

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

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GOD'S PRECIOUS PROMISES TO THE OVERCOMER.

What precious promises are given to the overcomer! I have often wondered if we, partakers of the heavenly gift, are overcoming as God would have us. We so often say we have overcome, but, dear ones, let us look deep down into our hearts and really see if we have. We must be at all times very humble in order to overcome all trials and temptations. I am glad that Christ said in John 16:33 that in Him we can have peace, but that in the world we shall have tribulation. Let us be of good cheer for He overcame the world. If He is in us we can also overcome. It may not be as the world would have us overcome, but it will be pleasing in His sight. He did not please the world but He did please the Father.

He overcame death and the grave and now sits on His throne in glory and all who overcome have a seat promised with Him because He says in Rev. 3:21 "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in my throne as I also overcame and am set down with my Father in His throne." Glory to God, the promise is to the overcomer and we must not be overcome with evil but must overcome evil with good. If you have an enemy, just be patient with him and stand suffering and persecutions; be kind and good to him and coals of fire will be heaped upon his head. The Word says "Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world." It does not say that he may overcome the world. When we do overcome the world we have the precious promise in Rev. 2:7 "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the paradise of God." And when we eat of the tree of life I believe we will not hunger any more. We see in the world people running here and there not knowing what they are seeking, but when they eat of the tree of life they will be satisfied and contented forever. I am glad Jesus satisfies my soul. He gives joy and peace never ending.

In Rev. 2:11 we read that "He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death," and in Rev. 2:17 "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna and will give him a white stone and in the stone a new name written which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." Rev. 2:26 "And he that overcometh and keepeth my works unto the end to him will I give power over all nations." Rev. 3:5 "He that overcometh the same shall be clothed in white raiment and I will not blot his name out of the book of life but I will confess his name before my Father and before His angels." Glory to God!

The last promise is found in Rev. 21:7. "He that overcometh shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he shall be my Son." Now, dear saints, He has pointed out very plainly that we must be strict overcomers and can be. Let us keep very humble at His feet and if we do this we will be given strength at all times to overcome all things. And when our work on earth is done we can claim the precious promises that are given to the overcomers. I am determined to be an overcomer and God seems very real to me, more so than ever before. May we all overcome.—J. Frank House, Bridgeport, Texas.

SISTER ETTER HAS SUCCESS IN LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Meetings will continue to Nov. 30th.

We have received a number of good reports from Sister Etter's meetings which have been held with Brother Garr's Assembly in Los Angeles, Calif. Brother Wm. Black sent in an account of wonderful healings, and of the special blessing of the Lord upon the services. He said, "We have been greatly refreshed by the visit of our sister to this city, so much so that she has decided to stay another month with us. A great number have been with us from other parts, from the East and South as well as from along the Coast. The interest seems to be increasing, and great numbers of our city people seem to be attracted. The singing at times is

wonderful, accompanied by our 14 piece orchestra, led by Brother Benham, cornet soloist. Our Brother F. F. Bosworth of Dallas, Texas, a converted bandmaster, and his brother Burt, has been a great blessing to the people. Sister Etter's sermons have been powerful and faith-inspiring, and great numbers have been healed as well as saved and filled with the Spirit."

Brother Black stated that he has personally investigated and witnessed the following cases:

A sister, 77 years old, was brought directly from the hospital (in her hospital attire) and claims to have been perfectly healed when prayed for. She had been given up by five doctors.

Mrs. Rosa Lopez, a Mexican preacher's wife, who had been afflicted for seven years with a stone tumor, was healed. During the past four years she had suffer-

ed and she turned in bed for the first time. When she found that she could turn, she turned over in bed six times. She can now eat with knife and fork and dress herself and lift her arms. The day she was prayed for she took some steps alone for the first time, and she says she is daily rapidly improving.

Mrs. Parker of this city (Los Angeles) was prayed for and healed of a tumor, which later passed away and weighed 3-4 of a pound. Her little daughter, five years old, was prayed for and healed of epilepsy. She had been having from two to five spasms a day. The mother says there is a remarkable change in the child.

It is reported that a good spirit has been manifested all through the meeting. The big, long altar is daily filled with seekers and many break through to God getting saved, healed and baptized in the

took hold of his sister and told her to get down on her knees and ask God to baptize her, and she obeyed and received her baptism, speaking in other tongues. Brother John Reese understood every word that was spoken. Brother Reese is an educated young man, born of Italian parents, educated to be a Roman Catholic priest. He was converted through reading the Word of God. He speaks seven languages, having served three years during the Italian Turkish war. He came to America on a sight seeing trip, but God baptized him with the Holy Ghost and fire and keeps him here and uses him for his glory. He gave the message spoken through Brother Wiley to thousands.

That night Brother Reese went home and went to bed. He was awakened by hearing a voice and opened his eyes and saw two angels standing by his bed. A light filled the room as the angels were bright and shone like the sun. They had long golden hair and beautiful wings and each carried a golden palm. Even their feet, finger nails and toe nails were all shining with the same brightness, and their feet never touched the floor, but they stood on a level with his bed. Brother Reese thought Jesus was coming sure and he tried to awaken the brother who slept with him, but he slept on.

