"And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached (published, Mark 13:10) in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and the n shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA.

The Lord is blessing us and helping us both in the individual life and in our mission work. Bro. Ostema of Anderson, Indiana, was with us yesterday and Thursday and held four services. We are looking up these days for we believe our redemption draweth nigh.—Mrs. L. R. Smyres.

GOD'S WORK IN E. ST. LOUIS.

Since I came here in January I have found the saints on the firing line of the battle. The Lord permitted me to teach and help set in order, as the Spirit led. I never saw such a band of young folks, so clean and out for the New Testament truth, as I have found here. In none of the assembles have I found any wild-fire, or indiscretion, nor have I met any cleaner souls.

The Holy Spirit used Sister Rose Miller to kindle a fire here that has come to a blaze these last few days. In the past few weeks they have set apart and ordained to the ministry, Bros. R. O. Miller, Carl F. Leinberger, John O. Underwood, Mary Malla and Geo. Darra; also, Sister Emma Miller, as evangelist. All are fully equipped by the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4. Was assisted in the ordination by Bro. R. O. Miller and others, at the assembly, 2928 Ohio St., Sister Paris, clerk.

In each assembly souls are being saved. the Holy Spirit is doing His office work with nearly all of the signs following. Each place has been crowded. Truly the Lord is good to His little flock.—F. Gideon Bingley, 281 W. Simmons St., Galesburg,

SHADY GROVE, TEXAS.

I have just closed a meeting at Shady Grove. God wonderfully blessed and baptized four with the Holy Ghost. One of our Holiness sisters was baptised with the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4. Others were reclaimed and two were saved. About one hundred of the saints were present when we had the Lord's Supper and service of foot-washing.

Myself and wife and seven children are in the field for Jesus. We travel in a Wagon. God has wonderfully blessed, We are trusting Him for a tent. Pray for us.—Steve A. Odom, Pinckney, Texas.

AN EVANGELISTIC TRIP. Bro. Merrin Reports.

Left the Pacific Coast with Bro. Draper, Feb. 4th for the East. Held meetings in the twin cities, St. Paul and Minneapolis. Blessed time. Good crowds attended in St. Paul, and in the latter part of the

St. Paul, and in the latter part of the meetings in Minneapolis. The power of God fell one night like an abundance of rain.

At Clear Lake it took some time to

break through, but the people were stirred and good crowds attended. Souls were saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost the same night. There is a wonderful opportunity there. The free Mission Church is completely turned over for Pentecostal work.

Just closed last night in Duluth. Had a blessed time. God has surely done a wonderful work. Bro. Neve is the Pastor whom God has used to establish the work in the last year and a half. Last night four came forward for salvation and one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Leave today for Two Harbors, Minn., where a large hall is rented for the services. Pray for us.

GLEN ROSE, TEXAS

The battle is on here. Eight have been saved and six have received the baptism. One old brother came to God who had been in sin for 86 years. God is working mightily here. Pray that we may be effective in saving the lost.

Jim Ferguson.

BRO. LAWSON'S REPORT

Just returned from Illinois. Was in two weeks meeting at the Macedonia Church. There is a fine assembly of about 65 saints. We had a blessed time while there, with the Lord. Fifteen were saved; four received the Baptism as in Acts 2:4. Pray for us and for this part of the country. Pray that we may rightly divide His word.

Evan. W. G. Lawson and Wife.

Further Signs of the Last Days.

Spirit of Anti-Christ Revealed in new Plans for Church Federation and the Formation of the United States of the World.

Shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end. Dan 12:4.

As we have come down to the time of the end referred to in the above Scripture, all of the books of prophecy are fast being unsealed, and the wise may read and understand.

To have prophecy fulfilled before our eyes is marvelous to our finite minds, but how blessed to realize that our God is bringing to pass just what He said would come in the end of the age.

The horrible devastation of modern warfare helps us to realize that we are getting the earnest of the tribulation now. The terror that strikes the bravest heart when earthquakes come: the dreadful pestilences, famines, floods, etc., such as will characterize the day of the great tribulation, have already visited the earth in such unusual intensity that many are saying that the tribulation days are upon us: and well we might judge so but for the fact that the waiting saints have not yet been taken up in the rapture, the antichrist has not yet been revealed and the world powers are not yet in condition to welcome him as world ruler. .

The federation of the world according to those who have gone deep into the Word of God for their authority, will come to pass before the antichrist is manifested. Prophecy points that way. The nations of the earth may take action to bring about world-wide peace: it sounds encouraging, we are tired of wars. How blessed it would be to have peace among all nations, and to have all differences settled without the shedding of blood: but according to prophecy this world will not know permanent peace until the Prince of Peace comes and sets up His kingdom.

