worst men in the eastern states; and he had robbed, not hundreds, but thousands of men. He had used tobacco all his life and been one of the most profane men. God took the tobacco habit away and the swearing, just by sitting in the meetings. He came to the altar later and got real Bible salvation.

God is working in the Mission at San Francisco (680 Howard street). Souls are being saved. One night before the altar call was given, five people got up out of their seats and came forward. One, a business man, just came crying to the altar. He stayed for the Ordinance Meeting, and when he went to wash feet, he took off a rubber stocking that he had worn, and threw it to one side of the hall, and said, "I am going to take the whole thing." He is standing true to God and telling the Story.

A broken-hearted man, a drunkard, hungry for God, came to the Mission in San Francisco and God wonderfully saved him. He went to Eureka and writes, "God in His wonderful mercy is keeping me from my sinful ways. This salvation means so much to me, keeps me out of saloons and all other places of sin. I thank God He has given me power over the devil. God wonderfully saved me when I came to the altar, a broken-hearted man, and He keeps me by His power."

God is giving us wonderful meetings, and many sinners are finding salvation at the old tear-stained altar. We realize the time is short. It seems as if every night would be the last we will have the chance to throw out the life line to a soul that is bound for eternity. The time is drawing fast to a close, and some of these nights the old Mission hall, with its beacon light flashing overhead from the great electric sign, "Jesus the Light of the Word," and its joy and song, in the Mission below, will have no more attraction. The bride of Christ will be gone, the Spirit will be withdrawn from the earth, and there will be no one left to throw out the word of warning to lost humanity in the darkness of this old world.

A time of trial and "great tribulation" awaits this old earth; and before that awful tribulation, sorrow is going to fill the hearts of many, and God's people are not going to escape it altogether. It has already begun. But if we keep "the Word with patience," He also will keep us from "the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." Rev. 3:10.

If we keep faith in our hearts to God, and stand unflinchingly for the truth of His eternal Word, He will keep us from that hour of awful temptation. When your soul is in harmony with the Word of God and the teachings of the old Book, there is an underlying faith in your heart that will say, "Let come what will, my anchor holds—what God permits, let it come."

Surely the day is far spent and the night is at hand when no man can work. Let us forget our home comforts and spend more time on our knees in prayer, that we might have a part in the souls that are being saved. God wants us to look on the harvest fields that are white. We cannot all go to the whitened fields, but we can pray that God will send forth laborers.

Praise Him

Latest song Given to One of Our Workers

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*In the Great Eternal Morning,
When the trump of God shall sound,
And the ransomed of the Lord shall hear the call,
All the dead shall gather with Him,
As we answer to His call,
What a glorious, happy meeting this will be.*

*Refrain.
Praise Him, Praise Him, He's our coming King.
Praise Him, Praise Him, We'll forever sing.
Praise Him, Praise Him, while we're here below
Praise Him, Praise Him, Every step we go.*

*All the tempests will be over,
And the hardest battles won.
All the testing times and trials will be past.
For the last goodbyes are spoken,
And the Victor's Crown been won.
We shall welcome Him, the Glorious, Coming King.*

*Many thought we sure would falter
As we met with battles sore;
But they did not know Elijah's God, and ours;
For He leads His people onward,
With a firm and steady tread,
Trusting in His precious Blood and mighty power.*

*God's eternal morning waits
The weary pilgrim on his way,
Faithful to His word and promise He has given.
Thru the precious Blood a ransom,
He redeemed us from the fall.
We shall wait and watch and praise our coming King.*

“I SURELY WAS A SINNER ON MY WAY TO HELL.”

I surely was a hopeless case when I came to God, I surely was a sinner, knowing that I was lost and on my way to everlasting torment forevermore. How to get out of it I did not know, but I was under the impression I had sinned against the Holy Ghost, for I remembered the time when I cursed God to His face, and all on account of the awful life of sin. I thought there was no hope for me, for I was a backslider. I once knew the power of God unto salvation.

I went to the churches for years and they invited me to join them. I listened to the most eloquent sermons, but they never told me I needed to be saved. I could have joined the church a thousand times. They never asked me if I was saved, they asked me to join the church. You can imagine what kind of a church member I would have been.

I was a sinful man, I was a slave of the devil and my life was nothing but defeat. Many and many a time I tried to lay off this habit and that, and to quit those sins that had come into my life and were a part of my life. I had no peace in the world, no peace with myself. Many a time I have looked at myself and called myself all the names I could think of, and thought what a fool I was; but that did not help me, I was just the same slave to sin. But I want to tell you that since the God of Heaven has come into my heart, I have peace and contentment.

I am glad that the God of Heaven was merciful to me. He sought after me when my thoughts were not upon God, nor the things concerning the Kingdom of God. He found me under the most peculiar circumstances that a man could be found by God, in our own home, through the sickness that had come into my family.

I had two little children; the youngest lay at the point of death with scarlet fever. And my wife told me about these people. She said, “They pray for the sick and the sick get well.” But I did not believe in anybody’s prayer, had no use for prayers at all. I tried to hinder her from having them come and pray. But on account of her begging and teasing, finally I consented, that I might put a part of the responsibility on her shoulders.

My little child was nothing but scarlet scab and sore from the crown of the head to the sole of the feet. They prayed over her, according to the fifth chapter of James that says, if any are sick, let them call for the elders of the church, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise them up. And at 6:30 that night, that child was as clean as she was the day she was born. The fever that was so intense had entirely disappeared, and the child was in a healthy and normal condition.

I came home from my work that night, never intended to come into my house. I had made other arrangements to go and stay with my folks, because I did not want to be quarantined. I called to my wife and asked how the child was. She said for me to come in, that the child was all right. She was sitting upon the floor. My wife took that little child on her lap and took its clothes off and told me to look at the handiwork of God.

It was in that hour that my heart was broken, when I looked upon that child I did not know what to say or where to look. My wife said it was wonderful that God had come into our home and

healed our child. Finally I said, “Probably the child would have got well anyway.” But the thing that weighed upon my mind was, that I was at enmity with God; and it was in that hour that I needed help, that God was my Friend.

I tried to get away from God. I tried to throw off the influence that was bearing upon my mind; but God spoke to me through the wheels of the street cars and through the machinery where I worked. Out of that noise would come the voice of God.—“It was God that healed your child.” I want to tell you that though that act of God and through the faithfulness and mercy of God, I, a poor, lost, miserable sinner, conscious of the eternal torment even in my soul and life, went down on my knees at the mercy seat of God.

I asked God to save me from the sins that were in my life, a poor, miserable, polluted wretch, called upon Him to have mercy and manifest it unto a sinner like me. And God for Christ’s sake, in the twinkling of an eye, forgave all my sins, and I became conscious that God had written my name in the Lamb’s Book of Life, and I was a sinner saved by the grace of God.

I can testify tonight that God for Christ’s sake, saves me now, and satisfies every longing and every desire of my heart. He delivered me from the chains and shackles that I had in my life. He removed every sin as far as the east is from the west, glory to God, to remember them no more against me forever. And for nearly nine solid years, God has kept me by the power of His Spirit, and helped me to cling to Him, and has preserved me unto the present moment.

I HAD TO GO TO STORES AND CONFESS WHAT I HAD STOLEN.”

I was a broken hearted woman when Jesus found me. I was an awful sinner. I had sin in my life that would put me behind the prison bars. Although proud and haughty, had such an awful temper. Got mad at my husband once and picked up a chair and broke it all to pieces. God took that temper out.

I was brought up in a Christian home. I cannot remember the time my mother did not pray for me. I could not get away from my mother’s prayers. I came out West and tried the picture shows, the lodge rooms, the theaters. I would come home and cry myself to sleep and wonder what was the matter with me. I ran a rooming house and rented rooms to the wrong kind of people, and charged them double price. I tell you I needed a Savior when I came among these people, my heart all covered up with sin. Nobody dreamed what an awful sinner I was.

I heard these people on the street corner one Saturday night, and Jesus Christ convicted my soul. I went home and told my brother I would rather have what these people had than anything else in the world. And ten days after that, I came to this hall and went to the altar. I got down on my knees and cried out to God for mercy. I didn’t care who heard me pray. And God saved my soul that night. He took the burden of sin away. He took the love of the world out of my heart. He took out the heartaches and gave me joy and peace and happiness.

God sent me back over my crooked path. He gave me power to straighten up my crooked life. I had to go to three departments stores and confess what I had stolen. I had a rooming house and set fire to it to get the insurance. I kept that crime covered up for eight years. Nobody knew it but God and myself, and I had to confess that thing out. I thought I could not do it for a while, but God gave me the grace.

He took out the old theatres, the feathers, the flowers, the jewelry. He gave me good common sense. I can pass the theatres these days and look up and praise God. I thought I never could give up the theatres. I used to hate the fallen woman; but when God saved me, He put it in my heart to go on the streets and behind the bars and everywhere and tell them about this salvation. I thank God for the victory in my soul. I thank God I have got power to live above sin. This Gospel means everything to me.

“THE PLEASURE RESORTS WERE MY HAUNTS CONTINUALLY.”

I thank God I ever came to this hall, the most unlikely person to get salvation, seemingly; but I praise God, He was merciful to me. He called me that night and I responded to the call; and for that reason I am here redeemed from sin. I sought the good times of the world. The pleasure resorts were my haunts continually. I did not seek to know Jesus.

I never thought of turning to God till I was about to pass out of this world. I thought the last thing I would do in this life was to pray, “God, be merciful to me a sinner.” But God had mercy and called me to repentance. I sought Jesus Christ that night with all my heart and soul, and He had mercy.

I had heard the story of Jesus Christ, but I did not want to yield. My heart was stubborn against God and receiving Jesus Christ; because I thought if I gave my heart to God, I would lose every good time in the world, everything that sin holds out to lure a soul from God Almighty. I thought I would have to put on a sanctimonious face, and deprive myself of all the pleasures the human heart is heir to in this world. But I found God had a surprise in store for me; and not for me only but for every sinner that turns to Jesus Christ. He proved that God’s grace will bring what the heart so long craved and sought in the pleasures of sin.

I found reality. Sin went out, the old powers of the devil that had me blindfolded for years. Jesus took my sins away, and I became a new creature. Old things passed away, and all thing became new. The very things I thought would be a drudgery and a drag became the joy of my soul. The very ambition of my life was to please God, after Jesus came in. before that time, it was the last thing I thought of.

He destroyed the abnormal habits, all the old sins, the cigarette, and card table and theatre. He brought me out of that kind of hilarity and shame, and put me where I could serve Jesus Christ with a heart that was honest before God.

Praise God for this salvation. He saves in a moment of time, the very moment we forsake our sins and turn to God with all our heart. This is the salvation the whole world needs. It is what God launched on the world 2,000 years ago, and the arm of God is outstretched still in this 20th century of ours. God has the same old-time way of simple salvation, the way of the cross, to put into the heart of every sinner. Then he will realize that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

Old-Time Salvation and Actual Witnesses.

God has raised up witnesses of the power of the Blood of Jesus Christ. The drunkard, the fallen, the hopeless are heard to testify in these meetings. A revival has been going on for twelve years continually.

“Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord.”

“**A woman of the night**, in the red light district for years, but the Blood of Jesus Christ came down, and sins red like crimson were all washed away in a moment of time, they were white as the driven snow.”

“**Nothing but a helpless drug fiend**, staggering down the streets of Portland with the intention of committing suicide, but there was power in the Blood of Jesus Christ to redeem me. After the drug stores closed, I would take a knife and cut the veins in my body and drop on the streets like dead. Then they would come and take me to the hospital. I did that to get the dope. But Jesus Christ made me what I am tonight.”