The angel spoke to him in a tender voice of sweetness, and said in English, "Go and warn God's people to watch and pray for the time is at hand for the coming of the Lord. Tell them to warn the American people that God is preaching to Europe at the cannon's mouth because he spread his hands all day long to a rebellious people, speaking to them by the Spirit, and they would not hear. Each nation is claiming that its God is the greatest, yet in reality they are all mocking God. A man will soon conquer Europe and then God will preach to this nation with the mouth of the cannon, and those who are asleep (deceived) will remain asleep, and those whose eyes are on man will remain with man, and this country will be conquered. Then Jesus will catch away his bride and God will take away His Spirit from the earth and those who are not filled with the Spirit, whose lamps are not trimmed and burning, will fall on that day. The time is at hand.

The angels then disappeared. Brother Reese said that all strength left him and he seemed so small and helpless before these ministering servants sent from God.

This is certainly a warning to come to God and to be filled with the Holy Spirit and be ready before it is too late. Truly the time is short when God will send His Angels down to earth to warn the people.

The above account of an angel visit was reported by Grace Cochran Thomson, of 3029 Sixth Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. Whether the message is correct as to detail or not matters little, the fact remains that visions are being received in many places which emphasize the fact that Jesus is coming soon.

DEEP CONVICTION FOLLOWS PREACHING

Sulligent, Ala.

God has been blessing in this place. We came here about eight weeks ago. This is a new field. We began preaching the Word and Judgment-day conviction seized the people and they cried out "What shall we do to be saved?" We gave them a "Thus saith the Lord" and told them to repent and be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus for the remission of their sins and they should receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Thank God, the Bible signs followed. A number were saved and filled with the Spirit and we baptized twenty-three in water. Let all the saints pray that God will keep these young Spirit-filled saints. At times during the meetings the power of God was so great we could hardly stand on our feet. Two or three would be stricken down and lie for hours under the power of God. Some had visions of the soon coming of the Lord. The people came for twenty miles away. Those who were never known to make a move toward God came to the altar and were saved. Pray for us.—J. M. Rowe and wife.

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is the glad and hearty acknowledgment of the benefits which God bestows upon us and upon others.

O God we lift our hearts to Thee
With songs of humble praise.
Thy mercies, Lord, we have received
Through all the passing days.

Our days have not yet been enough
Thou giver of all good,
To fathom all the depths of Grace
Or measure all Thy love.

SEVEN THINGS OF IMPORTANCE FOR WHICH WE SHOULD RENDER THANKS TO GOD.

1. Let us give Thanks unto God for mercy extended us, as in the case of Lot, Gen. 19:19.
2. Let us thank Him to-day for saving grace as we see in Paul's letter to Titus, Titus 3:4, 5.
3. Let us thank Him for spiritual blessing, as in Eph. 1:3.
4. Then, for moral blessings,—as wisdom and knowledge, Dan. 2:23.
5. So to, there are physical blessings as He meets the various needs of our lives, granting strength in weakness and healing in times of affliction, Exod. 15:26.
6. God meets our temporal needs as well, and so we may thank Him for temporal blessings, Phil. 4:19.
7. But thank Him most of all for that gift above all other gifts, the gift of His Son, who, though He may be referred to as the unspeakable or indescribable gift, yet really is all we need for, "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, hath also with Him freely given us all things."

Thank God!

ed much and was continually getting worse, being almost at the point of death. She was brought to the meeting and prayed for on Sunday afternoon, and at 3:30 Sunday morning, the tumor passed completely away. This woman testifies with great power. Her husband desires the saints to pray that the way will open up for them in Mexico to preach. He can be addressed as follows: Abundio L. Lopez, 130 N Vignes St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Jessie Ehmman, aged 23, was brought to the meeting a born invalid, absolutely helpless. She had been in the hospital five times and could not turn in bed or dress herself. She had to eat with a spoon and her voice had almost gone. She was severely afflicted with bowel and kidney trouble. She knew nothing about church or religion. She has been saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. Her voice was restored when prayer was offered for her,

Holy Spirit, coming out speaking in other tongues and magnifying the Lord.

Among other things related, was that of a visit of angels. Brother Edward Leroy Wiley of Gonzales, Monterey Co., Calif. came 400 miles to get the baptism in the Holy Ghost. Three weeks before he had been reclaimed from a backslidden condition and had been filled with a hunger and thirst for more of God. He came to Los Angeles and tried to get the baptism with his head bowed down in quietness. Finally he held up his head and praised God with all his might for what had already been done for him, and the power of God came upon him and he spoke in two languages, giving one special message for these last days in a language which was understood to be Turkish. He tried to tell them in English but could not. He cried out to the sinner to come to God and be filled with the Holy Ghost. Then he

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RECEIVE YE THE HOLY GHOST.

Jesus gave to the disciples a very remarkable admonition when, in the upper room, He used this expression, saying to them that they should receive the Holy Ghost: John 20:23. Another remarkable thing He said to them just in the same connection; He said "Whosoever sins ye remit they are remitted unto them and whosoever sins ye retain they are retained." These were among the last sayings of Jesus to them and doubtless they were listening intently to His words and they must have realized their importance. Jesus had explained to them, before this, the need of His going away; showing them that He was to go back to the Father to whom He had taught them to pray, saying, "Our Father." It was he of whom He spoke immediately after His resurrection as He talked with Mary saying, "Go to My brethren and say, I ascend to My Father and your Father," and since they knew He was going away and that perhaps soon, how natural for them to expect that great importance should attach to His words at the time.