The movement for the federation of all churches which is stirring the Christian world today would also be ideal, and like heaven to our longing hearts if by the churches were meant the body of believers who know for themselves that the blood of Jesus cleanseth from all unrighteousness; but not so; this federation of Churches means an attempt to bring together the different bodies of all denominations, Christian and anti-Christian (those who deny the divinity of Christ), Catholics, Jews, etc., and the whole federated government of nations for world betterment and world peace.

A few months ago there appeared in the Christian Herald a copy of an appeal from the different Christian churches to the president of the United States to take the lead in the great movement to bring about the federation of the world; Claiming that some nation must begin the movement and the United States is the nation. The appeal closes with these words:

"Let our congress issue its call to the nations. Let it back up this in sincerity by placing our armament at the disposal of this Federation. Let us spend hundreds of millions, not in fortifying our coasts, Panama, the Philippines, but perfecting the federation.

"Let us send our most representative men abroad to preach world-unity; such men as our ex-presidents and others whose ability and distinction entitle them to a world-hearing.

"We would not so address you did we not believe you have the courage, the vision and the statesmanship requisite for this, so great a matter.

"Lead us! The great American people are with you.

"Proclaim the United States of the World!"

How good this sounds! It would seem that this would answer the cry of all of our hearts. But why will not God's dear children learn to read history in His Word, "The more sure word of phophecy?" And be prepared for that which must surely come to pass. "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Our hearts would fail us for fear of what is soon coming upon the world except He had told us to be of good cheer, and except for the legacy of peace He left His little flock. Storm clouds nor war clouds nor disasters by land or sea can steal away the peace He gives, thank God. And while we know that things are shaping up in preparation for, first, the catching away of the dear waiting saints to be ever with their Lord, and the appearance of the antichrist to hold in power for a time; and then later, at the end of those days of tribulation, the glorious coming of Him, the brightness of whose coming will destroy the antichrist and his army gathered at Jerusalem in the battle of Armaged-

We who are looking for His second appearing are ever rejoicing in the glad hope, even in the midst of sorrows. By faith "we see Jesus who was made a little lower than the angels crowned with glory and honor."

From an excellent article in "The Morning Star," by Pastor O. F. Burgess, we copy the following:

"Three significant movements need watching now: 'the Federation of the Churches of America,' 'the Progressive League (religious) of England,' and 'the Order of the Star in the East,' of India. The first proposes the union of all churches, orthodox and unorthodox Protestant, with Roman Catholic and Jewish Synagogue. The second is so broad that any religionist or infidel throughout the world could accept its platform. The last of the three boldly announces a coming world's Messiah, 'the Supreme Teacher of God and Man,' 'the greatest Figure in Human History,' and says its object is to 'unify all the religions of mankind;' and 'the Unifier is coming. (You will find his portrait in Rev. 13:11-18.) This 'Order of the Star in the East' claims 25,000 members in the United States now. It was the writer's sad privilege to listen to an advance agent of this 'Order' speaking in a Christian church some two years ago. He told in his hour-and-a-quarter address of 'a reincarnation of one of the great white brotherhood' soon to occur in India, and informed his audience that 'we shall know him by what he teaches.' Christian brethren, we shall know our Christ by His Word and recognize His coming by His 'shout,' 'the voice of the archangel,' and 'the trump of God' (1 Thess. 4:16).

"On February 7th, 1913, the writer heard a delegate from the 'Co-operative Institute' at Rome address a meeting in Minneapolis, and state that delegates. whose election was being secured from every state of the United States and province of Canada, would meet in Rome in 1915; and these, with others from every government in the world, would then form a government of the United States of the World.' (The writer has a copy of the constitution to be adopted at that time.) 'The first business,' the speaker went on to say, when this government reached the point of legislation, 'would be to fix the price at which things shall be bought and sold' (Rev. 13:11-18).

"Rulers, diplomats and statesmen are taking action today by which they hope the war in Europe will end in a conference of the nations of the world, who will bring permanent peace by a federated government of the world.

"Yes; God will let man's plans succeed; their federated kingdoms of the world, and their 'Wonderful Man' take His place as ruler, but it will become the greatest tyranny ever known (study Rev. 6 and 13) and go down suddenly with a crash (Dan. 2:34, 35, 44 and 45).

"And is this to end God's plans? No; is with us. If judgments are descending and impending. If man will reject God and His Christ, there is no course open but failure for him. Then God's time-lock will open the door on the most glorious morn of all the ages, with praising God.

Christ, the Son of Righteourness, as King; a day-dawn from which all shadows flee away, 'a morning without clouds, as clear shining after rain.'