“**I was a motorman** in the city of Portland, and had to give up my position because I lost the use of my arm. Physicians told me that perhaps the nerves of the arm were dead. I read in one of these papers that I received at a street meeting, the testimonies of men and woman that had been healed by the power of God. I did not know my Christ as my personal Savior, neither did I know Him as my healer. I went down on my knees in my home and cried to God Almighty. He touched my arm, I raised it up and showed my wife what God had done for me.”

“I LAY VERY NEAR DEATH’S DOOR.” I thank God He ever heard me pray. I was ambitious, full of life, but I was one of the most dissatisfied boys you ever saw. But I heard this wonderful salvation when I came to the Mission hall at Front and Burnside five years ago. I heard a wonderful song sung:

“There’s a holy and beautiful city
Whose builder and maker is God”

God used that song to sing through my ears almost night and day, till I fell under such awful conviction. I made my way to the altar and asked God to have mercy on me. And Jesus Christ saved my soul. I confessed my sins and told God I would give Him my life.

The next day when I awoke, it seemed like the hills around, the trees seemed to praise God, and clap their hands. The glory of God had come in my life. I am so thankful that He saved my soul. He took out the love of this old world. He changed my life. I was a sinner on my road to hell. I prided myself on my morality, but God Almighty showed me where I stood. I had temper and murder and jealousy and everything else in my heart.

I have so much to thank God for. The time was this spring when I lay very near death's door with tuberculosis. I took down with an awful case of pneumonia. Later on the doctor examined me and said it had turned into tuberculosis, and my lungs were almost gone. I was a hopeless case as far as this world went, but I thank God these people prayed and God Almighty healed my body and raised me up. He gave me a wonderful scripture. "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth." I thank God He has proven true and real to me.

‘I Lived the Life of a Fallen Woman.’ I had lived in the vilest sin all my life and scorned all religious teachings. For many years I lived the life of a fallen woman; then became a slave to drink, until it seemed my life depended on whiskey. I bought it by the gallon. I drank so much once that I had an attack of heart failure. My hands and my face turned black and I thought it was my time to die.

God spared my life, but oh, when death stares you in the face, and you know you are not prepared, it sets you thinking of your misspent life. And then and there, I promised God I would lead a better life if He would but give me a chance. I tried to live better. I left Chicago and went from city to city, but sin followed me. I wanted to die and had the wherewith to end my life, but God stayed my hand. And on the following eve, when I was drinking the very dregs of despair, a Gospel hymn burst on the air.

Oh, how sweet it sounded to me. I heard a little woman give her testimony (so much like my own). God had forgiven her sin, and she could get up in a public place to shout and praise His name. I thought if Jesus would do that for her, why not me? And I cried out, "O God, this is what I need."

And when I bent my knees in Godly sorrow, and asked God through Jesus to have mercy on me a sinner, he did not fail me in that hour of need, but gladly took me in, and I was born again through the blessed Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior; and in a short time, sanctified from all inbred sin. I have the victory. I am a new creature, and happy on my way, all praises to His name—St. Louis, Mo.

“I Had Suffered With Delirium Tremens.”

I praise God for the saving power of Jesus Christ. Three years ago, I was a broken hearted man, tired and sick of life, never could find a thing that satisfied me. My body was wrecked, my home wrecked. I left my little three year old child and started to drink worse than ever, though I had been a drunkard all my life, could not remember when I first got drunk. I knew if there was a hell I would land there.

At the age of seventeen I was a bar tender. I got to be a periodical of the worst kind. I said many a time that whiskey would never get the best of me, but I saw the time I was a hopeless helpless drunkard. Whiskey drove me to the place where I was scared of my own shadow; I saw the day

that I crawled on my hands and knees. It was the whiskey that had me bound. I thank God he saved me when I reached the very bottom, when the devil had robbed me of everything in this world.

God brought me face to face with these people when I had been on a ten days drunk. God showed me they had salvation. I saw the Heavenly glow on their face. I was on the verge of delirium tremens, just as shaky as I could be, facing a drunkard's grave. They told me God could redeem the drunkard. I knelt a penitent sinner. They laid their hands on me and cast that drunken devil out of me I had for nearly 40 years, and God put that peace and joy down in my heart, the thing I was looking for all my life.

I stand a living witness to the power in the Blood of Jesus Christ. For three years I have not wanted a drink of whiskey or tobacco or snuff that had me bound for over 30 years. Thank God for victory. He gave me power to go back and make my past straight. I went back and paid bills of twenty years' standing and outlawed; grocery bills, doctor bills, saloon bills. If this Gospel was not real, do you think I would do that? I can recommend this wonderful salvation.

“I Got a Glimpse of the Bleeding Savior.” When God found me, I was a debauched sinner, a young man steeped in sin and crime, had not one good thing in my life, not one that would recommend me to God's mercy. My life was wrecked. I was miserable. I used to lay upon my bed at night, remorse would eat at my heart like a canker. My conscience would prick me. I was wondering how my life would wind up.

I was suffering with heart trouble. At times I would sit up all night. I was haunted and tormented by that awful thought that I had gone too far, that I had gone beyond redemption and there was no hope for me. I am glad one night I walked into a Mission hall. There I heard that Jesus Christ could save.

I was in need of salvation, a power greater than my own. I had tried so hard, so long to quit my sinful ways. I wanted to do it, but I could not. In spite of myself I would do the thing that was wrong. I could not think a clean thought, nothing good about me.

I got down on my knees, a poor miserable, vile degraded boy, depraved and unclean to my heart's core. But there on my bended knees, I got a glimpse of the bleeding Savior on the cross. I realized He was wounded for my transgressions, bruised for my iniquities, and there He died for me. His Blood was there to set me free. My heart broke. My tears began to course down my face, and right there I told God I would serve Him the rest of my days.

God saved me. He wrought a marvelous change in my life. Those old habits dropped off. Every chain was broken, and Christ liberated my sin-bound soul. Today I have got the victory. The sunlight of Heaven is flooding my soul all the time. The love of Jesus Christ is in my heart. For seven years I have been living for Him, testifying that it abundantly pays to serve Jesus. I have the consciousness deep down in my soul that my heart is right with God, my name is recorded in Heaven. I would not exchange it for the wealth of the whole round world.

“The Heavens Were as Brass.” If there is anybody that praises God in this whole city, it is me. When I came to this city, I had given up all hopes, thought I was lost for years. The devil told

me I had crossed the dead line long ago. I came to God and he save me and healed my body when I had more than a half a dozen diseases.

I tried different doctors, a nerve specialist, sanitariums, hospitals. I tried religions and delusions. I knew if I got help it must be supernatural power. I knew I was bound by the devil and helpless. I was on the road to insanity. At last in a sanitarium in Walla Walla I got hold of some of these papers and a hope sprung up in my heart that these people with such wonderful testimonies, if they could rebuke devils there might be a chance. It was my last chance. I could not find salvation. You could not make me believe because the heavens were brass.

I came to the Camp Meeting. When I got there I was as dry as a stone, but God melted my heart the first day I came on the grounds. I did not want to be seen with the tears running down my cheeks, and I tried to go and hide myself while the people were working on the camp ground. And I cried to God out of sight and told God to have His way and He saved me and healed me. I poured out my last medicine when I came on the grounds. I had two or three different kinds. I don't need any medicine anymore.

He sanctified me in my little room and the Spirit answered. The world looks different. Oh, I love God and I love the Word and I love the people. He has people today. They preached the Word of God. I have been in great meetings but I never saw anything like this. From the very time I came on the camp grounds while they were working on the grounds, the very look of the faces, the holy influence, I never saw anything like that.

Now I can work and support my family and pay up my bills. For almost two years I could not work. He keeps me while the world is cursing and swearing I have rest and peace. I am glad I am not in a backslider's hell or in the insane asylum for I was on the way. I know God can save to the uttermost, and there is no case too hard for Him.

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We preach Christ, His birth, His Baptism, His works, His teachings, His crucifixion, His resurrection, His ascension, His second coming, His millennial reign, His white throne judgment, and the new heavens and new earth when He shall have put all enemies under His feet, and shall reign eternally, and we shall abide with Him forever and ever.

REPENTANCE TOWARD GOD—Acts 20:21. Repentance is Godly sorrow for sin. II Cor. 7:10. Mark 1:15.

RESTITUTION—The Blood of Jesus will never blot out any sin that we can make right. We must have a conscience void of offence toward God and man. Restitution includes restoring where you have defrauded or stolen, paying back debts and confession. Luke 19:8, 9. Exe. 33:15.

JUSTIFICATION is that act of God's free grace by which we receive remission of sins. Acts 10:43. Rom. 5:1. Rom. 3:26. Acts 13:38, 39. John 1:12. John 3:3.

SANCTIFICATION is that act of God's grace by which He makes us holy. It is a second, definite work wrought by the Blood of Jesus through faith. John 17:15, 17. I Thess. 4:3. Heb 13:12. Heb. 2:11. Heb 12:14. I John 1:7.

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST is the gift of power upon the sanctified life. Luke 24:49. Matt 3:11. John 7:38, 39. John 14:16, 17, 26. Acts 1:5, 8.

And when we receive it, we have the same sign or Bible evidence as the disciples had on the Day of Pentecost, speaking with tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. Mark 16:17. I Cor. 14: 21, 22. Examples—Acts 2:4. Acts 10:45. Acts 19:6

HEALING OF THE BODY—Sickness and disease are destroyed through the precious atonement of Jesus. Isa. 53:4, 5. Matt, 8:17. Mark 16:18. Jas. 5:14-16. All sickness is the work of the devil, which Jesus came to destroy. I John 3:8. Luke 13:16. Acts 10:38. Jesus cast out devils and commissioned His disciples to do the same. Mark 16:17. Luke 10:19. Mark 9:25, 26.

THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS.—The return of Jesus is just as literal as His going away. Acts 1:9-11 John 14:3. There will be two appearances under one coming; first, to catch away His waiting bride (Matt. 24:40-44 and I Thess. 4:16, 17), second to execute judgment upon the ungodly. II Thess. 1:7-10. Jude 14 and 15. Zech. 14:3, 4.

ORDINANCES. 1st. WATER BAPTISM BY IMMERSION, (SINGLE)—Jesus went down into the water and came up out of the water, giving us an example that we should follow. Matt. 3:16. Acts 8:38, 39. Matt 28:19. Rom. 6:4, 5. Col. 2:12.

2nd. THE LORD'S SUPPER—Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper that we might "show His death till He comes." I Cor. 11:23-26. Luke 22:17-20. Matt.26:26-29. It brings healing to our bodies if we discern the Lord's body. I Cor. 11:29, 30.

3rd. WASHING THE DISCIPLES' FEET—Jesus said: "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye ought also to wash one another's feet, for I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done unto you." John 13:14, 15.

THE TRIBULATION—Jesus prophesied a great tribulation such as was not from the beginning of the world. Matt. 24:21, 22, 29. Rev. 9. Rev. 16. Isa. 26:20, 21. Mal. 4:1.

CHRIST'S MILLENNIAL REIGN is the 1000 years of the literal reign of Jesus on this earth. It will be ushered in by the coming of Jesus back to earth with ten thousands of His saints. Jude 14, 15. II Thess. 1:7-10. During this time the devil will be bound. Rev. 20:2, 3. It will be a reign of peace and blessing. Isa. 11:6-9. Isa. 65:25. Hos. 2:18. Zech. 14:9, 20. Isa. 2:2-4.

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT—Rev. 20:11-14. God will judge the quick and dead according to their works. Rev. 20:11-14. Dan. 12:2. Acts 10:42.

NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH—The Word teaches that this earth, which has been polluted by sin, shall pass away after the White Throne Judgment, and God will make a new heaven and new earth in which righteousness shall dwell. Matt. 24:35. II Pet. 3:12, 13. Rev. 21:1-3. Isa. 65:17. Isa 66:22.

ETERNAL HEAVEN AND ETERNAL HELL—The Bible teaches that hell is as eternal as heaven. Matt. 25:41, 46. The wicked shall be cast into a burning hell, a lake of fire burning with brimstone forever and ever. Rev. 14:10, 11. Luke 16:24. Mark 9:43, 44.

NO DIVORCE—The Word teaches that marriage is binding for life. Under the New Testament law, the law of Christ, there is but one cause for separation, fornication, and no right to marry again while the first companion lives. Matt. 5:31, 32. Matt. 19:9. Mark 10:11, 12. Luke 16:18. Rom. 7:2, 3.

BIBLE DOCTRINES.

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How Does God Draw the Sinner?

Through conviction, by the Spirit of God. God has engraven his law of right and wrong upon every man's conscience, and placed within the soul a knowledge that he is accountable to God for his actions. Conscience is something supernatural within the soul; and through the conscience, God speaks, reproving and convicting of sin, and warning of judgment to come. We are free moral agents and have the right to choose right or wrong, and we are condemned by our conscience for every wrong act. At times God, through the preaching of His Word, or the life or testimony of His servants, lets the spirit of conviction rest heavily on the sinner's heart, revealing his lost condition. It is the goodness and mercy of God that causes Him to draw the sinner. "The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance." Rom. 2:4. "Not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Peter 3:9. The Spirit strives with every soul. "So that they are without excuse." Rom. 1:17-20.

Does God Finally Withdraw the Spirit of Conviction?

Yes, after faithfully striving, sometimes for many years, God finally withdraws His Spirit, it may be forever. God declared in the beginning, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." Gen. 6:3. The heart becomes gradually hardened, as men resist the dealings of the Spirit of God. Stephen said to the Jews that rejected Christ, "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost." Acts 7:51. Men have been resisting the Spirit all down the ages, and going into a lost eternity. The soul that once trembled under conviction, at last becomes so hardened by continued resistance of the Spirit, that there is no more repentance for them. "Speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron." I Tim. 4:2. God warns against this awful condition: "Today, if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Heb. 4:7.

Are Some Deceived, Thinking They Have Sinned Against The Holy Ghost?

Yes, some believe they have sinned away their day of grace, at the same time their hearts are breaking for reality. They say, "I have gone too far; I have stepped over the line, and I do not believe God will save me." People are being saved in these missions who believed when they came, that they had committed the sin against the Holy Ghost. A man said, not long since, with tears streaming down his face, and shaking and trembling under the Spirit of God, "I believe I have sinned against the Holy Ghost." We said, "Do you know, the Spirit is striving with you to get right with God? If you had sinned against the Holy Ghost, you would have grieved away that very Spirit that is striving to bring you to Jesus, and you would have no desire whatever to turn to God." Jesus said, "No man can come to Me, except the Father which hath sent Me draw him." He sends the Spirit to draw every sinner that has a spark of honesty in his soul. You may rest assured, if you have the least desire to get right with God, you have not committed the unpardonable sin. The Holy Ghost is God's agent in this world, to bring men to Jesus Christ. He ceases to strive with that soul that has sinned away the day of grace.

Is It Possible to Be a Christian and Still Be Committing Sin?

No, the Christian is an overcomer, one who is saved from sin. "Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world." I John 5:4, 5. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God." I John 3:9. "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." Matt. 1:21. The child of God absolutely does not sin at all, he lives without sin. It is the testimony of every true child of God, and every Bible Christian. He goes out against the devil and temptation, a warrior of Heaven, equipped with the armor of God, with power against every fiery dart of the enemy, to overcome him and win the victory." II Cor. 5:17. Rev. 12:11.

How Are We Able to Live Without Sin?

By becoming a child of God. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name; which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1:12, 13. God gives people the power of eternal life, power over sin. The soul that will bow their knees and submit their will wholly to God, to them He gives eternal life, and they become "a new creature" with power over sin. It comes through the second birth, and continuing to abide in Christ. "Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not." I John 3:6

Is Everlasting Life an Actual Possession in the Soul Here in This World?

Yes. Jesus declared, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My Words and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24; 6:40; 11:26. He did not say, he will have, but "hath" everlasting life. It is an absolute fact in the soul of him that believeth. You do not have to wait till you die, or some future time to know you are saved, but "Now, is the day of salvation." The apostles witnessed, "This is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." I John 5:11. There is no eternal life apart from Jesus Christ. "He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." I John 5:12.

Does the Bible Teach That Saved People May Backslide and Fall From Grace?

Yes. The awful [apostasy] and backsliding of Israel is an example. And in the days of the apostles, some who were once enlightened and had tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made

partakers of the Holy Ghost, “crucified the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame.” Heb. 6:4-8. Of King Saul it was said that God gave him another heart, and the Spirit of God came upon him and he prophesied. I Sam. 10:6-10. He was truly regenerated; but about twenty years after this, we find that he turned back from following the Lord. I Sam. 15:11. “And the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul.” Jesus taught in the parable of the sower, Matt. 13:1-23, that many do fall away, and the cause of backsliding, “When tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the Word, by and by he is offended.” “The care of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the Word, and he becometh unfruitful.” At the present time there may be found hundreds of ministers and hundreds of thousands of church members that are void of the Spirit, and many of them were once regenerated, but are fallen away; backslidden from God, and deceived as to their true condition.

What Is the Fruit of the Spirit?

The fruit of the Spirit is the inward grace, the Christ-likeness, that grows in the heart of the child of God, and is manifested in the outward life. “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.” Gal. 5:22, 23. God demands that His people bear fruit, else they are no longer His. Jesus said, “Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit, He taketh away.” “If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch and is withered.” John 15:2-6, 8. It is not the outward zeal or self effort, but the inward fruit of holiness, Godliness, the Christ life, manifesting itself daily and hourly in practical holy living. James 1:27. Matt. 25:35-40.

How Are We to “Bear Much Fruit”?

When we are born of God, we receive the Spirit of God, and all the fruits of the Spirit immediately appear in our lives; but in a greater measure as we grow in grace and the knowledge of God. “He that abideth in Me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit.” John 15:5. The first and greatest fruit mentioned is “Love,” that true, undying love shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost at regeneration, and increasing as we go on into sanctification, and increasing as we go on into sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Without the Divine love, that charity, we are nothing, I Cor. 13:1-7. Love is a proof that we are His disciples. “By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.” Oh, that we might have that love in all its power and simplicity. “Faith worketh by love.” If we are filled with love, we have so much more faith.

“Joy” is another fruit of the Spirit very essential to the Christian warfare, for it is the strength of God’s people. “The joy of the Lord is your strength.” There is a constant rejoicing in hope, in sorrow, under trials and persecutions and afflictions, through abiding in Christ. It will not always be manifest in smiling, singing or praising the Lord; but there is a deep inward joy that will take you through the fiery trials with the grace of God. It is the “joy in the Holy Ghost,” that undergirding of the Spirit of God makes the strength of your life. He commands us to “Rejoice in the Lord always.”

“Longsuffering” and “Patience” are fruits of the Spirit little seen even among God’s people. It is that patience with our brother or sister that “Beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things, and never faileth.” God wants us to keep that melted, tender Spirit in our hearts, that we may bear much fruit. “Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness.” Col. 1:11.

Have the “Gifts of the Spirit Been Received in Full in These Last Days?”

No. We know of no one that has received the Gifts of the Spirit in full. I Cor. 12:1-10, 28-30. We are yet contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. Jude 14. The Gospel belongs to us in full, as much as to the disciples; and God is preparing a people on whom He can pour out His wonderful gifts, that they can say to the dead “Arise” and to the leper, “Be clean.” He has given to those who have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, a measure of power to preach the Gospel and witness in the power of the Spirit, and to pray the prayer of faith for the healing of the sick. He has spoken in other tongues as on the day of Pentecost. We are far in advance of where we were. We are holding up the standard, and if Jesus tarries, we will have the old time faith.

In What Ways Does Christian Science Conflict With the Word of God?

Christian Science denies the personality of God and Christ, denies sin, the need of a Savior, denies the power of the shed Blood of Jesus Christ, denies the existence of sickness, disease and death, denies the Godhead, the atonement, the office and coming of Christ. Christian Science denies every fundamental doctrine of Christianity, contradicts every statement of Scripture, and is one of the masterpieces of satanic delusion of the last days. It has no right to the name Christian for it is antichristian in principle and practice. “If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar.” “Without the shedding of blood there is no remission.”

Is Divine Healing a Part of the Gospel for Us Today?

Yes. The Bible most certainly teaches that Divine healing is the plan of God for His people, and that it was purchased on the cross. Christ bore not only our sins but our sicknesses when He was nailed to the tree. “He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed.” Isa. 53:5. “Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses.” Matt. 8:17. Healing for our bodies was purchased through the atonement of Jesus Christ.

Healing comes through obedience to God and faith in His Word. “If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God.” Ex. 15:26. “As thou hast believe, so be it done unto thee.” Matt. 8:5-13. “Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole.” Mark 5:25-34.

Healing was the covenant of God with His people in the wilderness, and that covenant has never been annulled. “If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statues, I will put none of these diseases upon thee which I have brought upon the Egyptians; for I am the Lord that healeth thee.” Ex. 15:26. God is the Creator of our bodies and He is also our Physician.

It is the Blood of Jesus that heals His people. That awful curse that came upon the race through disobedience was lifted that day that Jesus hung on dark Golgotha and cried, “It is finished.” It was by the shed Blood of Jesus Christ that we gained deliverance from sin and disease. The curse of the fall has been lifted. There is not a disease that can fasten upon the human body but the Blood can eradicate it, heal and destroy it.

Divine healing is not Christian Science. It is not denying the existence of the disease but relying upon the atoning Blood of Jesus Christ, and through faith in His Blood, the work is done.

Is Divorcement Condemned by the Word?

Yes. Divorcement is condemned in the Word of God, in the plainest terms. John the Baptist was cast into prison and later beheaded because he told Herod it was unlawful for him to have his brother's wife. Luke 3:19-20. Jesus said, "What God hath joined together let not man put asunder." The plain teaching of the Word is that marriage is binding for life. Mark 10:2-12, Luke 16:18, Rom. 7:3, I Cor. 7:10-11-39. The New Testament gives one cause for separation, fornication (Matt. 5:32 and 19:9) but none for divorcement.

Marriage was instituted by God Himself in the Garden of Eden. It is a permanent union and cannot be dissolved except by death. This was settled by the most undoubted authority of Christ. Matt. 5:31-32. "It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement; but I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery; and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery."

This settles the question that the Gospel does not allow divorce nor remarriage while the first companion lives. For the cause of fornication they may separate, but not marry again.

Is Going in Debt Contrary to the Word?

Yes. "Owe no man anything but to love one another." Rom. 13:8. This is a plain statement of the Word of God. We are living in a fast age, a covetous age. Men are rushing into business on borrowed capital, risking everything to make money. It is no time for such ventures, "The Lord is at hand." God warns His people not to be carried away by the spirit of the age. If you have gone into debt, confess it and make it right as soon as possible. Debts are never outlawed in the sight of God. In the work of these Missions, converts begin at once to make full restitution. Thousands of dollars of outlawed debts have been paid.

If any man is called to preach the Gospel, having debts unpaid, he should in no wise go out to carry the Gospel until all obligations are fully met. How could he take of the Lord's money to pay up debts incurred in sin or in worldly business?