His expression concerning their relation to the sins of others must have impressed them wonderfully, and possibly their eyes were open to something of what they had little, if any understanding—sins remitted and sins retained; they to judge sin and, knowing the mind of God, being able to stand with God in matters such as that! Such thought must bring to anyone a sense of responsibility and a possible shrinking from a position indicated by his words. However, Jesus gave them the key to the situation in what He said to them, and they having perfect confidence in Him, must have accepted His words.

He BREATHED upon them and said "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." Just what did He mean for them to understand by His act and His words. He breathed upon them, or as is perhaps more literally correct, He breathed hard. It seems that He emitted or exhaled His breath in a way that was especially noticeable. The act does not mean He is then and there imparting the Holy Ghost, and nothing in the true reading implies that. He breathed hard however. There must have been deep significance in His act. He would do nothing now that was not burdened with

meaning. Whatever else may be seen in this remarkable act on the part of Christ, there is doubtless this, which we may gather from the nature of the case, the word "Spirit," and the analogous term "Ghost," conveys essentially the same thought or shade of meaning as the act of the Lord upon this occasion. In His breathing hard, as you or anyone may, it may have been illustrating to them more the nature of the Holy Ghost than the means of receiving Him. The Spirit of God—in what He is, but not Who He is—might well be thus explained. The Holy Ghost in His nature and essence—the what He is, but not who He is—is doubtless the breathed-forth life of God coming to them and to us a distinct manifestation, having personality and individuality of character and yet being truly the breathed-forth divine life. This may explain why Jesus gave such an illustration of what He meant when He said "Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

God had promised the pouring out of His Spirit—asserting that the result in one who should receive Him, would be a visible result, followed by an experience of close association between God and man, a new condition of affairs in the life, including things unheard of and impossible before. Jesus reaffirmed the same truth to the disciples, referring to the "Promise of the Father which ye have heard of Me." Now the time was near and Jesus, knowing what was intended for them, and knowing what it would mean to them to be left alone, as they must be, gives to them the very most important admonition for that hour "RECEIVE YE THE HOLY GHOST." Yes, the promise is now to be faithful; I am going back to the Father and He, the Father, will send the Paraclete in My name. Thus He taught them that they must be ready to receive Him when He should come to them, and not allow anything to hinder their true relationship to the Holy Ghost, the Blessed Comforter, who should abide with them forever; who should lead them, teach them, recalling to their minds all Jesus had said; who should take of His and show it unto them, and altogether be to them all things needful for them. How essential for them to understand. How surely they did understand. How wonderfully it all happened as promised. How marvelous were the conditions which developed in them. How mighty were the works which they did. How gloriously God established the truth of His promise.

Beloved, can anyone give a reason why all of Christ's disciples should not receive the Holy Ghost? Or can anyone sincerely think that we can do without His presence and power? Surely the words of Jesus in the upper room at Jerusalem on that eventful day, as He spoke to the Apostles, suggest to us the imperative need of doing as He said and as they did. There are indeed wonderful things in the Divine purpose for us all; blessed fellowship with God in the working out of His plan, together with a preparation for greater things to come, in all of which we must have God's wise provision for us, the ministry of the Holy Ghost. "HAVE YE RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST?"

A BLESSED SUMMER.

Report from Bidding Springs, Okla.
I can truly say this has been a blessed summer on account of the blessings of God on my own life. Though disappointments were on every hand yet God sweetly kept through them all. I hoped to be in the work all summer but can only report two meetings of one week each. Lack of help at home made it impossible to get away. The first meeting was a grove meeting about four miles northwest of Stilwell. In this meeting one was saved and one received the baptism of the Spirit. The other meeting was in a school-house about one and one half miles west of Stilwell. The Lord blessed in every service and the saints were built up and sinners convicted. Was obliged to return home before any visible results.

In our regular Sunday services this summer about six have been saved and out of our little band five or six have received the baptism in the Spirit. Others are seeking and a number of persons have been healed. My prayer is that at the last Jesus can say "She hath done what she could." Glad to read such a good report of the Council. May God bless and keep us all true and humble and ready to meet Him.—Bernice Ferguson.

Sunday, December 19th is Evangel Day. What are you going to do on that day? Watch for announcement.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

November 14, 1915.

AMOS THE FEARLESS PROPHET.

Lesson Text—Amos. 5:1-15.

Golden Text—He that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. Jer. 23:28.

Leading Thought.—The need of seeking God today.