"By prophecies and events we see the day approaching, and all is a call to a closer walk in obedience to Him, the coming Lord, who has promised deliverance to us (1 Thess. 1:9, 10)."—From The Bridegrooms Messenger.

SEVENTY-SEVEN BAPTIZED.

Skiatook, Okla.

The Lord is still saving and baptizing souls here. There are now seventy-seven who have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, as in Acts 2:4, and about twenty-five still seeking. Twenty-eight have been baptized in water and a number expect to be. There have been several cases of healing from pneumonia fever. One woman who for some time could not eat solid food, has received her baptism and her healing, and can now eat anything she wants. It is wonderful how God is working in these last days. People are calling for us to come to many other places for meetings. Many are hungry for the Word of God, while others are persecuting. Jesus said, "I will never leave nor forsake you." It is so glorious. so wonderful that I cannot tell-His love

> W. E. Hammers, Theo. Smith.

PLAINVIEW, TEXAS. A Testimony and Invitation.

I praise God for what He is to me just now. One of my little boys, five years of age, fell and broke his arm just above the elbow, and the prayer of faith was offered and his arm was healed. Praise God forever!

We invite one and all to be with us the first of August at Plainview, in a big camp-meeting. We are expecting great things from the Lord. Pray for us that God may work in this place.

G. H. Cameron.

WIMBERLY, TEXAS.

We spent Sunday in Wimberly, 45 miles west of Austin, and God gave us four fine services. Seven were baptized in water at 2 p. m. A fine union Sundayschool at 4 p. m. Then a full house at 7:30. Some came to the altar for healing, some for Pentecost some for pardon, and most all received their hearts desire. Fifteen, thus far, have been baptized in the Holy Ghost, and all spoke in tongues as in Acts 2:4. A number have been saved who are tarrying for the baptism. The country is stirred around there for miles. At least twenty-five hands went up for prayer Sunday night. Four young workers are still pressing the battle there.

I returned home with my band, for services, as this seemed the will of the Lord and of the church. We have two assemblies here now and souls are getting through to God. There is perfect unity in both assemblies. In fact, all of the Lord's work in this part of the country, as far as I know, is so. Bro. Benson has been doing some good preaching at one of the Assemblies, and Bro. and Sister Hall at the other

We are looking for the greatest harvest of souls this summer we have ever seen. The calls for full Gospel preachers are increasing all over the country.

J. D. Scheumack.

CONROE, TEXAS.

We left the saints of Overton tabernacle in sweet unity and looking for the coming of Jesus, which we believe to be very soon. The saints are looking forward to a camp-meeting this summer, it the Lord leads, and some are planting extra gardens to that end.—Burt McCafferty.

SODA, TEXAS.

We have a small mission here, but God is with us. Recently a lady here from Louisiana was healed of the morphine habit after using it 22 years. God saved her and took the desire away for morphine. She is still with us shouting and praising God.

C. N. Wells.

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"Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the Gospel is preached. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me." Luke 7:22, 23.

John had been thrown into prison and his faith had failed to a certain extent, and so he sent certain of his disciples to Jesus to make sure that He was the Messiah that should come. It is a very easy thing to believe God when in health and in prosperity, but when darkness and adversity comes then it is a severe test to our faith which will demonstrate whether or not we are rooted and grounded in our Lord.

It is a striking lesson that is before us. Jesus makes no reply to his enquirers, but simply requests that they stay by Him and watch him at his work in saving and healing the people. Then, at the close of the day, he sums up the whole day's work in the terse statement quoted above and sends them back to John, allowing the works to testify for Him, whether He was the one sent of God, or whether they should yet wait for another.

We may make loud professions that God is with us and doing great things through us, but the real proof of our ministry is for the people to actually see demonstrated all that we have claimed. When we are living in such close touch with God that we can pray for the sick and the sick will recover, and lay our hands on the eyes of the blind and the blind shall see, and put our fingers in the ears of the deaf and the deaf shall hear, then we will not have to say much about whether God is with us or not, for our works will prove that we have faith in God and that He is with us. When the Spirit of God begins to work in special movings of power through the name of Jesus Christ, then many shall believe and others will be offended. Under such circumstances, men are compelled to make a decision, either to accept Christ for else reject Him. Shall they accept Him? Blessed is the man who shall not be offended but who shall believe on the Lord, embracing the fact that He has come down unto them.

God has called His people as demonstrators of the rower of God. "And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with signs following." He expects the signs to follow the ministry today just as much as any other time in the history of the church. Let God's people arise to their opportunity and dare to believe God, demonstrating to the world that Christ reigns and that He is just the same yesterday, today and forever.