"The love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." I Tim. 6:10.

"No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please Him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." II Tim 2:4.

Does the Bible Give Men a Right to Charge for Preaching the Gospel?

It certainly does not. No man has a right to charge for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our Lord commanded His disciples, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Matt. 10:8. What right have we to charge for the Gospel when we received it free? Paul and the apostles preached the Gospel "without charge." Paul said, "What is my reward then, verily that when I preach the Gospel, I may make the Gospel of Christ without charge." I Cor. 9:18. And Peter said, "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof not by constraint but willingly, not for filthy lucre." I Peter 5:2.

God will supply all the needs of His work without collections or money raising schemes, such as church fairs or sociables. Jesus said, "Make not My father's house a house of merchandise."

John 2:16. We should hold up the standard of faith in God. “My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Phil. 4:19. For more than eleven years, no collection has ever been taken in one of the Apostolic Faith Missions. Millions of tracts and papers have been issued free. We have proved God’s Word true.

As to ways and means, it is scriptural to have a box at the door where offerings can be placed for expenses of hall rent, etc. Read II Kings 12:9.

Why Should a Child of God Separate From Secret Orders and Unions?

The Bible teaches that we cannot have fellowship with Christ and be united with any ungodly movement. “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness, and what communion hath light with darkness—or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?” II Cor. 6:14-16. these movements with their oath-bound secrets and the fellowshiping with unbelievers, infidels and sinners is contrary to the Word. “Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you.” II Cor. 6:17. “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them; for it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.” Eph. 5:11-12. Jesus could say, “In secret have I said nothing.” John 18:20.

Prayer Answered.

God works miracles today in answer to the prayers of those that believe, the same as in days of old. Since God has been pouring out His Spirit in old-time power, hundreds have been healed of incurable diseases through the prayer of faith. “The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up.” James 5:15. “Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses.” Matt. 8:17

“I am healed of rheumatism by the power of God.”—Beaumont, Tex.

“I had a cancer on my nose, and I am glad to tell you your prayers have been answered and I thank God, not even a scar has been left.”—Allenton, Mo.

“The Lord has cured me of Bright’s disease which I have had for over seven years.”—Charleston, Mo.

Paralysis. “There was an old gentleman healed of paralysis by the reading of your paper here.”—Jefferson, Ga.

“I had a disease for 12 years, and I am just thanking the Lord for the healing of my body.”—Philadelphia, Penn.

“My little girl was wonderfully healed of typhoid fever. She was helpless, when I laid the anointed cloth on her, and she is well.”—Bethel, N. C.

“Husband was afflicted with appendicitis, and through our prayer and faith in God, he was healed.”—Vincennes, Ind.

“I had the dropsy, was afflicted all over my body; and through your prayers, the good Lord healed me and I am well”—Mt. Carmel, Ill.

“I had blood poison in my feet about a year ago, and I wrote you for prayer, and was healed before I got your letter. Praise His Holy Name.”—Huntsville, Ark.

“My daughter had epilepsy ever since she was a child. I wrote and sent you a handkerchief to anoint for her, and she has never had it since. Praise the Lord.”—Earlsboro, Okla.

Saved. “I wrote you saints to pray for me, that I might get back to God, and I thank God this morning for being saved from my sins. Pray that I may be sanctified wholly.”—Greensboro, N. C.

“My tumor is gone, without medicine or operation. After three doctors had failed to do me any good, I began to pray and wrote to you all to pray for me; and when I received my letter from you, I was healed. Praise the Lord, the work is done, and the Lord did it all.”—Lovett, Ga.

“God healed a woman that was dying. Doctors gave her up, said she might die any minute. Her feet were swollen ready to burst, and she could not lie down from coughing. She is healed, doing her own work; all in answer to your prayers. Praise God.”—Ada, Okla.

“Our little girl’s eyes are healed. Some time ago we wrote you to pray for the healing of her eyes, and prayer was fully answered. They are as clear as crystals. We thank the Lord for His healing power, and give Him all the praise.”—Bardwell, Ky.

“A child was suffering with brain trouble, and the mother laid one of these papers on the child’s face and prayed the prayer of faith; and the Lord healed the child at once. Bless His name. Mighty healings have been done through these papers.”—Lexington, Tenn.

“I requested prayer for my salvation. What a wonderful change has come into my life. I do not know how to praise God enough for His wonderful mercies to me, a sinner. The Lord has kept me from drinking and swearing and many other things since He gave me the witness.”—Long Beach, Cal.

“My dreadful pain is all gone. I could hardly move. I put the handkerchief on my back, and thank God the pain is all gone and I am able to move around again. I am so glad I ever heard of you people and your prayers. I am well, saved and living for God.”—Shearstown, N. B., Can.

Saved from the surgeon’s knife. “My doctor said I would die if I did not have an operation at once. But praise God, I don’t need doctors nor the operation. I applied the handkerchief on my afflicted body, and through your prayers and the faith I had in God, I was healed. Jesus is all in all to me, bless His holy name forever.”—Bluffton, S. C.

“My husband was having neuralgia and night sweats, in a very weak condition. I asked you to pray for him. Praise the Lord, He has delivered him. He has been our only physician for the past four years. We never touch any drugs of any kind, since we started to trust the Lord for our healing.”—Norwalk, Conn.

“God healed me of a bad sick spell and raised me up. Praise His holy name. My husband read where the Lord healed a sick lady through the paper, and he said, ‘If God healed her, He will heal you.’ So he laid the paper on my breast and we prayed, and God healed me, when I was a complete invalid. Praise His name.”—Rocksprings, Tex.

“We had typhoid fever, both my sister and myself. But few people thought we would ever recover. We both had bad hemorrhages. But oh how I thank the Lord, we took Him for our great Physician and wrote you to pray for us and we all prayed and called in the saints and they all prayed. And in answer to prayer, we are both well and out at work.”—Annville, Ky.

Rheumatism and cancer. “I have been almost an invalid for 28 years with rheumatism; six years with cancer over my right eye. I sent to you for an anointed handkerchief twice, once for each disease. Thank God, I am sound and shouting the victory, 54 years of age, work hard all the week, and walk a mile to meetings. I am praising God.”—Newport, Okla.

Saved. “I gave a sample copy of your paper to an unsaved woman, and she was converted. When I went to call on her, I found her in tears, all broken up, and she kept saying, ‘That blessed paper—ain’t it grand!’ Your letter brought such a blessing to our weary hearts. To think there are still precious people who believe the old fashioned way.”—North Detroit, Mich.

“I had been down for five months.” I had tried all the doctors and medicine in the country and went to the hospital in Mobile, and returned in the same fix as I was when I left. After I received the handkerchief, I have been able to work all the time since. Praise the Lord for His tender mercy. I know I have found the kind of people I have been long looking for.”—Coffeeville, Ala.

“I was suffering such great pain in my left side last spring, I did not think I could live till the message could reach you, and the return of the anointed handkerchief. Oh, I praise God for His most precious and mighty healing power, for I was healed before the anointed handkerchief reached me. I was healed when God’s children prayed for me in Portland. I cannot praise Him enough for what He had done for me, but I give Him my whole life, my all.”—Hickman, Ky.

“I was so afflicted that I could not rest day or night. When I received the paper, I laid it on my right shoulder and on my throat. It was a miracle that you sent that paper. I can use my arm now and my sore throat was healed. I give God all the glory. I am 86 years old, and oh I praise Jesus for what He has done for poor old grandma. I am saved by the atoning Blood of Jesus. I saw it with my own eyes coming down from the cross. Glory, glory to Jesus for His saving grace. I am sanctified, justified. Oh, that I could be in one of your glorious meetings.”—Grand Rapids Mich.

Saved and Healed. “I have been a church member for ten years and thought I had salvation. I didn’t believe we souls have the faith to ask God to heal us, and He would do it. I knew by reading the papers that my heart was not right. Praise the Lord. He has healed my arm that had rheumatism for seven years. I have not a particle of rheumatism now at all and can milk. It seems so strange to use my hand and arm as the other. And now I have the witness of the Spirit

of God in my heart. When I read these papers, it just made me get right with God.”—Koru, Okla.

“**A friend of mine was healed** of pellagra, through faith and the prayer of the saints, and we wish to give the glory to God.”—Newnan, Ga.

“**I praise God, my cancer is gone.** I feel stout in my body, and I give God all the praise for it all. Oh, He has been so good to me.”—Pulaski, Va.

“**I suffered 18 years** in spite of all the medicine. I suffered until I heard from you and received your prayers and the handkerchief. I do thank God that I am cured. At last I am cured, praise the Lord.”—Aurora, N. C.

“**I was almost blind** when I received the handkerchief. I applied it for the healing of my eyes, and they are healed. I had not read any for months. Now I can read all I want to. I give God the praise. We are trusting God for our all and all.”—Beech Creek, Ky.

“**I was sick with Spanish influenza,** then I got pneumonia. When they brought the paper to me, I laid the paper on my body, and asked God for Jesus’ sake to make me well, and thank God, He answered a poor sinner’s prayer and I am well.”—New York City.

“**I have been afflicted a year with consumption.** I knew God was able to heal my body. I went to the doctor and got no better. I wrote to the mission and asked you saints to pray for me, and thank the Lord, prayer has been answered.”—Princeton, Ind.

OUR SOLDIER BOYS RETURN.

Our American soldiers are arriving home safely, the transports coming into New York are greeted with great joy. The papers stated that one monster transport, Leviathan, made ten trips to France and carried 100,000 of our soldiers. She was chased many times by submarines and fired upon at one time by six submarines in pursuit. She escaped unharmed, and has brought back her first load of 9,000 of our boys.

As this great vessel steamed into port and passed the Statue of Liberty, the musicians of the escorting band struck up “The Star Spangled Banner,” and every soldier and sailor faced the Statue of Liberty and stood attention, while thousands of spectators on shore bared their heads. We think of the words of that song, “And this be our motto, In God is our trust.” Truly God has miraculously saved their lives and returned them safe in His love and mercy, and in answer to many prayers. The people of Front and Burnside specially centered their prayers in faith for the transports, and now return thanks to God.

Between every sinner and hell, there is but one hope, the cross of Calvary.

It was Christ's refusal to compromise with the world that set the world against him.

"What shall the end be of them that obey not the Gospel?" There is nothing but the fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation.

"Remember Lot's wife." She looked back, and became a pillar of salt." There are plenty of pillars of salt in these last days. "No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back is fit for Kingdom of God."

We can say as a people that for over twelve years, Christ has been our physician, and drugs have never passed our lips. God has healed us and healed our children of every disease and healed hundreds of others through the prayer of faith.—James 5:14, 15. Mark 16:18.

The name of Jesus is above every name. It is the only name published in these papers.

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Prophecy of the Word Unfolded.

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“Lift up your heads, ye pilgrims,
 There’s a message from the sky;
 ‘Tis the hour of your redemption.
 For the King is nigh.”

Signs of His Coming.

We are passing through the supreme crisis of the world’s history. These are the most remarkable days of the ages, “the days of His preparation.” God is speaking in the earth, speaking to the nations, fulfilling prophecy right in the eyes of the human race. He is talking in thunder tones, through wars, earthquakes and disturbances the world over, pointing them to the coming of the Lord. The industrial, the financial, the ecclesiastical, the social signs, all point to the fact that we are in the last days.

“In the last days perilous times shall come.” II Tim. 3:1-3. These are the words of the apostle Paul. Men shall be “truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce.” “Wicked men and seducers shall wax worse and worse.” If ever the words of prophecy were fulfilled, they are today in the unspeakable cruelties and barbarities of the enemy nations, the torturing, mutilating, crucifying of men and woman, the slaughter of the innocent. That we are in the last days, there can be no doubt.