1. The sins of backslidden Israel. We must view this lesson in a general way, a close outline being hard to make. Israel's backsliding has been steady and deliberate. They are fallen as a people and the lesson opens with a mournful dirge or lamentation over their pitiable condition. vs 1-3. It rather reminds us of David's mourning over Saul and Jonathan. 2 Sam. 1:17. "How are the mighty fallen!" It is such a lamentation as might have been made for Samson when shorn of his strength after playing himself into the hands of the harlot Delilah. Judg. 16:17-21. And the same wail might ascend today for those who after once sharing God's favor have left their first love and made affinity with the world and its allurements. Ponder deeply Paul's command to Timothy "keep thyself pure." 1 Tim. 5:22; Jas. 1:27; Heb. 12:15; Rev. 3:4. Amos, with his partial contemporary Hosea, were commissioned to the Ten Tribes. Read the touch of Amos' personal life in ch. 7:10-17. He was divinely commissioned (ch. 3:8) and spake his plain, pointed message fearlessly. He was a herald of righteousness, a missionary to the people of his own kindred, unlike Jonah whom God called to a foreign city. It took the power of the Holy Ghost and real divine courage to stand with such a message as Amos had. But God was not mistaken in his man. We need hundreds of such "fearless prophets" to call many of God's professed followers to repentance today. That you have once received the Pentecostal refreshing does in nowise free you from the possibility of needing repentance in your life. God has a plumbline still set in the midst of his people. Ch. 7:7, 8. Note the special sins Amos enumerates. They were full of idolatry, (v. 5) having forsaken the mighty God who had delivered and shown them mercy again and again. vs. 8, 9. Bethel, Gilgal and Beer-sheba were all places where God had once met His people in a special way. So much the more dangerous and far-reaching the evil effects now connected therewith. They hated instruction (v. 10); they oppressed the poor (v. 11, 12); they were covetous and cruel. How exactly do these conditions correspond with those of today! Jas. 5:1-9; 2 Tim. 3:1-5. And will not the same righteous Lord deal in judgment with any nation who fails to stand for truth and justice and righteousness and love. Recall a little history; consider the nations that have already crumbled to dust and know for yourselves that "The Lord is his name." What a wonderful picture of God's almightiness we have in v. 8. Israel's wickedness had as a natural consequence brought weakness (vs. 1-3); and all their wretched condition was open to God's knowledge. v. 12.

2. The salvation of Israel. Now we have another view of the situation. From beholding Israel's hopeless helpless condition,

we turn to hear God's gracious invitation and provision for their salvation. After telling men of their sinful state we should always point them to the "Lamb that beareth away the sins of the world." Israel could not be saved through the penance and religious forms of Gilgar and Bethel. vs. 5, 6. It was the Lord Himself whom Israel needed and four times the prophet exhorts them to "seek for Him." vs. 4, 6, 8, 14. There are promises to those who "seek" today as well as then. Deut. 4:29; 1 Chr. 28: 9; Psa. 9:10; 69:32; Prov. 11:27; Jer. 29:13; Lam. 3:25; Zeph. 2:3; Luke 11:9; 12:31. But seeking of God involves a forsaking of all that displeases Him. How earnestly the Spirit of God through Amos pleads with the people to return! Seeking God is their only hope of salvation. It will avert the judgments liable to break upon them at any time (v. 6); it will assure them of life, for God is the source of life; it will bring strength (vs. 8, 9); it will bring the continual presence of the God of hosts. v. 14. It will bring a hate for the evil and a love for the good; it will mean the establishing of judgment in the gate. And above all as a climax, a heavenly tone above the minor tones of this lamentation are the final words, "it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious."—ALICE R. FLOWER.

A NOTE FROM CLEBURNE, TEXAS.

Since my last report I have been in two meetings out of Cleburne besides some other local works, a few days at a place. God has wonderfully blessed and nearly fifty have prayed through in the old-fashioned way to regeneration and more than forty have been baptized in the Holy Ghost, with a number of wonderful healings. Last Friday, about four P. M., a ten year old son of one of the saints was thrown from a wagon, and fell directly in front of the front wheel which passed over his body between the ribs and hips. He was immediately prayed for but was not healed because of lack of faith. I was called from Cleburne and arrived about 5 P. M. Several prayed and each time the agony ceased but would return as inflammation increased, until Sunday at 4 P. M. when all hope seemed to be gone. His loved ones were weeping. But Jesus passed that way and a few of God's children prayed together and anointed him with oil and upon the command to arise in Jesus' name he arose and walked and praised God, received both his healing and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and today he is still rejoicing before the Lord. Two other children in the home received the baptism the same evening. Praise the Lord. Pray for us. Our mission at Cleburne is on E. Willingham St., just east of Planing Mill. All full Gospel friends are invited to come.—Lonnie Whitworth, 702 E. Wardville St. Cleburne.

GOOD WORK AT DENISON, TEXAS.

We are with Bro. Casey and his wife holding meetings in this wicked city. Some have been saved and one baptized in the Holy Ghost. Others are seeking and many are under conviction. The sick have been brought from their beds in wheel-chairs and have been healed. The deaf ears are unstopped. God is healing the people in a wonderful way. Pray for this work. Expect to be here until about the middle of November.—Mrs. Julia A. Ross.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO PREACHERS

There was a change made by the Council when in session at St. Louis, in the Credential Committee and the plan of issuing credentials to Preachers. Brother J. R. Flower, Secretary of the Council, is now Secretary of the Credential Committee, and will receive applications and issue credentials instead of Brother H. A. Goss of Hot Springs, Ark., who has heretofore handled this work. We are ready to publish the minutes of the General Council at St. Louis, Mo., and the time has come to revise and complete the list of ordained Elders, Ministers, Evangelists and Missionaries. There is a lack of correct information on our records concerning the ordination of many who are on the list. To have and keep a correct list, we must have this information. Please write us at once and let us know whether you were ordained as an Elder, Evangelist, Minister or Missionary, the date and place of your ordination, date your Certificate was issued, whether you are now engaged as a pastor or evangelist, and your permanent address where mail can always reach you. This information is quite important. Be careful to not miss sending this information at once if you desire your name and address to appear in the General Council Minutes for 1916.
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"PRESSED."