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SOME DON'TS FOR WORKERS. By One of Them.

DON'T presume that you are the only one who has ever accomplished anything when you go into another's work.

DON'T go unannounced to established works, when you have not been invited and wonder that you are not smothered with

DON'T ride hobbies. Ride the white horse of FOWER.

DON'T seek pre-eminence; seek God.

DON'T peddle secondhand goods as new. If you have heard or read what you are using, tell the people so. They may not think you are as smart as they otherwise would, but they will think more of you and have more respect for you.

DON'T pray more in public than you do in private.

DON'T exaggerate. God does not need your exaggeration and it hurts you.

DON'T crave the applause of men-seek the honor that comes from above.

DON'T betray any secrets that the Lord may have permitted to come into your possession.

DON'T gossip; pray.

DON'T regard with such sacredness your peculiar views of doctrines that everybody else is unorthodox and unscriptural who does not agree with you.

DON'T expect workers in the older missions to go without themselves, that you may get your carfare running around from place to place.

DON'T begin telling your needs before you have done anything that would warrant the people in helping you on your

DON'T run everybody else down but yourself and leave the impression that you are the only faithful one in the work .-Pentecostal Report.

"TONGUES ARE FOR A SIGN." Bridgeport, Texas.

Bro. Bosworth and wife of Dallas, held a three weeks' revival for us here. Bro. Birdsell was also with us a few days There were about 18 conversions and about 16 baptisms according to Acts 2:4. Both young and old were baptized. One woman, about 65 years old, when the power of God fell on her, began to jerk, and in a few m nutes she began to shout and talk in another tongue as the Spirit gave utterance.

One man, a German about 48 years old, of the Lutheran faith, had been making light of the meeting and one night, after service, he came to Bro. Bosworth and said "Pray for me," and he said "Let us get down." In a few minutes he was converted. He dated his conviction to the night before when he heard Bro. Bosworth speak in German. He, being a German, understood what he said, and told what he said, and told him what it was after the service. Bro. Bosworth told him that he did not know a sentence in German and this put such conviction on this man that he could not throw it off, "Wherefore, tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe but to them that believe not," (1 Cor. 14:22).

By this time people were convicted in different parts of town. One man was so full of the devil that he scared his people out of the house. His little daughter ran to our house and told us to come over quickly as her father was acting so peculiarly, and was barred in a room. We could not coax him to open the door. He said it was too late. After trying for some time to open the door, we prayed earnestly. Finally the man opened the door and was weeping. In a few moments he was converted and that night received his baptism. His wife had been praying almost continuously for three weeks for his conversion. God is still answering prayer.

R. P. Hines, Pastor.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

Pray for me that I may be used of God in Clarence Beagle, His service.

R. 2, Owingsville, Ky.

AUBURN, NEB.

God is blessing us in the work here. The homes where we have meetings will not hold the crowds. Souls are getting to God. Two have been baptized with the Holy Ghost and three saved this month. We are trying to raise money to build a house of worship. The assembly is small and there is not much of this world's goods. We should be glad if anyone feels led to send us help. It will be gratefully received. You can address-L. A. Dieffenwierth,

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In His love.-E. N. Bell.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE.

Don't waste your time sending to us now as we have not yet published.

Ever since it was stated that we hoped soon to be able to publish our own Sunday School Literature, we have been flooded with many inquiries, and some have even gone so far as to send us money for cards, leaflets, quarterlies etc. In some cases we have returned this money and in other cases we have sent the money on to the denominational publishing houses to be filled. In all cases, however, 't has caused us unnecessary trouble in attending to correspondence and in replying to inquiries, and so a little advice on this line is timely.

We do not publish Sunday School Literature now but we hope to do so by the middle of the year, or for the third quarter, commencing July 1st. In this case we will publish in our papers large advertisements, several months before hand, so that all may have warning that they can get their literature from us. If you don't see these advertisements, you will know that we could not get adjusted properly to publish the literature, and so pleose don't make any more inquiries or order supplies until the advertisement is put in the papers. This will probably be about May 1st, if all goes well and we get adjusted properly for the work .- J. R. F.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

Pray for God to send us a good preacher,-one who has the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Pray for me that I will do just what God would have me do. We need a revival here. Vivian House, Rainbow, Texas.

Sunday School

APRIL 18, 1915. THE SHEPHERD PSALM.

Lesson Text .- Psa 23.

Golden Text .- The Lord is my shepherd Leading Thought .- Know and follow the Shepherd's voice. Jno. 10:4,5.