The battle fields of France, where once were prosperous towns and villages, now only a sea of mud, stretches for miles, furrowed by battered trenches, pitted by shell holes, torn by the explosion of mines, smeared over with the wreckage of what were once human bodies. The towns are only a name. Everything habitable is blown up by the departing Hun. The Red Cross in its work of mercy has rescued many children huddled in holes and ruins, living on refuse, covered with sores. They have seen horrible sights, men bayoneted and flung into burning buildings, their mothers vilely treated and murdered. No such sorrow has ever been in this world.

The greatest horror in history has been perpetrated upon the Armenians by the Turks. They have been guilty of many terrible massacres, but since the war began the most diabolical cruelties

were practiced upon those harmless people, that were ever known. The entire population of towns and villages were driven into the desert, hundreds of thousands murdered, others burned alive and submitted to awful tortures, women and girls driven into lives worse than death, and thousands of them that remain are in a starving condition. We thank God for the victories in Palestine that have curbed that murderous nation, that the suffering Armenians might be delivered.

“Many shall betray one another and shall hate one another.” Matt. 24:10. Traitors, betrayers, covenant breakers and plotters abound in the world today. These are times of intrigue and deep deception. The German nation broke its solemn treaty at the beginning of this war, calling it only a piece of paper. Her spies were in our land before the beginning of the war. Germany had plotted and planned for this world-war for forty years. Our government has found spies and traitors on every hand. Russia has been ruined by traitors and betrayers. These things are significant, pointing to the coming of the Lord.

“Wars, famines and pestilences,” Jesus said, should be signs of His coming. These things today are foreshadowing that great event. War, famine and pestilence always go hand in hand, they do today. Typhus, cholera and plague have accompanied the war and most terrible famine in the war zone. And it is notable that all over the world new and terrible diseases have appeared, diseases that baffle the doctors: the white plague, tuberculosis, pellagra, infantile paralysis, cancers, Bright’s disease, and of late the Spanish influenza that has visited the cities of our land like a plague. Many have died and others have gone through awful suffering. At one time in the city of Philadelphia a thousand dead were lying in the city, and could not be buried for the want of grave diggers. How such things bring fear into the human heart; but the child of God has no need to fear. They have in their hearts that blessed hope, that earnest of the coming of the Son of Man, and a preparation to meet Him when He comes.

“And great signs shall there be from Heaven.” Luke 21:11, 25. There have been many signs seen in the heavens. New stars have appeared suddenly. Crosses have been seen, a form hanging on the cross and the blood flowing down, angels also, and words in letters of fire, telling of the soon coming of Jesus. These have not been seen by Christians alone, but by sinners also, by twos and threes and by numbers at a time on the train or standing looking at the sky. They have been witnessed in different lands and the papers have published them. At the beginning of this war a number of persons at once saw a sign of armies marching across the face of the moon. We are living in days when prophecy is being fulfilled.

“The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways; they shall seem like torches, they shall run like lightnings.” Nah. 2:4. These things were foretold by the prophet Nahum hundreds of years before the time of Christ. And, “in the day of His preparation,” it should come to pass. Now, God has fulfilled this prophecy right in our eyes today in the automobiles that throng our cities by the thousands. And we thank God that some of them are being used for the Gospel, in publishing the good news, of the coming of the King.

“Many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased.” Dan. 12:4. Travel by land and sea has greatly increased in the last years; and added to that, in this war has been the moving of armies across the ocean and the driving into exile of nations in the war zone, and the great unrest the world over. Knowledge and invention was never so marked as in these last days; the wireless

telegraphy, the submarine, boats, the air planes, the great weapons of war and of manufacture. These things mark “the time of the end.”

“Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.” James 5:3. The love of money marks the last days, riches piled up, millionaires and multimillionaires, profiteers of the war with their ill-gotten gain. “Men shall be covetous,” and they truly are today. “The love of money is the root of all evil.” There is a greed for gain that leads to every crime. The last days are upon us, and James the apostle wrote, “Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered, and the rust of them shall be a witness against you.” James 5:1-5.

“And false prophets shall arise and shall deceive many.” Matt. 24:11. There never was a time in the history of the world when there were so many false prophets and deceivers as today. The author of Christian Science, falsely so-called, was one of the most deceptive prophets ever known, and has been an instrument in the devil’s hand of sweeping thousands and tens of thousands under that awful delusion. Its chief basis is that God is all, all is good, that there can be no sin or evil; sin and disease are our mental creations, we have only to believe they are unreal and they disappear. It denies evil, denies the power of the Blood of Jesus Christ; and so shuts the door of salvation in the face of everyone that is under its awful delusion.

New Thought, Hinduism, Buddhism, Spiritualism, are other false systems having a large following these days in Christian lands. They are a part of “the mystery of iniquity that doth already work” in these last days. The consulting with familiar spirits, denounced by the Word of God, is on the increase. Many are deluded by false messages from the dead. All these things are paving the way for the acceptance of “signs and lying wonders” that will accompany the reign of the Antichrist, and the followers of these systems will be ready to accept him. In a certain city where New Thought and these false religions abound, it is said you can feel their evil power in the very atmosphere as you enter the city.

“The Falling away,” the Apostasy of the age is appalling. Many of the clergy of today have left the plain teachings of the Word and are preaching higher criticism. Ministers of leading denominations stand in the sacred desk and declare that there is no “everlasting punishment,” that Jesus was not Divine, only as we are all divine; that many of the Bible stories and miracles, such as Christ’s raising the dead and walking on the water, are poetic fancies and untrue; that there is no efficacy in the Blood of Jesus. They have done away with the old time mourner’s bench, repentance, godly sorrow for sin and Bible salvation, for the mere hand shake and signing of a card. These things are a marked fulfillment of the Scriptures and that we are living in the last days.

“The Day of Christ is at hand; let no man deceive you by any means, for that day shall not come except there come a falling away first.” II Thess. 2:2, 3. There never was a time in the history of the world when real vital faith was so far removed from the mass of professed Christians and the nominal church. We do not need to tell you that the average church today has lost her power, that there are not the revivals there used to be. Formality has taken the place of spirituality.

Church members are indulging in theatre-going, card-playing, dances, all worldly amusements and worldly dress. They are having festivals, picture shows and theatricals even in many of the churches, to try and get the young people to stay with the church, and to raise the pastor's salary. If they had the real Bible experience, you could not keep the young people away. If the real power of God existed in the churches today they would not need to make merchandise of the Gospel and desecrate the house of God with festivals and fairs to raise money to carry on the Lord's work.

“Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof.” That is the prophecy of the apostle in II Tim. 3:5. Millions of church members today by their lives and their profession deny the power of God to save from sin. The world never saw such a falling away among professing Christians. Even the German army call themselves Christians. Every German soldier wears on the buckle of his belt the inscription, “Gott mit uns” (God with us). It is a mockery against God.

Yet in spite of the terrible apostasy and darkness of the last days, the God of Israel has never lost His power. He has a people that are saved from sin today. There are thousands that have the old time religion today, and they are living victorious lives, living above sin, truly looking for and loving the appearing of Jesus Christ.

“The Gospel must first be published among all nations.” Mark 13:10. The Gospel is shining forth in these last days. The war has brought a widespread interest in the Bible. People are getting stirred up and many are seeking to know God. Many are reading the sacred pages to find out about the prophecies of the war, others to find spiritual help. Thousands of bibles are being scattered every day. The call for bibles has taxed the resources of the printers. Our men in this terrible conflict of war have read the Bible more than in any previous one. The Gospel message is going forth from those who have the love of God in their hearts. They are publishing it to the ends of the earth. And as soon as it is fully preached as a witness to every nation, “then shall the end come.” Matt. 24:14.

“In the time of the Latter Rain.” We are living in the days of the wonderful outpouring of the Spirit, the Latter Rain, so long foretold by Joel the prophet (Joel 2:23) and by James the apostle (James 5:7). Beginning in the year 1906 God gave a wonderful sign to this unbelieving world, in restoring the old time power, the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, evidenced by the speaking in tongues as in the “early Rain” on the day of Pentecost. The church had almost forgotten that old time power that God has been pouring out in the past twelve years.

A widespread preaching of the Gospel by those endued with power from on high has resulted in the salvation of many souls, the sanctification of believers, the empowering of witnesses, the healing of many from incurable diseases. And almost every soul that God baptizes, when the Spirit speaks through them, they speak of the soon coming of Jesus Christ. In the past years many nationalities in Portland have heard them speaking in their own tongue the wonderful works of God.

“The Great Tribulation.”

We stand today on the very brink of the awful Tribulation. Daniel prophesying of the time of the end, said, “There shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found

written in the book.” Dan. 12:1. Jesus prophesied of the same days: “There shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.” Matt. 24:21.

The signs all about us in the earth today portend the coming of the Great Tribulation that will soon sweep over the face of the whole earth, when the awful midnight of doom will settle down on this world. “The morning cometh also the night.” The great resurrection morning of the church of the First Born is coming, the morning for Christ’s holy people to be translated; and also the night of devastation and plague, when the vials of God’s wrath will be poured out upon the earth. (Rev. 8th, 9th and 16th chapters.) Then men shall seek death and shall not find it.

The whole world will be overtaken as the time of the flood. Iniquity is abroad on every hand today. Men’s hearts are being seared over as with a hot iron. In Noah’s days the world had become so wicked that God said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth.” Gen. 6:7. God destroyed the nations that were before the flood. He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, He destroyed the Canaanites, because their wickedness was great; and He is speaking in the earth today warning men and pronouncing the doom of this world because of its wickedness.

“As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but in the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from Heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.” Luke 17:26-30.

During the Tribulation, awful things will take place on the earth. There will be a reign of terror, the fearful reign of the antichrist, the darkness, the famine, the torment, the slaughter. It will be an awful thing for this world when even the dust of the sleeping saints is taken out of the earth. “The earth shall no more cover her slain.” Rivers have run red with blood in these last days, but the Word declares the time is coming when blood will run “even to the horses’ bridles.” Rev. 14:20.

God will send plagues, as He did upon the land of Egypt, only on a larger and more awful scale. John saw the Great Tribulation and wrote of it. If anyone doubts the fulfillment as being literal, let them read of the seven plagues of Egypt from the 7th to the 12th chapters of Exodus, inclusive. Waters were literally turned to blood, there was the plague of the locusts, the pestilence, the darkness that might be felt. John saw the seven angels with seven trumpets. “The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood.” Rev. 8:7, “And the third part of the sea became blood.” Rev. 8:8.

The bottomless pit will be opened and out of it will come horrible creatures on the earth. “And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth; and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit, and there arose a smoke out of the pit as the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.” Rev. 9:1, 2. This was literal smoke that obscured the sun.

“And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth; and unto them was given power as the scorpions of the earth have power.” These were horrible in shape and had power to afflict men’s bodies, those that have not the seal of God in their foreheads. They were not earthly locusts but supernatural, coming from the pit of hell. It is [Satan] that opens the pit, and then is the very torment of hell turned upon the world. Death would be preferable to such an existence, and men shall seek death and shall not be permitted to die.

A scorpion’s sting is most terrible and painful, and these people who are stung by the locusts will seek death, so terrible will be the suffering. “And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months; and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion when he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death and shall not find it.” This is a true pictures of what is actually going to take place.