"Pressed out of measure and pressed to all length;
Pressed so intensely it seems beyond strength;
Pressed in the body and pressed in the soul,
Pressed in the mind till the dark surges roll,
Pressed by foes, and a pressure from friends;
Pressure on pressure, till life nearly ends.

"Pressed into knowing no helper but God;
Pressed into loving the staff and the rod;
Pressed into liberty where nothing clings;
Pressed into faith for impossible things,
Pressed into living a life in the Lord,
Pressed into living a Christ-life out-poured." —Selected.

THE NEED OF THE HOUR.

The supreme thought of the hour for the baptized church is the thought of preparedness to meet her soon coming Lord. Thus far the Lord has helped us on. Praise His name forever. But Jesus has not yet appeared again the second time unto those of us who look for Him. That He will come is certain, for we have God's Word for it: "As it is appointed unto men once to die but after this the judgment so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Heb. 9:27, 28. The very most important matter for us is that of preparedness to meet Him when He shall come in the air, from that time on to ever be with Him, and to experience all that God hath put into the matter of our union with Christ. If we truly abide in Him we shall be ready for His coming. Although we may feel that we shall never, while here in the world, be able to reach that perfection which we may see in God's final thought for us, yet, if we abide in Him, our imperfections will be covered by His absolute perfection, for, while we are truly in Him, we are really accepted by God in Him, the well-beloved, and we are even accredited with the very righteousness of Christ. That precious passage, Col. 2: 9-10 "For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily and ye are complete in Him which is the head of all principality and power" among other wonderful things covers the ground of two very helpful thoughts to me. One is that we are in Christ, completely, who are really accepted in Him, and the other is that we are in His completeness as one partaking of His perfection. How blessed is the thought, but how surely it drives us to consider the necessity of abiding in Him, for except we be in Him when He comes in a true sense we can see no reason to expect a place among those who are caught up together to meet Him in the air.

A line of thought which is closely related to this in my mind concerns conditions as they are and as they should be, that we, as a people may meet both God's expectation on the one hand and the opposing power of Satan on the other. At present there is almost an utter lack of order among us, a lack of unity as to faith and too little of unity of the spirit. This does not meet God's expectation if we see aright the Word concerning the matter. Neither does it provide protection from invasion by the enemy. God's thought for the Church of to-day as any other day, is that we should be one, or in agreement on every line of essential faith and practice; that there should be no factions or sects among us but holding the mystery of faith in a pure conscience (1st Tim. 3:9) earnestly contending for the faith (or system of belief) once delivered to the saints," (Jude 3) endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit, loving one another with a pure heart fervently, considering one another to provoke unto love and good works, with oneness of purpose, stand together for God and against Satan. I think sometimes we may not see the improved conditions which we long for and that when Jesus comes there will not be much which is holding together, but then that does not seem right and I feel again that we who see the Bible way, must at least do our best to bring in what we see is God's will for the church. May God help us in these trying days to hold together all we can and see to it that we do not become disapproved because of our wrongs or of our neglect.—J. W. Welch.

Have you seen the Big Bible Offer on Page 4?

WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST? WHOSE SON IS HE? MATT. 22:42.

M. M. PINSON

The word "son" is a name given to a male child considered in the relation he bears to his parents and is also used by others, teachers, prophets, and even by the apostle Paul, to show their parental affections and authority and to make him more tractable and obedient. See Titus 1:4; 1 Tim. 1:2; 2 Sam. 19:24. Christ often referred to Himself as Son of Man and Son of God, and Cruden's Concordance says Christ is called, "Son of Man" about eighty times in the Evangelists. See Cruden's Concordance on "Son."

Many unbelievers of those days, such as the Pharisees, looked upon Him as the Son of David—just human. The Unitarians and others believe the same today, and have a great following. Christ never addressed himself as the son of Joseph, while He often referred to Himself as the Son of Man, but when He referred to Himself as the Son of God, the Pharisees rose up against Him. They expected a Messiah to come into the world. Their prophets had foretold it. Those Jews were full of unbelief, and could not accept Christ to be the Son of God, therefore Christ said, "You shall die in your sins because you will not believe I am He"—Messiah. See John 8:21, 24.

Much depends upon this question, "What think ye of Christ? Yea, the destiny of every soul depends upon this question. There had been many sons born into the world, but no one ever laid claim to a birth like Christ's. Listen to what the angel said to Mary, the mother of Christ, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Luke 1:35.

Matt. 1:21 says, "His name shall be called Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." Many have learned to call Him by that name, for which we thank God. The angel also said (Luke 1:35) "He shall be called the Son of God."