Written probably toward the end of David's life, and while in a sense his personal song of guidance and comfort, yet. this blessed shepherd psalm is God's message for his every child; and if we know Him as our Father through our acceptance of Christ Jesus, His Son, we may take its hallowed words of assurance as our very own. "We thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks forever; wewill shew forth thy praise to all generations." Psa. 79:13. No soul however advanced in spiritual life and attainment but. what, under some trial or pressure, gladly lays their weary head on this precious pillow of rest and comfort.

"The Lord is my Shepherd." vs. 1-4. Because of this all the specific blessings are assured. Notice how each verse further reveals His goodness.

V. 1. "I shall not want"-for He supplies every need. Oftimes our supposed needs are only wants, while we may entirely overlook some pressing need which only God may apprehend. "Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him." Matt. 6:8. Compare with Luke 12:30; Rom. 8:26, 27. What a wonderous privilege to live a life "committed. to God," content with whatever He aupoints. This is verily that, "faith which worketh by love." Gal. 5:6. "In him dwelleth all the fullness."

V. 2. Rest and Refreshment. The two gotogether. It is said "a hungry or frightened sheep will not lie down. But "when he giveth quietness who then can make trouble." Job 34:29. The "green pastures" would imply a continually fresh and abundant supply. Still waters- "waters of quietness," we never needed tofind them more than we do today." A religious life with no still waters in it will. fret itself out, and wear out others, too, with its continual spluttering and splashing."

V. 3 A restorer and guide. No need. to remain weary or weak with such a mighty one to revive and quicken both. body and soul. Psa. 103:3; Jno. 10:10. Fed and refreshed He leadeth us in "paths. of straightness." Without Him we could. never keep the way, for He only can guide our steps aright. Psa. 5:8; 18:35, 36.

V. 4. A protector and comforter—is Hein every condition of life. Through the. deep, dark valleys that lead from one green pasture to another; through every hard untried experience we need have no causefor fear. Not because there is no danger, but because He who is with us is greater than any danger or opposing force. Absolute trust in God will banish fear of any sort. Isa. 41:10. "Thy rod and staff they comfort me."-Cf. 2 Cor. 4:17; Heb. 12:

V. 5. A Satisfying portion. No longer Jehovah appears as a shepherd but as a bountiful host. What a spiritual feast Hehas given, and the blessed anointing of the Holy Spirit-"the oil of gladness" (Heb. 1:9)! No wonder the cup of joy overflows. John 15:11; 16:22.

V. 6. Assurance for future blessings. "Goodness and mercy" to follow us here; and an eternal abiding-place in the house of the Lord hereafter. Jno. 14:1-3: 1 Thes. 4: 16, 17; 2 Cor. 5:1-3. A daily pilgrimage of blessing with our Lord here on this earth, and an endless sojourning with Him in our "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

"The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never. I nothing lack if I am His, And He is mine forever."

BELIEVES IN POWER OF PRAYER.

A sister in Pangburn, Ark., writes as follows:

Some of your people were holding a. meeting near my home some time ago and one of your papers was handed tome, which I liked fine. I was down with lung trouble at the time and could not attend the meeting, but believe in the power of prayer. I request all the saints to pray for me that I may be healed. It want to be better in spirit and body.

Mrs. Beulah Chambless.

ARKANSAS MAYOR CONVICTED

God is still pouring out His blessing on this country. Nine have been saved and ten have received the, baptism here in Russellville, since the last report. Sister Dollie Drain and other workers held a meeting 4 miles northeast of town and 12 were saved and 12 received the baptism as in Acts 2:4. There is a good assembly there of 40 saints who are on fire for God. Praise God for the unity that prevails in this country among God's people.

Have just returned from Central, Ky., where God gave blessed results. The meeting was held in the large opera house which was crowded to the doors every night. The mayor of the city became convicted and shut up nine drink shops, for good. Praise God for the victory over drink in that place. There are about 140 baptized saints in and about that place. They have all received the baptism since we first went there a year ago. Praise God! We set in order an assembly at Cleaton, Ky., of sixty souls, and appointed a pastor over them. This is three miles from Central City.

> E. R. Fitzgerald, Russellville, Ark.

HE IS MINE. (Tune, "Precious Name.")

Keep your eyes alone on Jesus; Let Him ever be your shield. Let His love fill you completely, And to Satan never yield.

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He is mine; He is mine,-Precious Saviour all the time. He is mine; He is mine, Precious Saviour all the time.

Oh the world with all its pleasures, Cannot charm the blood-washed child, As he keeps his eyes on Jesus, Keeps his garments undefiled.

As we read the precious Bible, Which God's holy will reveals, We find in it that our Saviour As we trust Him, gladly heals." -George H. Hicks, Crichton, Ala.