We read the description of the locusts in Rev. 9:17-19. Their appearance was like horses, but with wings, and the sound of their flight was like chariots of many horses running to battle. They have breastplates of iron and teeth like lions. What will it mean to be subjected to such intense anguish and have to endure it for five months? You see what it is going to mean to be on the earth during the tribulation, and not have the seal of God in your forehead. The people that have heard the Gospel and have rejected it, will be there without the seal of God in their foreheads.

This woe will be followed by one more terrible, when horses will be loosed from the pit, out of whose mouths will issue fire and brimstone. The number of them will be two hundred thousand thousand and they will slay the third part of men. Rev. 9:11-19. Think what it will be to live on this world amid such perils when one third of the whole human family will be destroyed, people suffering and dying every hour about you, killed by the visible monsters of hell that will throng this earth. The locusts killed none, they tormented, but these kill by the fire and smoke and brimstone.

“And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands that they should not worship idols of gold and silver and brass and stone and wood.”

For the past nearly two thousand years the Gentiles have had an opportunity to enter in and accept His grace, but after the bride is taken away, God is going to turn back to the Jews. God only knows what it is going to mean to be an overcomer, and be called away with Christ at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, during this awful time of tribulation.

At the moment the church triumphant is taken out of this earth, the terrible darkness and sorrow will settle down in all its terror. The holy presence of the church of God is resting in the earth today. “Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be counted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.” Today Jesus sits at the right hand of God, holding back the wrath from being poured out, that souls might be saved before the midnight cry goes forth, “Behold, the Bridegroom cometh.”

“IT TOOK THE BLOOD OF JESUS TO GIVE ME PEACE.”

It took the Blood of Jesus to give me peace. People thought I was a happy woman, they thought I was a good woman; but every time anyone called me good, it was like a dagger stuck into my heart. But I praise God the Blood of Jesus has ransomed me from my black midnight of shame and sorrow. I am not ashamed to look in the face of my family these days. I can go to the people that thought I was a fine moral woman, and tell them that the Blood of Jesus Christ came down and took real murder out of my heart; took away the desire for the fine worldly clothes, the grills, the dance hall, the theatre. I have lost my love for them.

This Gospel means more than life to me. I was on my way to an eternal hell, knew that if I should die the pit of hell would receive me. And worst of all, I thought there was no salvation for me, I studied Christian Science, Spiritualism, tried to go back into infidelity, but I am glad He brought me face to face with an eternal hell. I walked the floor at night, and said, "Oh, I shall call for the rocks and mountains to cover me."

But I found my way to this Mission, though without any hope of ever being saved. I came, as I thought, out of curiosity to see what a clean, holy people looked like. But I heard that Jesus still loved my soul, God still held out the Blood to ransom me. I saw that the power of God was able to keep people above sin these days.

I went home and took down the Bible I had long neglected, and found these words, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." Just one look at the cross, and He took the burden of sin away. He took that condemnation, that load of sin and sorrow. He gave me peace and joy, real joy of living these days. I never had a desire to go back to the places of sin, the theatres, the dance halls, the grill. I have lost my love for the diamonds. He healed my body when doctors said I would have to go on the operating table. I give God the glory. I thank Him for the faithful ones that told me the story. I thank God for the healing stream.

"I BEAT MY WAY IN BOX CARS, RAGGED AND DIRTY."

I praise God he saved me from a drunkard's hell. I lived in the depths of sin ever since I was 16 years old. I never saw a happy day till Jesus saved me. I beat my way on the box cars, ragged and dirty, with other bums. I thank God the Blood of Jesus went deeper than saloons and whiskey and everything else. It will soon be three years since He saved my soul, and He has kept me under the Blood ever since. I was bumming my way from salon to saloon when I came into the Mission hall. It was the hand of God that brought me there.

I shall never forget when I heard this Gospel, it just went through me. I could not look these people in the face. I looked on the floor and on the walls, and my sins seemed to be written everywhere. I did not give my heart to God that night. I felt I was not worthy to live on God's footstool. I went from saloon to saloon and tied to drown that voice, and it seemed someone stood by my side and said, "There is power in the Blood of Jesus to save the drunkard." I was under conviction for two days, and God saved my soul.

I fell down at the altar and two or three of the brothers prayed with me. I prayed for God to save me for Jesus' sake, and in about five minutes He saved my soul. It seemed it was like Heaven to me, and wherever I walked on the street, it seemed I could not praise God enough for what He

had done for me. The old walls and the stars of Heaven seemed praising God. I did not think Jesus would hear a drunken bum like me. I praise Him for the Blood that changed my soul.

I was sick and diseased when I fell down at that wooden bench; but I praise God His Blood reached my body as well as my soul. I was diseased for years. Doctors could do nothing for me. The mercury, the “606 treatment,” the hot springs could not heal me. I have the scars in my arms where I took the “606 treatment” nine times. God healed me instantly when they prayed. The power of God went through me, and I said, “Jesus has healed me.” I threw the medicine and pills out of the back window.

I used to chew tobacco and snuff and every kind of tobacco, but I never wanted anything of that kind since God save me. I wanted more of the old time religion. I had a crooked past I had to confess out when God saved me. I went back and made restitution and paid my bills.

He sanctified me three weeks later I can never forget that Friday night. I seemed I saw the Blood come down upon my soul, and I felt the wonderful power of Jesus’ Blood. It seemed I was almost caught up in the air when I walked on the sidewalks. And He baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire later on, and it is still in my heart. I praise Him for this mighty Gospel of the Son of God. I had nothing to live for, and Jesus planted this wonderful salvation in my heart. No power on earth could take it out of me. I love Him because He first loved me.

Preparation to Meet Jesus.

“We know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

“And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.” I John 3:2, 3.

“He that hath this hope in him, purifieth himself, even as He is pure.” What hope? The hope of meeting Jesus when He comes. How are we to be made pure? Only through the Blood of Jesus Christ. The only way to be saved, to get rid of sin; and the only way to put on the wedding garment of the Lamb is through the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Saved From Sin.

Who can tell the living stream that flows out of the heart that has been redeemed? Where can you find the words to tell the peace of God that comes in, when the power of the enemy is broken from your life and you stand redeemed? You stand without condemnation before God. It matters not how great the sin, how deep-dyed the depravity, the moment you look upon the lifted Christ, with true repentance, that moment you will be delivered from all your sins.

A great work has been done in the heart when you are saved from sin, born of God, truly converted. That is the first step in grace. But it will take sanctification to purify our hearts “even

as He is pure.” All that have the hope of meeting Jesus, are longing to be “holy as He is holy and pure as He is pure”.

Now, the bride of Christ must be cleansed from all sin, which means to be sanctified wholly; robed in that pure linen, white and clean. Rev. 19:8. The bride of Christ is making herself ready to meet Him. It means to be robed in all the Word of God, to have all the commandments of Jesus Christ wrought out in our lives. “The grace of God” is not salvation alone, but the whole plan of God’s salvation fully formed in our hearts. God is leading His people into the fullness of Christ, but we must take it the way He gives it. We must follow Jesus all the way. The first step is justification, the second is sanctification, the next is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Holiness Is a Great Work in the Heart.

It is the renewal of the whole soul in the image of Jesus. It is the utter destruction of the old nature. “That the body of sin might be destroyed.” Rom. 6:6. The very root of all pride, impatience, love of admiration and applause, and shame of the cross, are all taken out and eradicated. It makes the heart “meek and lowly” as Jesus was; patient, kind, full of forbearance, pitiful, of tender compassion and perfect love, full of faith and zealous in every good work. It is the 13th chapter of I Corinthians wrought out in the heart—Divine love without alloy.

“**This Is the Will of God**, even your sanctification.” Neither the Bible nor Christian experience proves that we get a clean heart when we are converted. Our sins are forgiven and we receive the witness of adoption into God’s family, our affections are changed, our heart’s desires are changed. But it will not be long till we find our need of cleansing from impatience, pride, the stirrings of the old nature within.

After conversion the old sinful nature is much like a tree that has been cut down, but the stump still left. The tree is gone, but the stump is liable to send forth shoots if it is not watched. The best way is to get rid of the root at once, by a second, definite work of grace,—entire sanctification. This will be done when you get a clean heart. It will take the second work of grace, preceded by a whole-hearted consecration, and as definite an act of faith as that which preceded conversion.

It Is Not by Growth that we are sanctified. All that are born of God and have the witness of the Spirit to their justification, know full well that it was not by works, nor by growing into it, that they were saved. “By grace are ye saved, through faith.” And God says that we receive an inheritance among them that are sanctified, “by faith that is in Me.” Not by works nor by growth are we made holy, but by faith in Jesus. Many have tried for years to grow into sanctification, and after years of struggle and defeat, they are no nearer than when they began. Sanctification is a definite work of grace, through faith in the promise. “The Blood of Jesus Christ, His Sin, cleanseth us from all sin.”

Some claim that they were sanctified when they gave up tobacco or worldly and immodest dress, or got the victory over an evil temper; but they are mistaken. Laying aside of these outward sins is one of the fruits of repentance. We give up these things when we are saved. All outward sins are taken away when we become a child of God. It is then and then only that we are a candidate for sanctification.

It Is God's Express Command that we should be holy. It has always been His desire for His people, "I am the Almighty God, walk before Me and be thou perfect." Gen. 17:1. "Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God." Deut. 18:13. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all they might." Deut. 6. David prayed, "Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." Psalms 51:7. Isaiah prayed for holiness when he saw the Lord, and God said, "Lo, this (live coal from the altar) hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away, and they sin purged." Isa. 6:7.

God Promises to Sanctify His People.

"The Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart—to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul." Deut. 30:6. And again He promises that He will grant unto us that we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies "might serve Him without fear and in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our life." Luke 1:75. Jesus prayed for our sanctification. John 17:17. He suffered outside the gate, that He might sanctify His people. Heb. 13:12. Eph. 5:25, 26. These promises ought to convince any soul that God is able to make us holy, here and now in this life.

A Perfect Consecration.

Every child of God can have this experience, if he will give himself wholly to God and ask for it in faith. "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." Seek Him with all your heart, and He will be found of you. He is waiting to give Himself to you in the sanctifying blessing. To receive Him, you have only to be perfectly consecrated to do His will. "Where He leads me, I will follow."

Consecration consists in laying down your own will, desires, likes and dislikes, giving up your own will in all things and receiving the will of Jesus instead. You will promise the Lord to go through with Him, though it costs you your life. You will find the greatest joy of your life in thus yielding your will to God.

"The Beauty of Holiness."

Jesus laid aside His glory, to become "despised and rejected of men." When they saw Him, there was no beauty that they should desire Him. His beauty was that inward beauty, "the beauty of holiness," that humble spirit, "meek and lowly in heart," that "ornament of a meek and quiet spirit," which is in the sight of God of great price. Is your heart hungering and thirsting for that righteousness, that perfect love? Do you want to be like Jesus? Are you prepared to suffer shame for His sake?

Lay aside every weight and "Present your body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Rom. 12:1. Come to the Lord with that simple faith you had when you were saved, and receive the same precious Blood, for your cleansing from inbred sin. Ask him to purify your heart, and sanctify you wholly; and the power of God will fall, the Blood will cleanse, and you will be filled with joy unspeakable and the glory of God flooding your soul.

"The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you who also will do it." I Thess. 5:23, 24. If you will be holy, you must come to God with a true

heart in full assurance of faith; and then as you wait patiently before Him, the wonder work shall be done.

The Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire.

“He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.” Matt. 3:11. This is a wonderful experience. It is a marvelous thing for a soul to be baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, to have Heaven open, and the power of the old time Gospel come down into a life that has been cleansed by the Blood, and give them power to witness and tell what God has done for them.