There are some of God's people even today who do not want to call Jesus Christ the Son of God, they try to condense the trinity to make the Lord Jesus Christ to mean the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. They even go so far as to say they have that revelation from God, but none of the Bible writers claim such. They try to make us believe that a great change was made concerning Christ after He ascended to Heaven. Some of them even say that Jesus took the Blood, which was His life, into Heaven and sent it back on the day of Pentecost, in the Holy Ghost. Of course, they who explain it, as given above, make the Baptism of Water and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost to be the new birth. They were driven to that conclusion in trying to explain Matt. 28:19. Their claims are, "We simplify the gospel." But what think ye of Christ? Whose Son is He?

Heb. 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." No change made—none needed.

We have given the opinion of some of the preachers of our day and now let us see what some of the Bible witnesses have to say, and you can judge for yourself who Christ was and is.

John the Baptist's testimony: "I saw and bear record that this is the son of God." (St. John 1:34.) This testimony was given as an eye witness of the Spirit descending on the Messiah and God Himself spoke from Heaven, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Matt. 3:16, 17.

Let Mark testify. Mark 1:1. The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as it is written in the prophets. "Behold I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee." You see that Mark calls Jesus the Son of God.

Peter's testimony is, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Christ said this was a revelation from the Father. See Matt. 16:16, 17. Peter, many years after the Pentecostal outpouring of the Spirit, writes to the strangers scattered abroad, telling them of his wonderful experience in a prayer-meeting with Christ on the Mount of Transfiguration, when God, the Father, spoke from Heaven, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Peter still held to the view that Christ was the Son of God after Pentecost.

2 Pet. 1:16-18. Luke 9:28-35.

The Ethiopian confessed that Christ was the Son of God. (Acts 8:37.) This was after Pentecost.

John says that these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing, ye might have life through His name. (John 20:31.) Note that the gospel record by John, and also the Epistles, both teach Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, and also that faith in Him brings eternal life. John never said that whosoever received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is born of God, but whosoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God." (1 John 5:1.) No need of being deluded about this matter at all. The Bible is too plain on the subject, in this was manifested the love of God toward us, because God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. (1 John 4:9.) Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him and he in God. (1 John 4:15.) If we receive the witness of men the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which He hath testified of His Son. The human mind may not grasp how the three are one, but God says so, and He also says that the husband and wife are one—these two are one flesh. (See Matt. 19:5; Eph. 5:31.) The testimony of men is, there are two in the family yet God says, "these two are one flesh." Neither the husband nor wife has lost his or her identity or personality by being married, yet God says they are one flesh. So with the trinity, neither the Father, the Son, nor the Holy Ghost, has lost His identity or personality, because Jesus went back to Heaven. Jesus said after He returned to Heaven He would pray the Father, and He, the Father, would send you another Comforter, the Holy Ghost.

Jesus said the world cannot receive the Holy Ghost. (St. John 14:17.) But listen, the world can receive Christ, for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16.)

He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself; he that believeth not God hath made Him a liar because he believeth not the record God gave of His Son.

He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God, hath not life. (See 1 John 5:9-12.)

Reader, will you believe the record that God gave of His Son?

Now in conclusion, let us remember the following points: God had promised a Son through prophecy; the angel said He should be called the Son of God; (Luke 1:36.) John bear record when he saw the Spirit descend on Christ that He was the Son of God. God the Father, introduced His Son from Heaven at the Baptismal service saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased;" the apostles believed and taught that Jesus Christ was the Son of God before and after Pentecost; God declared Jesus to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead: (See Rom. 1:3, 4.) in most all of Paul's letters, you will find statements like this: "Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." This is an acknowledgment of the Father and the Son. Paul said the church is in God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thess. 1:1; 2:14) Jesus, in about A. D. 96 appeared to John on the Isle of Patmos, and sent messages to the churches saying, "The things which saith the Son of God." You note this was a long time after Pentecost, and He called Himself the Son of God the same after the outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost as he did before. He that believeth not God hath made Him a liar; because he believeth not the record God giveth His Son. (1 John 5:10.)

Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and in love. (2 John 3.)

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name

of the Son of God. (1 John 5:13.) God bless every reader of this article.

Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ,—M. M. PINSON, 1639 84th. Ave., Oakland, Calif.

OPEN FOR ENGAGEMENTS.

Brother J. R. Evans, Evangelist, with address at 326 Madison Ave Petoskey, Michigan, announces that he and his wife are open for engagements, and will be glad to hear from any of the saints who need help.

A NOTICE.

Bro. O. M. Winger makes the following announcement: My family and I are moving to Maricopa, Calif. My wife and I are both baptized with the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4, and I preach the Gospel with the Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven. Would like to hear from any of the saints who may be living in Bakersfield, McKittrick Taft, Fellows or Maricopa, Calif., at once as I desire to get in touch with any Pentecostal people who may be living in these places.

THE ESSEX MEETING.

Bro. E. N. Bell reports a blessed meeting at Essex, Mo. He says: "At first the meeting was slow and dead, but a revival spirit got hold of the people toward the end of the week and God began to work. A young man before being saved wanted baptism and by Sunday six or seven were baptized. Sunday night God was blessedly present and eight or ten publicly confessed faith in Christ. God bless each one. The saints asked us to become their permanent Pastor, and we are praying to know God's will about it. They have a nice church, also their own parsonage. There is a fine body of saints, but we have not yet heard from God. Pray for us to know His will." —E. N. Bell.