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TRUTH VS. ERROR

It is surprising, the number of children of God, even teachers and preachers of the Gospel, who thoughtlessly fall into error because they fail to search deeply into the Scriptures.

They carelessly take up erroneous interpretations which the enemy has scattered abroad in the land that Satan's kingdom might be increased.

Let us consider one of the most dangerous ones, which we often meet with. It leads out on the line of probation after death, in hell, Universal salvation and that all will be saved eventually.

It is taken from 1 Pet. 3:18-20, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God being put to death in the flesh -etc." (read)

Some people, even saints, preachers and teachers, have taken this Scripture to mean that when Christ was dead and his body in the grave, that His spirit went down into hell (not the grave), and preached the gospel to the lost spirits who had lived in Noah's time before the flood. That He gave them a new chance to repent; and that they did repent and that He took them up to heaven with Him, all of which is wrong, as we shall see later.

Another theory is, that Christ's spirit went down into hell: not to preach repentence but to witness to His finished work on the cross; thereby confirming Enoch's and Noah's testimony. But what would this avail?

I have heard both of these theories taught and believed by preachers, teachers, elders, and leaders in Pentecostal meetings (The Lord forbid. Editor.)

The simple fact is; neither of these theories have any foundation whatever, in the Word of God, and there is no purgatory promised nor second chance.

For these reasons, I feel stirred up to write an article; trusting that God may help me, and use it to His glory, in undoceiving some at least, who have thoughtlessly fallen into this trap of the devil.

Briefly stated, these verses mean, that the Spirit of Christ, before He took on the body of flesh, went to those people who were living in Noah's time before the flood 2381 years before the crucifixion.

They were alive then in their bodies of flesh; but dead in trespasses and sins. They were captive souls, bound in spirit, Isa. 24: 21-22. God said of them (Gen. 6:5)-"That every imagination of the thoughts of their hearts; was only evil continually."

Peter says (1 Pet. 3:19), "Their spirits were in prison." They needed preaching. The Spirit of Christ, then and there, preached to them in the person of, and through the lips of Noah.

Peter tells us (2nd Pet. 2:21): "That the prophecy (prophet's preaching) "came not in the old time, or any time (margin). by the will of man, but holy men of God, spake, as they were moved by the Holy Spirit," (Spirit of Christ)

That this was the Spirit of Christ in the prophets, Peter in 1 Peter. 1:10-11 clearly shows by this phrase, "The Spirit of Christ which was in them." It makes no difference whether this suits man's theory or not or whether we understand how the Spirit of Christ could be in the ancient prophets or not, Peter declares emphatically that the "Spirit of Christ was in them." He records in the word in reference to the people just before the flood, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man," Gen.

This would apply to Noah, and his preaching to the people before the flood. A holy man moved by the spirit of Christ, for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (or prophetic preaching).

Noah, Enoch and others had this Spirit in them, as did Isaiah; who said (Isa. 61: 1) "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord hath anointed me to preach-to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." This was true of Isaiah while more true of Christ.

We are not to interpret the scriptures in such a way as to impeach the wisdom mercy and justice of God: nor do violence to his well defined plan of salvation, which everywhere represents man's time of probation as during his natural life and in the flesh; after which he may never more have repentance unto salvation.

The truth is Peter was a very radical believer in and exponent of Godly living for the saints. He was not giving them an exhortation on the possibilities of be- resurrection .- John 19:30, Jesus said,

ing saved, after death, in hell; which would have been aitogether out of place in this connection; but he was giving them an exhortation to cross-bearing and selfsacrifice, and, he used Jesus' suffering on the cross as an example telling them definitely, how to live to the glory of God; even on the lines of dress, walk, conversation, etc., and as among all classes, husbands, wives and others.

In 1 Pet. 2:21, he tells us of Christ's suffering and that He is to be our example.

In chapter 3:18, how Christ was crucified in the flesh, that He might bring us

In chapter 4:1, that we are to arm ourselves with the same mind, that is of death to self, crucifixion of the flesh; as Paul said "dying daily." For if 'we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him."

In chapter 3:20 to further illustrate the subject of separation from the world, worldliness, etc., He makes use of another figure; that of baptism, (an outward sign of an inward work of grace, wrought in the heart): and to do this mentions the flood and Noah's preaching in the Spirit of Christ to the people before the flood, and tells them how only eight souls were saved by water, in a figure of baptism.

We know that at the close of 120 years of grace; they had rejected Noah's preaching and their doom was sealed as they would not heed the strivings of the Spirit of Christ, for Peter tells us in the same chapters of his epistle, verses 1 to 9, "That God spared not the angels that sinned; nor the old world (pre-flood people). Nor the people of Sodom and Gomorrah; but reserved them for judgement to be punished." (Verse 9.) to give them another chance to repent.

In 1 Pet. 4:17, he warns the saints to keep ready for the judgement, saying it must begin at the house of God; and in verse 18 says if the righteous scarcely be saved where shall the sinner and ungodly appear in the judgment. This certainly does not sound as though Peter believed these rebellious sinners would be saved out of hell.

Now what does verses 18 and 20 (1 Pet. 3) say? Christ suffered for sins to bring us to God. Was put to death in the flesh but quickened in the spirit by which spirit he went and preached to the spirits in prison. Disobedient spirits who lived in the days of Noah (verse 20) while the ark was preparing. Now we know by other scriptures that Noah was the "preacher of righteousness" (2 Pet. 2:5) through whom the Spirit of Christ preached to them but that was before the flood; and there is no clear statement here that Christ did this during the three days while His body was in the tomb. preaching by Noah who was saved amid the waters of the flood, was only used here to bring before the saints the figure of baptism; but because Peter referred to the crucifixion in the same connection some have erroneously concluded they both took place at the same time. Not at all so.

It does not say that his spirit went down into hell at death, to preach to them; nor that any were converted. Why select this particular lot of lost spirits who had already rejected light and not others who never had any preaching or light? This would be unscriptural; and absurd, and make God a respector of per-

Jesus the Christ took unto himself a body of flesh and bones; and dwelt among men, passing through the temptations and sufferings common to man; that He might be an example to man; and judge them for deeds done while in the fleshly body (Rom. 2:6), and give sinful man a chance to repent before death; which ends man's probation, (1 Pet. 4:5-6), "We shail give an account to him, that is ready to judge the quick and the dead, and for them that are dead-", meaning it was preached to them before their fleshly bodies died. They are dead now, so are the pre-flood people; but the preaching was done, while they were alive and in the flesh, although dead in trespasses and sins and bound in spirit. 1 Pet. 4:6, "That they might be judged according to men in the flesh; but live according to God in the Spirit."

The scripture tells plainly of Christ and His spirit; from the crucifixion to the "It is finished;" meaning his work of redemption. Luke 23:46, "Father into thy hands I commit my spirit." The fleshly body went into the grave; the soulish or animal life was extinct; and the spirit returned to the God, as Eccl. 12:7 says and as Jesus in His own case specially directed. Christ's promise to the thief on the cross who repented before he died to be with him in Paradise did not imply a chance to repent in hell or any work of grace in hell. The work was on the cross in life.

In Luke 16:20-31, the rich man that Jesus told of being in hell did not as much as ask for salvation; nor even to get out of hell. He knew it was too late. His greatest personal request was for only a drop of water and that request was denied him because it was impossible to grant it. He could not even get a messenger from Abraham in paradise to warn his five brethren to keep out of that place of torment. Death had closed his opportunities for getting anything from the hand of

The word everywhere teaches 'That now is the day of salvation," and says "how shall we escape if we neglect it?" "This would be needless warning now if we were to have a better chance in hell. This lifetime is a day of mercy. "That mercy rejoiceth against judgment" now when "our names are written in the Lamb's book of life." The word says, 'After death comes the judgment, not a better chance. Dan. 12:2, "many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some to everlasting life; and so ne to shame and everlasting contempt.

Jesus taught the same doctrine in his parable of the tares, Mat. 13: 24-43.

As to the theory that Christ's spirit only went to witness and confirm Enoch and Noah's preaching, it would have been useless; as those spirits knew when they awoke in hell the awful reality of it and the truthfulness of Noah's warning. Then, why should the presence of Christ's spirit there be needed to convince them. His body would be dead and in the grave; and his spirit in hell as theirs were; and while his part of the work of redemption was done, the essential thing to prove his power and divinity, namely, the resurrection, had not yet taken place; for God had not yet raised him up.

Although Peter touches but lightly on some points usually, all will be made plain and clear as in this case if we only read carefully through both his epistles. W. F. H.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. CAMP-MEETING.

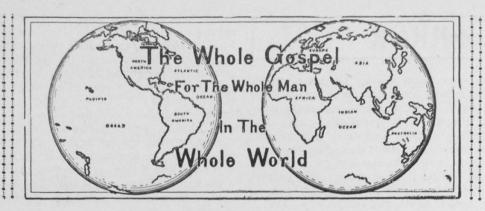
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NEBRASKA STATE CAMP.

We are preparing for the Nebraska State Camp to be held here about the middle of June. God has been wonderfully working here lately, saving and baptizing several in the Holy Ghost and fire. One man, a backslider, was saved and baptized in his seat while the meeting was going on. power of God fell like rain. Have also had a number of remarkable healings lately. A number of seekers. Pray that God will bring them through.—Pastor Fred E. Poole. Omaha, Nebraska.

A CONFESSION.

I preached thirteen years and thought 1 was a Christian and following God's Word. I found myself in sin until I crucified the fleshly habits and got my heart right concerning sects. I thought the Conference I held was the only way, but I see, through the Spirit, that I didn't exercise my faith. So I have been renewed and can praise God for salvation that takes away all filth of the flesh and gives me the gifts of the Spirit and heals me. God now heals others: through me. I live ten miles from my postoffice, R 1, and have been looking tothe Lord to send someone in to help, as 1. am alone. I am still preaching and praising God for victory. I would that the saints stand in unity with me in prayer .-C. J. Carroll, Blytheville, Ark. R. 1.



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ADDELL HARRISON China.

We have had many sorrows as well as blessings along the way since we came here to China, but His promise holds good (Phil. 4:19). When in the valley of suffering He taught us many lessons we shall need in the future. In His own time and way He led us out and planted our feet on higher ground.

God has poured out His Spirit in the midst of the orphans and our servants and orphans have received the blessed Holy Ghost, "speaking in other dancing in the Spirit. We tongues," praise Him for the wonderful way He has blessed and is blessing. Pray for us.

MATTIE LEDBETTER. So. China.

Our work is moving on very well. Praise God! Good congregations and some seen in earnest. We are just opening a boy's school in addition to our former work. My new co-worker, Miss Aikenhead, is studying the language. I do thank God for a helper after two years of being here

We have 19 in our household now. 17 of them are Chinese and 11 of these children. We are asking God to raise up some intercessors for Sam Shui, in the homeland. Our deepest prayer is that God will give us

HATTIE HACKER. (En Route to India.)

The Lord gave me a very pleasant voyage from New York to Liverpool. It was more like a summer trip. The Lord brought us through the Irish Sea, the most dangerous place, and we had a deep, settled peace in our souls all the time. I had blessed fellowship on the way. Bro. Smith Wigglesworth was returning home on the same boat, and we met two dear C. and M. A. missionaries on their way back to India.

The last word I had from Mrs. Denny she was well but very tired. I hope she will be ready to start home when I reach there for she needs the rest. Please continue to pray for us.

I am stopping with Mrs. Cantel, 73 Highbury New Park, London No., England. She has a large home for missionaries and Pentecostal people to stop, at very reasonable rates. She has meeting two or three times a week. People are being healed and are receiving the baptism. It has been a great blessing to me to be here.

MANY OPEN DOORS IN INDIA. India.

I do not think there has ever been a time here when there were so many people in earnest to hear God's message. Among Christian people the great European war has made them more willing to listen to whatever may be said to them about the need of preparation for judgment and the second coming of Christ. The past season we have distributed nearly 2000 Gospel books, like Spurgeon's "All of Grace" and Moody's "Way to God" among the British soldiers who have passed through Dhond. The dear lads seemed very glad to get the books and the officers and men expressed their gratitude.

The natives have also been stirred by the condition of affairs in these times,-"nation rising against nation and kingdom against kingdom," (Matt. 24: 7-8).

Of late God has led us at Dhond to undertake more open-air preaching. The weekly bazaar is a great institution all over India. The farmers, gardeners, merchants and all other classes come to this weekly market to sell and buy. Some of these markets are attended by thousands and they give us an unique opportunity

for preaching the Gospel. God has led us to march in procession up and down in the bazaar, singing as we go, and carrying large banners with the Gospel message printed on them with large type in the native language. Please pray for us that we may enter these open doors of testimony as fully as possible.

The war has increased the number of open doors because of its increasing the seriousness of the people, and I feel that the missionaries who are leaving India at this time "because of the war," as they say, are making a mistake. Please hold us up in your prayers.

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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. Oak Hill Tabernacle.

From the very first day the power of the Lord was with us, and many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. We did not try to keep an account of them but as many as 71 came to the altars seeking the Lord at one time, and as many as 8 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit in one day. We put in a baptistry also and 425 were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ during the campaign; many nights there had to be many turned from the place as there was not room to hold the crowds, but as many as 1000 attended the services every Sunday.

We had many preachers with us from various places, who all proclaimed it to be the most wonderful campaign which they ever attended, and went away greatly refreshed, and with a greater zeal than ever before to proclaim the simple truths of the Gospel to a lost world.

I leave here soon for Cambridge, Ohio where we will enter into another campaign which will begin, the Lord willing, Sunday April 18th. and continue as long as God leads. The meeting will be held in their new hall at 200 Long Street .- L. V.



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