On the Day of Pentecost, they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:4. Then was fulfilled the Word of Jesus when He said, “He that believeth on Me, out of his inmost being shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit which they that believe on Him should receive; for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)” John 7:38, 39. This was not sanctification, but the Enduement of Power from on High. Many have taught that it was sanctification; but we find that people could be sanctified under the law and prophets, and that the disciples were sanctified before that day.

It Is the “Gift of Power.”

“The Gift of the Holy Ghost,” “Power to witness,” the “Comforter that abideth,” “Power from on High,” “Rivers of Living Water.” You will never receive that “Rushing mighty wind from Heaven,” those “Rivers of living water,” until you receive the mighty Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and the Lord begins to speak and prophesy and sing through your lips, “As the Spirit gives utterance.” The Holy Ghost floods your entire being, and out of His temple flow the rivers of the Spirit, that water the desert places, and make them blossom as the rose wherever you go.

You can receive the Baptism of the Spirit in your own home. God has been specially pouring out His Spirit on hungry souls for the past twelve years, and they have received the Spirit many times at their work. One precious brother received his baptism as he was following the plow, others on the street one woman received hers kneading her bread, another at the washboard. It is the power of God poured out on honest hearts wherever they may be; but it must be upon a sanctified heart, purified by a second work of grace.

God Wants His People Empowered for Service.

He wants us to be on fire for God to wield the sword of the Spirit. The Holy Ghost is dynamic, fire and lightning. He strikes souls down with conviction, through the preaching of His Word, through witnesses empowered for service.

The Baptism of the Holy Ghost gives more power to bring souls to Christ. It gives power to pray for the sick. Many today, through workers that have been endued with power from on high are being healed of cancers, tumors, heart disease and every kind of sickness. Not by their own power or holiness, but He is doing miracles today wherever He can find a pliable instrument in His hand. He is seeking those that will consecrate their lives and pay the price, to receive the “Power from on high,” and be witnesses of Jesus Christ, till He comes.

The last words Jesus said before He was taken up into heaven was, “But ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Acts 1: 8.

Judgment is on the track of every sinner, and “his steps will slide in due time.”

The Word of God accepted will save your soul, rejected, it will damn your soul throughout all eternity.

If you are ever saved it will be before you pass out of this world. The saving grace never reaches the dead.

If any are in doubt as to which day Christians should keep they can write to this Mission for a free tract entitled “What Day Should Christians Keep? -- The Lord’s Day”

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH

Will The Christ Return?

“This know that in the last day, perilous times shall come.” II Tim. 3:1.

Upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity—men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.” Luke 21:25, 26.

“Behold, I come quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be.” Rev. 22:12.

The Word of God is being fulfilled, verse by verse and chapter by chapter. The time of the end draws near. On earth there is “distress of nations—men’s hearts failing them for fear, and looking forward after those things which are coming on the earth.”

With the crash of empires, the fall of dynasties, the bloody and most frightful World-War has closed its first stage. And the second stage, of revolutions, anarchy and Bolshevism follows. A shudder runs over the western world, as they watch the millions of central Europe plunge from the oppression of autocracy into the more deadly peril of anarchy, the red flag, a reign of terror and mob rule. The world feels the danger of a new and universal though concealed war. The war for liberty may be followed by one against anarchy.

The armistice has been signed, and we thank God that He has shown His hand ruling in the affairs of men. Our God still reigns, causing right to triumph over wrong. But we know by the Word of God that wars will never cease till the “Prince of Peace” shall come to reign on earth. We are living in a desperate age. Many are trusting that a league of nations will bring a lasting peace. But what does the Word of God say? “When they shall say Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh.”

God help us to prepare for that sudden destruction. The Word of God says it is coming. And of one thing we may be sure, that the Word of God will be fulfilled. They may say we are picturing a black outlook. Well, the outlook is not very bright from any point of view. Take up any magazine or newspaper and read the editorials, and you find the same outlook, dark and gloomy. God wants His people to keep their eyes on Jesus and be prepared for the things that are coming to pass.

“The End Is Not Yet.”

For four years and more, Europe, Asia and Africa have been the scenes of terrible bloodshed and agony. The world has never seen such devastation and sorrow. It is terrible to think of the souls

that have been lost. At least ten million men have laid down their lives in this awful war. The horror if it all hangs over the earth.

Then to follow this terrible bloodshed comes the pestilence that has visited every city and hamlet of the United States and other countries, the influenza. It is as the word foretold, and hard times are yet to come. Chronic hunger is followed by pestilence, a train of epidemics. Millions are facing starvation and great dearth is coming. Surely this must be “the beginning of sorrows.”

In Petrograd today, the papers state that bread is \$8 a pound. In the Central Provinces, in Serbia, Albania, Rumania, Macedonia, Poland, Armenia, Syria and Arabia, famine conditions prevail. Much land has been rendered useless by the ravages of war, and the fear of utter misery hangs over oppressed populations. And as hunger breeds anarchy, and millions of soldiers, defeated in war, demoralized and disgusted, are set free from restraint, the deadly terror of anarchy and Bolshevism is developing.

The children of God are not ignorant concerning the things that are coming to pass. They can see and know that we are living on the top of a great volcano, as it were, a tremendous upheaval that is about to burst upon this world. It is all according to the prophecy of the Book. We must prepare to meet the Son of God.

Many today are looking on, and wondering what is coming next in the world. There is the famine, the pestilence, the revolution, the bloodshed, the power of the enemy raging in the hearts of men. It is the spirit of the last days.

The World Is Getting Darker and Darker, and its ruin is coming nearer and nearer. Many are perplexed and troubled over the conditions that exist, and well they may be. But thank God, there is a consolation in the hearts of those that are really prepared to meet Jesus Christ, and are joyfully looking for the trumpet to sound. They are not shaken in mind, they are not troubled in spirit. They know that “the day of Christ is at hand.” They are looking for that better hope that the world knows nothing of. Thank God, we have an assurance in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Many deny the coming of Jesus Christ, and others put it far in the future. The Word tells us, “There shall come in the last days scoffers, saying, “Where is the promise of His coming?” II Peter 3:3. We need not be uncertain or misled as to the truth of the second coming of our Lord, because we have the Word that makes known God’s plans, and the conditions of being ready to meet Jesus when He comes.

“The Day of Christ Is at Hand.”

Thank God, we have the joyful hope within our soul. There are people that grow morose and sore when you begin to talk about the second coming of Jesus, and the prophecies so rapidly being fulfilled. They stand in amazement and ponder over the condition of their soul. But thank God, the true Christian has within him that Spirit of God that rejoices in the hope of the glory of God, and the appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

We Know Not the Day, the month or year of Christ’s coming; for He said, “Ye know not when the time is.” But there are signs that He gave us, and we can see with our very eyes and read them in the headlines of every newspaper. (Read the 24th and 25th chapters of Matthew and the 21st of Luke. Read the prophecies of Daniel and Nahum and of the apostles of our Lord.) Events

foretold thousands of years ago are fulfilled today, signs that point unmistakably to the very days in which we are living.

“The Night Is Far Spent—the day is at hand.” Christ frequently commanded to watch, to wait and look for His return. “Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.” Matt. 24:42. “Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour.” Matt. 25:13. He placed great emphasis on that word “Watch.” It implies not only to believe, but to love His appearing, to constantly expect it; knowing beyond the shadow of a doubt that He is coming back as He said, and that His coming may occur at any moment.

“Of that day and that hour knoweth no man; no, not the angels which are in Heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.” Mark 13:32, 33. It was a positive command to watch till He comes. The saints and martyrs watched for the coming of the King any moment; and it made them the all-conquering characters they were. They could see the littleness of the world. It gave them joy in sorrow, strength in weakness, triumph in reproach, glory in suffering, Heaven on earth. Today we are two thousand years nearer that great event, and the signs are fulfilled that make His coming imminent.

“Coming in the Clouds.”

Daniel said, “I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of Man came with the clouds of heaven.” Dan. 7:13, 14, 27. “Behold, He cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see Him.” Rev. 1:7. “This same Jesus which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven.” Acts 1:11. “And they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of Heaven with power and great glory.” Matt. 24:30. There are hundreds of promises in the Word of the coming of Jesus Christ and His reign on the earth.

“It Is Near—Even at the Doors.”

With the conquest of Turkey and the restoration of Palestine into the hands of Christians, the way is paved for the Jews to return and become a nation, with their own government. For nearly nineteen hundred years the Jews have been scattered among the nations and “the wandering Jew” has become a proverb. When they become a nation, it is one of the marked signs of Christ’s return, for Jesus said in His parable of the figtree, that when the figtree putteth forth her leaves, ye know that summer is nigh. Matt. 24:32, 33. The Jews are God’s figtree and the summer of Christ’s coming is near.

Many of the Jews have returned to Palestine, but they were oppressed by Mohammedan rule. Today the Holy Land is freed from despotism; not by the payment of a vast sum of money to Turkey, as some supposed, but God said, “Ye have sold yourselves for naught; and ye shall be redeemed without money.” Isa 52:3. God has answered the cry of His people; and more than that, their Messiah whom they rejected is coming back; and many of them will gladly receive Him, but not until terrible suffering shall come upon them during the Tribulation that is to come.

Like a Lightning Flash Will Be His Coming.

We find that Jesus, prior to this time of great trouble, which is the Great Tribulation, shall catch away His church, His waiting bride, a people that have been prepared for His own name, a people that have been zealous for the Lord, “a peculiar people zealous of good works.” God

shall sound the trumpet and they shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. I Thess. 4:16, 17. This wonderful manifestation of the power of God may take place any moment.

During the tribulation, while the bride that has been caught away, is partaking of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, that awful night of horror and darkness will be upon the earth. Then the eternal morning will break, and Christ will come back to earth with ten thousands of His saints, to reign a thousand years. Jude 14. Rev. 19:11-14.

The call has gone out to all the earth; but there is a preparation that must be made before you will be qualified to meet the Lord in the air, and sit down with Him in His throne. That preparation is to be made right here today. He is making ready a people for His name, a bridal company and you can be one among the number. God has given us this great plan of salvation. He has laid at our very doors eternal life, eternal treasure, and He says, "Now is the accepted time."

The Last Call.

We find by the Scripture, that the time will come when men will reject the last call of mercy. The door of mercy will be closed. The Master of the house shall rise up and shut to the door, and the people will cry, "Lord, Lord, open unto us." But the answer will be, "I know you not whence ye are, Depart from Me, all ye workers of iniquity." Luke 13:25-28. God wants men to listen, heed, take warning, that they might be saved before the doors close forever.

The trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. I Cor. 15:52. The dead shall rise first, and we that are alive and remain shall be changed in a moment of time, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: and we shall be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. This is Bible doctrine. It is within the lids of the Book. Read your Bible and you will find it out.

As we read the news that a dozen kings have already abandoned their thrones, it brings to our minds the song of one of the Mission street workers:

Our Christ Is Surely Coming,

"The Gentiles' times are closing, for the kings have had their day,
And with them sin and sorrow will forever pass away;
For the tribe of Judah's Lion, He now comes to hold the sway.
His throne shall in Jerusalem be a thousand years to stay."

And the words of another God-given song:

Jesus Reigns,

"We'll reign with Him in purest white,
And rule this world, the saints of light;
Oh, glorious day, break forth, we pray,
To all who wait and watch and pray,
Whose lamps are trimmed and burning bright,
The feet of those who have tired grown
In watchings oft and prayers alone
Cry, 'Jesus, quickly come! Jesus, quickly come!"

“But who can stand on that great day,
 When Truth and Freedom have full sway.
 And peace and power His hand shall bring
 To those who worship with our King,
 Who worship with our King?
 Lo, He comes! Lo, He comes!
 Jesus comes to reign!”