REQUEST FOR PRAYER.

Pray for Bro. Wm. Kirkpatrick of Alton, Ill., who is suffering from typhoid fever. Special importunate prayer is desired.



Please pray for an Aunt who has a bad sore on her limb; also for a lady who is on the verge of a nervous break-down.—F. Y.

Please pray for a dear friend who is not saved and feels he must undergo an operation. It will be a very serious one. Pray earnestly for his healing, and that He will seek full salvation.—Mrs. Morden, Kinde, Mich.

CHAFFEE, MO.

We had Sister Bradberry with us one night last week with her heart-stirring message presenting her call to India, which was a great blessing to all who were present.—Pastor M. V. Ferguson.

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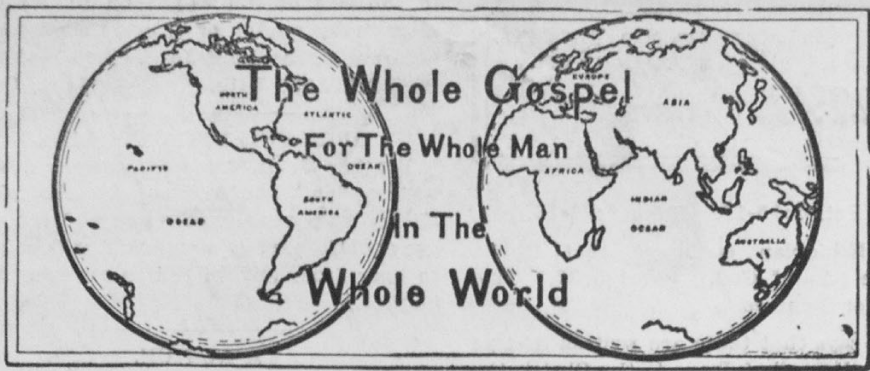
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BRO. AND SISTER FRANK H. GRAY.
Japan

Before coming to Japan we had a longing in our hearts to give the Gospel to those who had not heard the message of salvation. Praise God! He has now enabled us to do so. Since opening the mission here (Koga Machi) less than one month ago, many have expressed a desire to become Christians and in some we believe God is doing definite work. One of the leading manufacturers of strong drink has made a start and I understand has decided to give up his business. Our land-lord who is a wealthy silk manufacturer, seems to be earnestly seeking. He has publicly confessed himself a sinner. Much larger crowds come than our mission will accommodate. We have meetings for children first and then send them away in order to make room for adults. Pray much that the Word may bear fruit and that these who are turning toward God may not stop until they are filled with the Spirit. Pray also that God will supply the finances in order that we may enter the open doors.

GLEANINGS FROM OUR MAIL BAG.

"I rejoice that the Council was so successful in creating love and unity. Am sure I would have enjoyed being there."
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—Indiana.

"I was made very happy to learn how the dear Lord directed the brethren in council and unity, and no stipulated formula in the mode of water baptism. I want to express my regret at hearing of our Brother Bell resigning as editor. How the paper has been a blessing to me."
—Calif.

"I have greatly regretted the factional disturbances which of late seem to threaten the peace and unity of the Master's cause among the saints, but we earnestly pray and trust that wiser council will prevail among us in the future, that all will seek a rich endowment of that wisdom which cometh down from above, which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy."

"We prayed earnestly for the late council at St. Louis and praise God for the victory. I am well pleased with the results, and as I read the report, the blessed Holy Spirit witnessed to it for me in a wonderful way. Glory to God and the blessed Lamb forever."

"I am especially greatly encouraged that we are to have a greatly enlarged Weekly Evangel. May God add His blessings to it. We shall not forget to pray for its editors, and the matter that is to fill its pages, that it may above all things be kept clean and pure by the power of our God through the ever blessed guidance of the Holy Ghost."
—Washington.

"I wish to heartily commend you for the editorial in the last issue of the Evangel, No. 113, treating of disagreement and contention on the different points of doctrine. It is just fine, greatly needed,

not 'fighty' as it were, but hits the nail on the head. Have been meditating of late on this very thing and these very thoughts you express have been much with me. This is the spirit that I feel should pervade the papers. Those wrong things should be shown up, but only in a non-controversial spirit, in a spirit of meekness, never contending for one's position no matter how sure one is of their being right."
—Oregon.

MEETINGS IN VIRGINIA.

Bro. J. E. Brooks Appalachia, Va. writes saying that he has been constantly engaged in revival work and that God has been blessing with mighty power. Meetings were held at Swords Creek, Va. Some few were saved, among them several young sisters who had been members of the Church for years who had never known God. These sisters received the baptism in the Spirit. One of them had several visions of the coming of Christ. The brother says: "Have just closed a meeting at Imboden where some seven received the baptism in the Spirit and a few were saved and some healed. We are now engaged in a meeting in Appalachia, Va., Bro. Kilburn's home town. God is blessing in the preaching of the Word and we are looking for great victory. Though the opposition is great, our God is greater."

GOD'S HEALING POWER MANIFESTED.
Meeting Near Quinlan, Tex.