“Christ’s Kingdom in Earth.”

Christ was the prophet of Nazareth, but He is coming back as “KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.” He shall rule this earth. “His dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.” Zech. 9:10. It will be a literal kingdom, as literal as the kingdoms it displaces. When He sets foot on this earth again, it will be to rule in righteousness, as all the prophets have foretold. Every nation and kingdom shall bow to His scepter, and this earth will see a glorious reign of peace for a thousand years. Then when this earth shall have passed away, He will create a new heavens and earth that shall stand forever.

“ONCE I WAS BOUND AND ON MY WAY TO HELL.”

I praise God I know my name is written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. Once I was bound down on my way to hell, a helpless drunkard for many years, but I praise God today, Jesus is real to my soul. He redeemed my soul eight years ago, when I stopped at a little Apostolic Faith Mission, where there was a band of Finnish people telling this same story, telling about the power of God to save.

I was almost living in saloons those days, and I wanted more beer and whiskey; but the saloon keepers said, “You better quit,” because I had no more money to buy drinks and no friends. I left the saloon and started home. I was full of drink, and when I passed the Mission, I heard the singing, and at the same time God spoke to my soul and I turned. I wanted those people to pray for me.

I never heard such testimonies in my life. I was a church member, too; but I heard them tell that Jesus could save from sin. The church people said that Jesus could not keep above sin; but these people told me, “Jesus is able to save and keep from sin.” When I opened my heart to Jesus on my knees and laid my life at His feet, He came down into my life, and broke every chain, and habit and set me free. I am free today. I am a living witness that Jesus is able to save a young man and keep above sin.

I was a broken hearted man. I was looking for something to satisfy my soul, for years and years. Many times I spent my nights in sin, and came home in the morning hours from dances and gambling halls, condemnation in my soul, tears in my eyes; and Jesus spoke to me, “Where will you spend eternity?” I praise God I am a free man. Oh, I remember that blessed night when I opened my heart to Jesus. He rolled the dark clouds away from my heart. No more

condemnation, but joy and peace like a river. No more whiskey, no more beer or tobacco for me. I praise God for this wonderful Gospel. I love Jesus with all my heart. I am going to see the reward that comes after this race.

A few days ago I was dying with influenza. If God had not been my healer, I would have been in my grave; but God sent some of these people to my home and they prayed, and He raised me up from a death bed; and in about half an hour the pain all went out of my lungs, and I quit spitting blood. A wonderful Savior, a wonderful healer Jesus is. I was willing to die, I was so happy; but something spoke from Heaven and said, "Fear not, I am near thee." I tell you it is a good thing in that moment to have that assurance in your soul that you are ready to go with Jesus. Oh, I am so happy I started out to serve God. He is dearer and sweeter to me than ever before in these last days.

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Is The Antichrist Coming?

“Let no man deceive you by any means, for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.” II Thess. 2:3, 4.

In II Thess. 2:7-12, I John 4:3, Rev. 13:1-10, and Daniel 8:23, 24, we read of the Antichrist that is to come. The name signifies one absolutely opposed to Christ. It does not simply mean a system or organization, but a person, a supernatural, diabolical being, in the form of a man that shall blaspheme and proclaim himself to be God, and gain a great following in this world; for all men shall worship him whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Rev. 13:8.

He Will Be a World Ruler.

We are told that the Antichrist, “the man of sin,” shall take possession of this world in a reign of terror and slaughter of the righteous, a universal domain of the power of [Satan]. He will dominate the whole world and blaspheme the God of Heaven; but it will be only for a season, according to the Word of God.

He will declare himself to be God. “Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.” II Thess. 2:4. Remember that this is the “son of perdition,” a blasphemer, the very personification of the devil himself, the incarnation of [Satan]. Rev. 13:1-10.

As Christ was the express image of the Father, the very embodiment of the God of love, who was “made flesh and dwelt among us”; so Antichrist will be the incarnation of [Satan]. He will be a monster of iniquity, the greatest impostor that has ever appeared to deceive the nations of the world. Doubtless he is the king spoken of by the prophet Daniel, “a king of fierce countenance” that “shall destroy wonderfully” and shall “prosper and practice and shall destroy the mighty and holy people.” Dan. 8:23, 24.

“The Apostasy.”

“That day (the day of Christ) shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed. II Thess 2:3, 4. Here the Word tells us the sign of the coming of Antichrist—“Apostasy.” We see on every hand the apostasy of the church Jesus Christ. Look about Christendom today and see the terrible apostate condition, the departure from the faith. You see people turning away from God and becoming blasphemers.

You see the curse of the age; higher criticism, New Thought, Spiritualism, Christian Science; all of the spirit of Antichrist, all causing people to do away with the efficacy of the Blood of Jesus Christ and His power to eradicate sin. We do not hear of the infidel lectures of years ago that used to draw crowds of people. Why? Many of the pulpits are doing that work today, under the guise of higher criticism, new thought and culture, which is nothing but the power of [Satan] in disguise.

You see millions of church people linking hands with the world. They dress like the world, they join in its amusements, folly and sin. They have lost the true love of God and of souls. They are in a state of lukewarmness and unconcern. They see the Word of God being fulfilled, but that does not stir them nor open their eyes to their lost condition. Their heart is set on the things of the world, yet they expect God to look on them with approval. But the Word says, “Love not the world, neither the things of the world; if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

An Undercurrent of the Antichrist Spirit.

The spirit of Antichrist is already in the world. Paul said, “The spirit of iniquity doth already work.” There is an undercurrent of the power of the Antichrist in the world, growing stronger every day. It is the spirit that opposes that which is lawful and righteous in the sight of God. We see the combination of powers, paving the way for the Antichrist: Socialism, Unionism, Anarchy, as well as every false system of religion. The powers of darkness are combining and heading up.

We see the Central Provinces of Europe all being disrupted by the power of anarchy and Bolshevism. That is nothing less than the power of [Satan]. The Word speaks of the power of Antichrist working in the last days. We see underneath the surface an undercurrent, a mighty power of evil that is trying to get the upper hand and to rise up and dominate. Autocracy has fallen, but we see anarchy rising and trying to take its place.

“The Mark of the Beast.”

The Word tells us that as many as will not worship the image of the beast will be killed. Rev. 13:15. And that whosoever shall not receive the mark of the beast in the right hand or forehead shall not be allowed to buy or sell. Rev. 13:16. To take the mark of the beast then, will be to accept him in the place of God and Christ, and this the Christian cannot do. That will be a terrible dilemma; but into it will all remaining Christians come, when once “He that hindereth” shall be taken out of the way and the Antichrist shall be revealed.

In the 12th and 13th chapters of Revelation, we have the outline of the severe and bloody persecution of the worshippers of God under the dominion of the dragon and the beast, the Antichrist. You may remain in the world and miss the “Rapture” (I Thess. 4:16, 17), and take the mark of the beast, and prolong your days a little while; but if you ever expect to get to Heaven, you must seek the power of God’s saving grace. If you once take the mark of the beast, there will be no salvation for you, but you will drink of “the wine of the wrath of God that is poured out without mixture.” Rev. 14:9, 10.

What Do These Things Mean?

It means that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. It means that the day is approaching when the bride of Christ, the Overcomers will be swept out of the world. They have not counted their lives dear unto themselves, they have not been afraid to sacrifice everything for the cause of Jesus Christ, and have given their hearts and lives to God. They will be taken out of the horror and blackness and turmoil of the Great Tribulation that is to come, and united with Christ to partake of the marriage supper of the Lamb.

And after the awful tribulation has swept over this world, a conflagration such as never was known up to that time. God, fulfilling His own plans and the counsel of His will, is coming back to this world to plant a kingdom of peace right here on earth. Thank God that we can be partakers of it. Rev. 19:11-21.

The Prayers of God’s People.

“And now ye know what withholdeth, that he might be revealed in his time.” II Thess. 2:6. What is it? It is the prayers of the saints, the intercession of God’s people, and the mighty restraining grace of God Almighty. That is all that withholds the man of sin from taking things in his hands and ruling today.

We see those powers of darkness that are antagonistic to the Word of God, to the laws of the land and to righteousness, trying to take the reigns of government. It is only the beginning of what shall come to pass, when every false system and ungodly power shall unite.

“For the Mystery of Iniquity Doth Already Work, only He who now letteth will let till He be taken out of the way.” II Thess. 2:7. It is evident by that Scripture, that the Spirit of God will be

withdrawn and taken out of the world. Who is it that is restraining and keeping back the powers of hell from reigning? The Spirit of Christ and the bride, which shall be taken out of the way.

“Then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming.” II Thess. 2:8. The reign of the Antichrist will come to a sudden end when Jesus Christ and the armies of Heaven return to this world. Rev. 19:11-21. His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, the very spot from which He left this world when He comes to set up His millennial kingdom in the earth. Zech 14:4. It is then that the wicked one shall be destroyed with the brightness of His coming.

Armageddon Is Coming, the battle of the great day of God Almighty. All the armies and followers of antichrist and the false prophet will be gathered together against the Christ and against His saints. It is called the “great wine-press of the wrath of God.” That wine-press will be trodden by the Son of God. “The great day of His wrath” is the last woe of the tribulation that is to come, the seven last plagues as described in the 15th and 16th chapters of Revelation.

The Tribulation at Hand.

We read that just preceding the Millennium, will be a time of awful trouble, spoken of by our Lord as “The [Great] Tribulation,” a time of trouble such as was never known from the foundation of the world. Matt 24:21. We have seen the signs of the last days, the earthquakes, the famine, the pestilence, and nation rising against nation and kingdom against kingdom. And the last sign will be when the sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood. Acts 2:20. “Then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” Matt 24:30. These signs were all foretold by Jesus Christ, to show when these things shall be.

Those that will fall in line with the spirit of iniquity are the people that received not the love of the truth. They turned from the plain teachings of Jesus Christ in the Word. They rejected the Christ of Calvary; and they will accept the Antichrist when he shall set himself up as God in the world. “And for this cause, God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” II Thess. 2:11, 12. God has extended an invitation to the whole round world to be saved. The arms of God have been outstretched from the time He promised Adam that a Savior should be born, up to the present time, but the world will not receive the love of the truth.

A Great Deception.

It may be asked, By what power will the Antichrist deceive the world. By signs and lying wonders which he will have power to do, even to bring down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Rev. 13:13. “With all power [and signs] and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.” II Thess. 2:9, 10. He will be the greatest deceiver this world has ever seen.

God wants us to get our eyes open and prepare to meet Jesus Christ, for He is coming soon. He will come unawares to this world. He will come unawares to the world. He will steal away a people that know their God and are ready to meet him. You will not have time then to make

confessions and straighten out little crooked deals. The time will come the trumpet will sound and the bride will be caught away and you will find to your sorrow that you are left.

Left for What?

To take the mark of the beast or lose your head. And if you haven't enough salvation to stand for the truth of the Gospel now, where will your strength come from when you stand face to face with the Antichrist, and have to take mark of the beast or be put to death. If the Spirit of God and the testimonies and prayers of the people of God do not inspire you to that stamina for the truth to stand together with God's people you will never be able to stand when Jesus Christ takes His Spirit out of the world.

These are perilous times when men's hearts need to be aroused before sudden destruction shall come upon you as a whirlpool of sin and distress that shall swallow up your soul and sink into a lost eternity. God help us to get away from a false security, and seek a shelter in the Rock of Ages. Jesus Christ, the shelter in a time of storm. Now is the time to get right with God. This is the dressing room for Heaven. God help you to take advantage of the golden opportunities and get right with God today.

“Watch ye therefore, and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.” Luke 2:36.