We just closed a meeting at Mexico, a little town five miles east of Quinlan. We can truthfully say God was with us in mighty power. Four received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. Four were saved from sin. Two were baptized in water. There were some wonderful cases of divine healing. Mrs. J. B. Smith was seriously crippled and the babe sick. I called for Bro. Monroe Clemens and he prayed for them and God wonderfully healed. Wife has been walking ever since. We ask the prayers of all the saints. We are now in a tent at Quinlan. Prospects are fine for a good meeting.—J. C. Bateman and J. B. Smith.

BAKERSFIELD, CAL.

One year ago God sent wife and me here from Gas City, Kansas. There were none who would receive the Word in its purity but God showed me John 15:7 and I believed Him "If ye abide in Me and My words abide in you ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you," and the Lord has given us a little mission and is saving souls and baptizing believers with the Holy Spirit. Please pray for us that God will have His way with us here. We would be glad to have any who are led come and help us.—J. N. Cogger, 1024 Beal Ave., E. Bakersfield, Cal.

McALESTER, OKLA.

We want to praise God for victory and for His power manifested here. About thirty have received the Holy Ghost and are endeavoring to serve God in peace and unity. God gave us a glorious service last night. One boy about twelve years old was saved. Quite a number are seeking for the baptism. Please pray for the work here. We will welcome anyone in our midst who knows how to hold on to God for souls.—Charles J. Taylor.

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.

We believe this will be a good place for a Pentecostal work. There are five towns in this small valley and none of them have had the full Gospel. Let the saints of God pray that there may be a glorious outpouring of the Spirit in this Valley.—Forrest G. Barker.

WEATHERFORD, TEX. A NEEDY FIELD.

I have been here by myself four years. The Lord helping me. He is giving the victory. We had good services last Sunday morning and evening, and at night at Carter, Texas. We have no Assembly here as I am the only one here who knows about this Pentecostal faith. We have one brother and his wife nine miles away who is Pentecostal. Would be glad to have any brother who is on fire for the Lord to stop off here. This is a needy field. We ask the prayers of all the saints.—H. D. Pipkin.

NEWS FROM CANADA.

We are always glad to hear from our Canadian brethren and to know how God is blessing. We have received word from Hawkhurst, Sask., Canada, that God is continuously blessing and giving His presence in the Assembly. One little girl walked eight miles to the meetings and was saved. The report was sent us by Elder Geo. F. DeEllion. May God continue to bless them.

GREAT REVIVAL SPIRIT AT DYER, TENN.

A five weeks meeting held by Brothers Mills, Webb and Douglass, was followed by splendid results. The Gospel was given in great power and went forth like a two-edged sword. About forty were saved and thirty received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with Bible evidence. The Lord was with us in great healing power. We had great victory in Jesus' precious name. We request all the saints to pray especially for us as we pitch our tent in another field.—Rev. E. J. Douglas, Beacon, Tenn.

OAKLAND, CALIF. ASSEMBLY MOVED.

Bro. J. H. Sparks of Oakland Calif. notifies us that their Assembly has moved from 296 Eighth St., to 539 Ninth St., Oakland, California. In the first meeting after the move one received the baptism of the spirit and two were under the power of God. God is with them in power and blessing.

FREDERICKTOWN, MO.

The Lord has given us victory here and there is good interest. Five at the altar last night. Large crowds every night. We are looking for great things from God. Pray much for us.—Wm. E. Giles.

WOULD LIKE INFORMATION.

Brother Oscar Jones, Box 303 Jacksboro, Texas, would like to hear from someone at Sulphur, Okla. Since seeing a notice in the Evangel of the desire of the saints at that place to have some one help them, that place has been on his heart, and he will be glad to correspond with the saints there who are in charge of arrangements.

TOPEKA, KANSAS.

Several have been saved and baptized in the Spirit here lately. The work is prospering. Pray for us.—C. E. Foster.

CONVENTIONS

WINNIPEG MANITOBA CONVENTION.
Annual Fall Convention of the Apostolic Faith Assembly located at 228 King St., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada will be held from December 3rd to 12th, incl. Special workers will be on hand to assist. For further information address W. E. Moody, 27 Fawcett Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI COUNCIL.
January 23rd to 30th, 1916.
A council of saints and ministers for all Southern Missouri (viz. South of the Missouri River) will convene in Springfield, Mo. at above date with purpose of getting acquainted and to consider ways and means of co-operation and of extending the Pentecostal work throughout this section. Rooms and beds will be provided. Visitors must be prepared to take care of their own transportation to and from the meeting, and their board while here. Signed: J. W. Welch, B. F. Lawrence, M. V. Ferguson, Evang. Geo. W. Lawson, Mrs. Mary A. Arthur, Wm. E. Giles, J. R. Flower.

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COUNCIL FOR ALABAMA AND WEST FLA.

The Annual Council of the Assemblies of God for the preachers and workers of the State of Alabama and West Florida will convene at Hartford, Ala. beginning December 1st, 1915, and continuing five days. Let all the preachers and workers of the territory named be present, as business of importance is to be transacted.—J. W. Ledbetter, Secretary.

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A prayer for God's mercy.

PSALMS.

David imploret God's aid.

9 Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.
10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
11 For the LORD God is "a sun and

Gen. 15. 1.
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2 or, all the day.
Ps. 25. 1.
Ps. 124. 8.
2 Heb. I would choose rather to sit at the

3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.
4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer;