"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." Matt. 24:14.

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I wish to announce that following the convention here to be held from December 1st to 5th, we will have a Bible School for the training of the young preachers and people who desire to enter the work of the Lord and obtain better preparation for same. A Brief course in Bible History, a study of the special truths for this day and age in the form of topics. Training in vocal music and grammer, with special evangelistic services at night.

We purpose to include much prayer and waiting on God for a special enduement of power from on high, and gifts of the Holy Ghost according to His own will.

There will be no certain charges made, but each must bring his own toilet outfit blankets, pillow and a hundred-fold consecration and a teachable spirit. Besides this bring all the food and money God will

Each church in Southern Alabama, Mississippi and Florida should send in to the school those workers in their midst whose ministry shows they have been called to the work, and should administer to their temporal needs while here. All expecting to come should correspond with W. B. Jessup, Hartford, Ala.

VICTORIOUS NOTE FROM MARYLAND.

Elder A. B. Cox sends word from Shaft, Maryland, where he has been holding meetings with much victory. He writes as follows:-

"The battle is on. The Lord truly has met us wonderfully. We wrote you before of the great revival. We had to close on account of cold weather. The M. E. Church is holding a revival now. Scores of convicted souls are going to the altar and some are finding God. They welcomed us Pentecostal people to work with them. We prayed down the power on the seeking ones until they verily shook under the power of God. The people, however, did not understand it and would each time pull the seekers up and seat them and even when their hands were up and shaking they would hold their hands. We are praying the Lord to work mightily anyway and save and baptize many.

We are progressing fine with our two story building and basement. We hope to dedicate it by Dec. 20th, D. V., and have a large revival to follow. We ask any Spirit-filled workers who feel led to come over and help us to write us for the meeting at that time. I want good reliable workers. Write at once. Remember us in your prayers for this great time.

DULUTH, MINN. CONVENTION ...

Brother Neve's Home partly destroyed by

The Convention is over. Several were blessedly saved, a number healed, and quite a few sought the baptism in the Spirit. Three were under the power one night and one came through. So many sinners came, and attention was given them. It was a seed-sowing time. Fully 2000 were turned away one night. This week, Brother Vingren of Para, Brazil, will preach in the Scandinavian language and it may be that the break will come this week. There is blessed unity in the assembly. It may be said of the saints here, "Behold, how they love one another."

Brother Neve was burned out yesterday afternoon. Mother went out for awhile and the children got playing with matches. One little curly head ran upstairs from fright and hid under the bed where he was found unconscious from smoke. A doctor was called and some kind of a machine was used on him, and he is alright today. The fire was caught in time so that our effects are uninjured, but for the smell of smoke. The downstairs is burned out completely you might say.

I am so happy in the love of Jesus this morning. Bless His name. The Lord is good, His mercy endureth forever. It is great when joy gets full-full of glory .-Edw. Armstrong.

DIVINE LOVE THE SUPREME TEST.

ARCH P. COLLINS

He that loveth not knoweth not God for God is love. John 4:8. "Every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. 1 John 4:7. "He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 1 John 4:16. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us and His love is perfected in us. 1 John 4:15. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him and he in God. 1 John 4:15. Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. 1 John 3:10. Hereby perceive we the love of God in that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. whoso hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in that man? 1 John 3:17. If ye love me, keep my commandments. John 14:15. If a man love me he will keep my Word John 14:23.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples when ye have love one to another. John 13:35. This Divine love makes us one with Jesus, "I in them and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that thou hast sent me and hast loved them as thou hast loved me." John 17:23. We may speak in the tongues of men and angels, understand all mysteries, and prophesy, and give our goods to feed the poor, and our body to be burned, if it were possible to do so without love, and it profits nothing. These all pass away, but love never fails. God is love and God cannot fail. Glory to the Lamb. Kindness is love in action, longsuffering is love enduring, temperanch is love controlling. meekness is love taking no count or sen, joy is love realizing, peace is love committing and confiding, godliness is love stamping the image of Jesus on our souls, hope is love anticipating, and faith is love appropriating, believing the promises.

Love takes no account of self but seeks the welfare of others, and above all seeks the glory of God. Love's chief delight is to do the will of God, and makes the record of that will, the Bible, the most interesting of all books. Glory, Hallelujah!!!

How glad to believe the record that God has given of His Son, and this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life and that life is in His Son. John 5:11. There are three that bear witness, and these three are one, and love gives glad assent, for whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and every one that loveth Him that begat loveth Him also that is begotten of Him. and by this we know we love the children God, when we love God and keep His commandments. We love God because He first loved us. We were overcome by His love, His goodness led us to repentance, even so must we overcome by the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.

Love moved the Almighty Jehovah to give His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life, and our salvation is in believing Him and receiving Him in love. He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life, for in Him is life and that life is the light of men. Amen! 1 John 3:12. Love is the parent grace of all graces, hence there can be no perfection without love.

Divine love is lavish in its provisions. but very exacting in its requirements and will be satisfied with nothing short of perfection. The pure love of husband or wife demands purity in the companion. Good parents love their children and require them to be good. God loves us and wants us to be like Him. If we love God we want to be like Him, Amen! Bless His Holy Name! Love waits for growth and development, and has long patience for the ripened fruit. The same quality of love in us will give us patience with the erring. Love rebukes sin but weeps over the sinner. Love enables us to meet every test whether tried by the law, our conscience or the world. Love is the fulfilling of the law-our conscience is satisfied with nothing short of loving obedience to the Word of God when the Word is known-and love brings the greatest blessings to the world. Love hides a multitude of sins by seeing them washed away. So the sin-black becomes blood-red and then snow-white.—Is. 1:18.

If ye love the things of the world, the love of the Father is not in you. So if ye be risen with Christ seek those things which are above. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth .-Col. 3:1-2.

Our love determines our relation to God, our conduct, character and destiny. If we love God we will obey Him, if we love our brethren we will do more for them than for ourselves, if we love our neighbors as ourselves we will to them as we would have them do u if we love our enemies we will pray em like Jesus did. Thus it is prove t our relation to God is that of children our conduct is joyful obedience, our character is Christlike, and our destiny is heaven. Glory to our coming King!

To know that you love God settles all questions, "for all things work together for good to them that love God." comes the supreme question: "Who shail separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. GLORY!:

Lord help me love Thee more and more till my soul is lost in love. To all the Saints in Christian love.—Arch P. Collins.

A MARVELOUS SIX WEEKS REVIVAL. Los Angeles, Calif.

Brother A. G. Garr sends word from Los Angeles as follows: "We are now in the sixth week of the revival in Los Angeles. Truly God has done great things in our midst. All kinds of diseases have been prayed over and some wonderful cases of healing have taken place. Sister Etter seems as young as when here before and the Lord has certainly heard her prayers in behalf of the people of Los Angeles. Dreadful cancers, Consumption, Tumors and such like have been healed. One sister was prayed for and the tumor passed away. It had eight roots and weighed one pound and three-quarters.

Many testimonies could be written of the wonderful things the Lord has done in the past six weeks in Los Angeles that are marvelous indeed. Pray for the saints on the Pacific Coast. The meetings are continuing.

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Oh give thanks unto the God of all glory and holiness. Oh give praise, give honor unto His name, for He hath bought His people with a price, He hath redeemed them by the sacrifice of His only son. He hath made abundant propitiation for their sins, He hath loosed their fetters, He hath set them free. Stand fast, therefore, ye ransomed of the Lord, in that liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free. Walk before Him in meekness, in holiness, in purity of heart, for our God is a consuming fire, our God is a jealous God, our God is a holy God; and they that know His name, that follow His way, must walk with Him in separateness of heart and life. Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the

Unto you cometh this word, unto you who have professed His name. Stand, and having done all, stand, for the grace of God hath come nigh unto you, and ye have seen His glory, and ye have felt His power, and ye have heard His voice. Be strong then in the Lord and in the power of His might. This is the day of His goodness, of His mercy, of His love. Already the night things present nor things to come, nor draweth near, the shadows of darkness are over the land. Walk in the light while ye have the light. Stand ye in the strength of God that your hearts may be quickened to resist and overcome that darkness which is over the people. Awake thou that sleepest, arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee light, light! light!! Behold, He is the light! He is the light! Look unto Him all ye children of God. Look unto Him more diligently. Seek His face. Humble yourself before Him. Receive with meekness His Word that your souls may be strengthened and your lives may be purified and you may not be found wanting in the day of His appearing, for He shall come, the Lord of Glory, the longexpected One. Lo! He comes, He comes quickly. Arise and shine for thy light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee. Rejoice then, ye redeemed of the Lord, for your salvation is at hand, and the hope of your expectation draweth nigh. Blessed be the God who hath not delayed to reveal unto us the fulness of His salvation.

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an opportunity is now given to each assembly to take hold and give an offering to the Lord for this work. The day has been appointed, Sunday, December the 19th, is Evangel Day, and all Assemblies of God who are in co-operative fellowship with our testimony and work for God, will on that day have the glorious privilege of contributing together for the great work of God now opening up before us. Praise the Lord! Let everybody take this matter on their heart, and, in addition to the new subscriptions which the Evangel Family will secure, let everyone make an offering unto the Lord on

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We often speak of what we call the foreign fields and refer to preaching the Gospel in other lands as though it were a work entrusted into the hands of a few chosen ones, who are especially called and commissioned to go into the fields afar. So many times we have heard that God has called someone to China or India or some other country far from their native land as though it were something in the nature of a special and unusual requirement of God.

It is not really a special call nor is it a special commission which is required. It is simply the call of God given to all in obedience to which one is to yield his life for service, to heed God's command, to obey that command by going forth as He directs.

It is all one whether He shall direct as to China, or to India, or to Texas, or to New York, and they who go to distant lands are simply obeying God's command to go, and going they find their true field of ministry. The same call, however, is given to all, the call is to sacrifice and Separation from the former

things is a part of obedience. There are three words which begin with the letter "S," Separation, Sacrifice, Service. These are key words which indicate what God's call and command to go implies. Separation first. There must be a loosening of the ties, a breaking of the bands, a readjustment of the life since it has not been in accord with God's purpose and has not held to the things which God requires of us, nor the things which He can use for His glory. The call of the world and the pull the old ties are insistent and strong but God says "Separate," and we must obey.

No man can satisfy the demands of the divine will who is unwilling to readjust his life or who is not willing to follow God's directions. God called to separation in the past. We have many examples of it in His Word. Many are seen to have obeyed, to find God at hand to meet their every need and to lead them into every

path to which He has brought them. God is calling to separation now, "Come ye apart awhile."

God's thought for us may be seen in his attitude toward Israel to whom He said by His prophet Hosea, "I will allure her and bring her into the wilderness and speak comfortably unto her." The marginal reading here gives us this "I will speak friendly to her heart." God's desire is to have us to Himself for awhile. He wishes to get us into the wilderness or place apart. He wishes to speak. He is friendly toward our interests. He knows what is best and we do not. He can speak in our hearts. He wants to do so. We must come aside with Him Separation from much that has us is needful. We must not only consent to separation but we must move in the matter. He does the calling, we must respond and obey. First things come first in God's order. Separation to be free from entanglements must precede a life of service which will produce the true fruit.

The partially separated life is tinged much with the elements of the unholy and the fruit is sour grapes and undeveloped pomegranates. If there were more truly separated ones, separated from sin and the world, released from the bonds and ties of the natural, the restraint of the flesh, God would have more opportunity to glorify Himself in lives of service.

There is a thought to be added to all this in relation to separation. We are to separate FROM hindrances of every nature, to be separated UNTO HIM, that, being pliable in His hands, He may send us forth in true service, for we are ser-

In Rom. 6:22 we read of being made free from sin that we may become servants to God, and that we shall have fruits unto Holiness and the end everlasting life. Here are evidently two distinct matters of occurrence, one being deliverance and separation from sin-a thing that is possible for us and essential—the other is to become servants to God. They who are really such will serve Him in glad obedience to His command and for such service have the enduement of power which He has promised.

The fruits are what God wants-the fruits of Holiness. Simply put, this means the result of purity of heart and life, which implies an absence of self-will and the presence of humble and trustful obedience. To reach and to hold the place of a servant of God is to lay the whole life down unto God and to continue to allow Him His way with us. In short it brings us to offering our lives a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto Him. A sacrifice is that which is required or the thing necessary to satisfy God. The demand made upon us is that we PRESENT OUR-SELVES. The sacrifice is to be a living sacrifice, i. e., a sacrifice of life, with this further thought in it that it is to be an ever-continuing sacrifice, presented to God, to remain upon the altar until He shall consume it wholly unto Himself. Following this line of thought we are led to see that God's desire is to have US that He may work HIS WILL in US, first making us what He would have us be; then that He may work out His will through us, his servants, and that His will for us may finally be done. God has purposed great things for us and He will bring us into them all not only here in a life of service, but afterward in the realm of eternal greatness toward which we are moving.

Beloved, hearken. Get God's thought for your life. Move out in separation from every tie that binds to a life of selfishness and self-will. Separate yourselves unto God to become His servant. Draw nigh unto God and present yourself to Him. Yield yourselves to God as they who are alive from the dead and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. Look upon your life as a sacrifice offered to meet God's demand. Treat it as such from this time on. Expect that God will lay His hand upon you for good. Be ready to respond and He will give you your place in His service and whether the command shall be to go to China to teach or to remain in America to perform the tasks which He may require of you, all will be well. When the day of your release from the toil and trial of service shall come, you shall hear Him say "Well done."

How high are the ways of God and how high are His thoughts for us. How truly wonderful it is that God is everywhere present and that He is interested in all the needs of the whole world. He is en-

CUNDAY CCHOOL

December 12, 1915.

JEHOVAH YEARNS OVER BACKSLID-ING ISRAEL.

Lesson Text:-Hos. 11:1-11.

Golden Text:-I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love. Hos. 11:4. Leading Thought:-The love of God.

1. God's relation to Israel. vs. 1-4. It is important that the book of Hosea be read over one or more times carefully in the preparation of the lesson. The prophet's whole message is a marvelous revelation of God's tender love for His wandering people as contrasted with that people's persistent ingratitude and disobedience. This prophet Hosea stood for fifty years between Israel and her fate—a messenger of mercy. It is significant that his name and that of Jesus bear the same meaning, "salvation" or "savior." Perhaps he was symbolic of that greater Savior who was to deliver the people from the very root of their difficulty—their sins. Matt. 1:21. This chapter has been called God's lament for Israel. The life of the whole nation is compared to that of an individual. The prophet goes away back to the beginning "when Israel was a child." Mark the tender fatherly yearning for the words "I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt." Ex. 4: 22, 23; Deut. 4: 20-40. As in our own case it was all a matter of free grace and unmerited favor on God's part. Deut. 7:6-10. So God loved him as a son; taught him to walk; lifted his burdens and provided for him as a natural father would for his well-beloved child. vs. 3, 4. The picture here of God's provision is full and deep, as well as tender and pathetic. And has not God been similarly gracious and provident in His dealings with all of us. "Full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth." Psa. 86:15. "Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you." The references to Ephraim throughout the chapter and book as well, practically means Israel, as their history was identical after the rupture under Jeroboam.

2. Israel's ungrateful wanderings. vs 2, 5-7. Not once, nor twice but continually the unstable hearts of the people went out after strange gods. This followed after they had departed from the true God, and that was the constant tendency. "Take heed brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God." Heb. 3:7-12. Satan has always been on the alert to hinder if possible God's people from realizing God's best purpose. The human heart clings to the visible things; but 'without faith it is impossible to please God." And it was to foster this faith in the invisible God that Jehovah had time and again granted them marvelous supernatural manifestations of His power and presence in their midst. For all this God says "my people are bent to backsliding from me." The very fact that His love for them is so strong and true, necessitates their chastening because of this persistent rebellion and disobedience. Heb. 12:6. It is for this very reason that God has had to allow some of us to come under the "yoke of the Assyrian" Lev. 26:31, 33. Our refusal to go God's way removes us from the place of His covenant blessings. In response to the call to worship and serve Jehovah "none at all would exalt him." Psa. 119:67.

3. God's mercy upon them. vs. 8-11. How God clings to them in spite of all! His judgments are remedial and are tempered with mercy. v. 8 portrays all the anguish of the "mother-heart of God." And ought not we who have received of that same yearning spirit to grieve as deeply over wandering ones today until it becomes the very cry of our hearts, "How shall I give thee up, Ephraim?" There is a sad lack of such nursing fathers and mothers in Israel today. Had there been more, perhaps we would not have lost so many of our precious young people. We all need a deeper and fuller manifestation of God's divine love within our hearts. A closer rendering of "my repentings are kindled" would be, "I am wholly overcome with sympathy."-Cam. Bib. There is sweet promise for future days in verses 10,11. It is the thought of restoration to favor; of a glad return from all the lands in which they have suffered bondage to their own land and homes. God's dealings with man prove Him to be infinite in mercy. And today as then

"His mercy flows an endless stream, Thro' all eternity the same."

-ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER.

gaged in establishing an eternal economy which will include wonders upon wonders revealed to us. In the midst of all the splendor of it the Church will hold a central place, a place of sacred nearness to Himself forever. How wonderful is God in His greatness and His glory. How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out. We shall indeed "Know if we go on to know the Lord," but when we have gone on into the great eternity and on until we can no longer compute the passage of days, still there will be those things which we are yet to know. Glory to God! Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that would beset us and let us RUN THE RACE with patience, so running that we may gain the glorious prize of the high calling of God in Christ .- J. W. W.

Brother J. E. Brooks of Swords Creek, Va., sends us an article on unity and Church conditions, in which he gives real advice and some timely admonition. We will not be able to publish it in full but are unwilling to miss altogether the good advice of our brother whom we do not know personally. He says in part, "If we are to reach as a people the conditions commonly accepted as scriptural for the Church we must come to such a state of humility and obedience that the true fruit of the Spirit may develop in us. Love is truly of God and is a true fruit of the Spirit. Love is the true bond of fellowship. Love nourishes the body of Christ and when thus nourished the body increases. This love seems to have been in the early church and was a strong factor in their unity so clearly seen as they appear being all of one accord in one place. This seems to have continued as they were steadfast in the Apostles' doctrine and faith, God being with them, signs and wonders proving it, and the Lord added to the Church many who were saved. The Apostles, with great power, gave witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and great grace was upon them all. Where love is abundant unity is found and where there is unity there is power and great faith, but

humility must underlie it all. Jesus prayed for the disciples and all who should believe through their word that they might be one as Thou Father art in me and I in Thee, that they all may be one in us. We are as truly included as any in this prayer, so we are to be one, held together by divine love, kept in the unity of the Spirit, having the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon us. We are to be true witnesses unto Jesus, not divided, not selfwilled, not contentious but learning of Christ and being meek and lowly of heart. We are to yield ourselves unto God that He may use us in a fruitful service for His

Truly our brother in Virginia is right in all this and, although we have not given his message in full, for lack of space, let us heed the good word of warning and with him strive to reach very soon the best possible condition of love and unity in humility for His glory who loved us and gave His Son to die for us.—Editor.

INTEREST STILL CONTINUES. Corning, Ark.

The meeting still goes on here with interest. Souls are coming through in almost every service. We are looking for Bro. Rodgers to help us for a few days. Pray for us.-H. E. Reed.

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

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SEEK YE THE LORD.

Psa 69:32. Amos 5:4.

"Your heart shall live that seek the Lord,"
Oh trust not in your might,
Nor in your arm of boasted strength,
Your glowing prospect bright.

For "all as grass shall fade away,"
Thus plainly speaks God's written Word
There is a certain, surer way,
"Your heart shall live that seek the
Lord."

God's spirit striving long with men,
Whose thoughts so oft are vain
Will not strive always; hear ye then
His word so clear and plain;
Humble yourself and ask His will
Shun not to heed His blessed word
So shall ye know His pleasant paths
"Your heart shall live that seek the
Lord."

Darkness is gathering everywhere,
And souls are drifting fast
Away from faith's strong mooring place,
Driven before the blast.
How may I stand the tempest keen
I take me to God's faithful word,
And deeply to my soul He speaks,
"Your heart shall live that seek the
Lord."

Death passed on all; the fairest flower Blooms but to swiftly die.
And fields once fresh with heavenly dew Now parched and barren lie;
Would you a fruitful planting be,
Hearken then to His holy Word—
So shall you thrive continually,
'Your heart shall live that seek the Lord.'

"Seek then His face;" His gifts of love,
His vouchsafe blessings sweet
Are granted but to lead thee on
To daily worship at His feet.
Abide in Christ, the heavenly Vine,
Feed ever on the Living Word;
And you shall grow in richest grace,
"Your heart shall live that seek the
Lord."

ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

Pray that a Pentecostal outpouring may come upon Center Valley, Ark.

Pray for Sister Lillian Trasher of Egypt who has been suffering from illness, according to her last letter to us.

Pray that I may be healed of rheumatism and of rupture, and that I may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—J. H. Reed, Inwood, Ind.

Will the saints everywhere please pray that I may be filled with all the fullness of God.—N. M. Haines, Gatesville, Tex.

Please pray that I may be healed of catarrh of the head and that I may receive the baptism.—George Griffin, Vine Grove,

Please pray for my healing from rupture.

J. L. Penick, Rosboro, Ark.

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Please pray for the healing of my body as I am troubled in my eyes nerves and heart. I desire to be healed for His glory. Mrs. E. L. Brown, Healdsburg, Calif.

Pray for the healing of my little four year old grand-daughter who was born deaf.

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

M. M. PINSON

Second Article

The first article on this subject dwelt largely with the Sonship of Christ, giving scripture showing that He was and is, the Son of God. So this article will deal with the subject of what Christ is to the sinner. God declares in His Book that by one man sin entered into the world, (Rom. 5: 12.) and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned-or, in whom all have sinned. Therefore, as by the offence of one, judgment came upon all men to condemnation (Rom. 5:18) even so, by the righteousness of One (Christ) the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. This passage of scripture shows the whole world under condemnation. Therefore, there was a necessity for a remedy for sin to be provided. John the Baptist, when he came on the scene, said, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29.) That meant a sacrifice for sin!

Now there had been many lambs-as sacrifices for sin,-the virtue of which all depended on this one lamb (Christ) which was "slain from the foundation of the world." (Rev.13:8.) Sin is an awful thing, and God looks on it as such, man condemned on account of it, and nothing but the shedding of blood can purge or cleanse from sin. (Heb. 9:22.) Christ is the theme of the song that we read of in Rev. 5:9 as the "lamb slain," "Worthy art Thou to take the Book and open the seals thereof; for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy Blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hath made us unto our God Kings and Priests: and we shall reign on the earth." What think ye of Christ?

O, say! that is not near all of it! John said, "And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round the throne * * * the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessings." (See Rev. 5:11-14.)

Some people, in these days of higher criticism, new thoughtism and many other "isms," are trying to get the people to look away from the shed Blood of Christ to some theory or doctrine of men. But, when we come to the Word of God, and read Peter's writings, we find him telling us about our being "redeemed by the precious Blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, who was manifest in these last times for us." (See 1 Pet. 1:18-21.) There is no hope in trusting in the flesh, "All flesh is as grass, and all glory of man is as the flowers of grass, the grass withereth and the flower thereof falleth away." (1 Pet. 1:24.) "But thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:57.

The reason the sinner hasn't victory is because he hasn't accepted the Christ, the one that died for him. "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die; but God commended His love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." O, listen, you

trembling believer who are "weak in the faith" (Rom. 14.1.) believe this message: "much more then, being now justified by His Blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more being reconciled we shall be saved by His life." Notice that we are reconciled to God by the death of His Son. The devil would have us doubt that, and go on after "works" or "theories." But we are not saved by works of righteousness we have done, but "by grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift (christ) of God."

"The wages of sin is death, (why will an intelligent being go on serving the devil?) but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord," (Rom. 6:23.) What think ye of Christ? Do you believe you can have eternal life by believing on Him? That is exactly what the Bible teaches. The Father loveth the Son and hath given all things into His hands. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." But listen, sinner, "he that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on him." (See St. John 3:5-36.) God is much concerned about this lost world-people. He so manifested His love in the gift of His Son that anyone in reading the Bible can see that God loves sinners. "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on Him is not condemned: (O, thank God, "We are justified by faith through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:1.) but, he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God." (See St. John 3:15-18.)

Some people look upon rejecting Jesus Christ, the "Son of God" as a small matter, but God hath said, "He that believeth not the record that God gave of His Son hath made God a liar." (See 1 John 5:10). We take the witness of men, why should we doubt the record God has given us of His Son? "And this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life, and the life is in His Son." This is why Christ could say: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." (St. John 14:6.)

Christ is to divine truths, which God has given us a record of, what the "hub" is to the "wheel"—and the spokes of a wagon wheel must centre in the "hub," without the "hub" the spokes are no good. So all the truths center in Christ. No Christ, no Savior. No Christ, no eternal life for the believer. Thank God, we have a Christ, yea, a risen Christ: "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. And if Christ is not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins."

The Christian has hope, not only in this life,—if that were all he would be of all men most miserable. (1 Cor. 15:14, 17, 19.) "But when Christ, who is our Life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory." Col. 3:4. Remember. Christ is our Life, he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." What think ye of Christ?

Yours seeking the lost for Christ.—M. M. Pinson, 1639 84 Ave., Oakland, Cal.

or sign of the inner cutting or changing of the heart in one who becomes thereby a child of God. God has promised saying, "From al your filthiness and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart * * * * and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you." Ezek. 36:25-27. Now this changing of the hard stony heart of unbelief into the soft, yielding, obeying heart of faith called a heart of flesh, one on which and in which God can write his own law or will, is the circumcising of the heart under grace. It is called the circumcision of Christ, or true Christian circumcision, because Christ performs it, not man. It is not a cutting of the outward flesh, as was the old Jewish circumcision, but a cutting inside the man in the heart, in the will, in the spirit of man.

Baptism and Circumcision.

Baptism is now the new type, symbol or token of this changing, this cutting, this circumcising of the heart. Paul, speaking of our being made full or complete in Christ, says, "In whom ye were also circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with Him in baptism, wherein ye were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God." Col. 2:11-12.

In another place he speaks of the "washing (the laver) of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost." Tit. 2:5. Again he says, "Having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our body washed in pure water." Heb. 10:22. Again, "Arise, and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Acts 22:16. Again, "Repent, and be baptized in (upon) the name of Jesus Christ for (unto or in reference to) the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38.

Now in all these passages there is a reference both to water baptism and to the work of the Spirit, a reference to the outward token and to the inward reality. These two lines should not become confused lest we take one for the other, lest we see the outward token and lose sight of the inward work of the Spirit.

Note a Few Things:

1. "In Whom," that is in Christ. So then this spiritual circumcision is "in Christ," not in water.

2. "A circumcision not made with hands." Now the preacher can baptize you in water with his hands, but neither his hands nor the water can reach the heart inside the candidate. Hence the heart is not cut or circumcised by water baptism.

3. This circumcising is done "in the putting off the body of the flesh, in the circumcision of (from or by) Christ."

Now how is this old body put off? Both outwardly and inwardly. On the inside we are "crucified with Christ," our "trespasses are forgiven," we are made "new creatures in Christ," we are "raised with Him," we are "renewed by the Holy Ghost," our "hearts are sprinkled (with the blood)." It is done by "the circumcision of Christ," that is, it is a work done by Christ, it is a "raising with Him by the working of God."

But outwardly we put the old man off in baptism by "washing away our sins," by "washing our body (by baptism) in pure water," by being "buried with Him in baptism," by "the washing of regeneration," by being "Baptized unto the remission of our sins." etc.

4. "Through Faith." If this circumcision is "through faith," it is not then through water, only as faith and obedience to water baptism may work together. Faith with disobedience is dead.

Now in the mind of God, the outward token is closely related to the inward work. This is also true in the teaching and practice of the apostles, and the long delays in modern times between the time of conversion and obedience to baptism are wholly unwarranted by Scripture. But, because the outward token and the inward work of heart circumcision are closely related in the mind of God, is no reason for confusing the two. We should seek, however, to approach the normal Bible standard where obedience is with such repentance, faith and swiftness that the burial of the old man in the watery grave will be closely associated with the raising up in a newness of life through the power of the Holy Ghost. Then the greatness and the glory of the simple gospel will return to us and be wondrous in our eyes .- E. N.

CHRISTIAN CIRCUMCISION

There are two kinds of circumcision, one outer and one inner. One is in the flesh, the other in the heart. One is made by the hand of man, the other by the Lord.

Jewish Circumcision.

In Genesis, Chapter 17, God gave the covenant of circumcision in the flesh to Abraham, a sign of the faith by which he had already been justified before he was circumcised. See Rom. 4:9-25. Later circumcision was incorporated into the Law under Moses and became binding on all Israelites forever. The Jews still strictly observed it in the time of Christ, and all orthodox Jews do so still, to this day, all over the face of the earth. But this is in the flesh, not in the spirit; made by man, not by the Lord. It does not change the heart nor save the soul. It be-

longs to the old order and not to the new.

True Christian Circumcision.

True Christian circumcision is in strict contrast to that in the flesh in every particular. Paul says, "They are not all Israel that are of Israel," Rom. 9:6. That is, they are not all spiritual or saved Israel that are the fleshly sons of Jacob who was named Israel. Likewise, in speaking of spiritual Jews and spiritual circumcision, Paul says, "For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God." Rom. 2:28-29.

So then, outward circumcision in the flesh was only a type, only a token, a seal

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There is greater need for missionary funds at this time than any time since God first poured out the Holy Spirit in Latter Rain measure. Not only are conditions on the field harder because of the war, but issues over doctrines and practices have so filled the minds of the people that they have almost forgotten the missionary field. Hundreds of Pentecostal missionaries are still dependent upon God for their sustenance through His

children in the Pentecostal movement, and we have not been doing our duty. We must arise and shake ourselves and do what we can to relieve the distress and need of the missionaries. Come up to the help of the Lord now. We will gladly forward money, to any needy missionary. Send all missionary offerings to J. W. Welch, Treasurer, 2838 Easton Aye., St. Louis, Mo. Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

GEORGE C. AND ABBIE SLAGER. China.

We have the oversight of five missions and an orphanage during the absence of Brother and Sister Lawler in America. There are many rents to be paid and a family of about thirty to be fed and clothed. There is also the support of our precious native brethen in the Gospel who are at the stations in the interior. We are depending upon Phil. 4:19, Praise God. If the Lord does not speedily undertake we may, through lack of funds, be compelled to close up some parts of the work. However, by the help of God, we mean to hold out as long as possible before we do so, as we believe in going on to possess the land for King Jesus. We covet your pray-

DAVID A. BARTH. China.

God has called me to Shanghai and we have left Hong Hong. We are all well. Bro. Frank Denney's wife died and was buried last week in Hong Kong. Pray for Brother Denney.

EDITH KIRSCHNER. India.

I am very grateful to you for sending me the Evangel so regularly and have often wanted to write but have had an unusually busy time. Eliza was away for two months and I had all her work in addition to my own to see to, and all the Spring there was such a run of inquirers. Hardly an evening would pass without numbers coming to read and find out about the Word of life and it was so blessed to be able to point them to Jesus, the only true Savior, and to give them His Word "No man cometh unto the Father except by Me," and to see many find the Savior in Him. There has been quite a call for weeks to the villages but I have been unable to respond, first because of lack of funds, and secondly, because it is not safe for a woman to go alone into these villages. I am hoping to have reinforcements soon and I hope it will be possible to visit them. May the Lord lay it upon the hearts of the readers to pray very specially for these villages. The homes are all so scattered. The mountains are so steep and precipitous. The privations are so many and our health not the very best, yet the ery comes "Come over and give us the light," and we dare not refuse, but above all else we feel the need of deep united and concentrated prayer. If the enemy is to be routed in these places the people of God must get down on their knees to do it and he must be routed and we must give ourselves to much prayer.

God did marvellously heal me in my fingers. First one and then another on my right hand became sore, swollen and full of pus, but Jesus Himself was my surgeon and Physician and they were healed without any medical aid whatever and my general health has improved considerably. Several who doubted Divine healing were convinced of the truth of healing in the Atonement and my own faith was considerably strengthened as well. Then a dear little Mohammedan boy was healed of consumption. His mother is greatly under the influence of the Mohammedan Mullas, or priests, and when the boy took ill they told her to offer endless sacrifices, etc., each day advising something fresh, but the boy became steadily worse. They took him to an Indian Doctor but his medicines did him no good. The mother sent for me one night at 11 o'clock. I went at once and the poor little chap did look bad. I told her I could not pray for him until she threw away all that medicine and removed all the charms and beads, etc. She which he could earn his own bread. The

did so immediately and I laid hands on his head and prayed for him and all the restless tossing ceased and the boy fell asleep. Praise the name of Jesus. The child has been as well as possible ever since.

I have much to thank God for all this year. My needs have been supplied, my heart encouraged, my faith strengthened There has not failed one good thing or one word of all the promises of God. I have found them to be yea and amen in Christ Jesus my Lord. In sorrow Jesus has been my comfort, in sickness my health, in weakness my strength, in loneliness my companion, in perplexity my wisdom and my all and in all, as He said He would be. We know we will have a real hard fight this winter because of the rage of the enemy against us as he sees his time is short and souls are accepting the Lord, but we know that Jesus will ever lead forth to triumph and that the Holy Spirit abides to comfort. Continue to pray for us and for the five lads who confessed their faith in Jesus, for the Girl's school, for the women in the Zenanas and above all for the villages that many may be brought into living touch with Jesus.

MARIE JUERGENSEN. Japan.

I believe nothing is too small in God's hands and in His sight that He cannot use to His honor and glory, as He calls us His little ones even as He did Samuel to His work. I surely believe with all my heart that God has called me to His work, as young as I am, and I am willing to follow Him all the way. I have gone to school to study this language, which is very hard. Have gone for one year and we see the need of another, to speak the language correctly as interpreter in His work. 1 am by faith going for another year, looking to Him to supply the means. May He speak to us and may we obey and be useful in His hands in bringing many to Him who may be ready for His coming. The reward will be great in heaven. Your little sister in Jesus, Marie Juergensen.

GREAT RESULTS SEEN IN ANSWER TO PRAYER.

By Maria A. Gerber, Missionary for Turkey.

For some weeks the letters from the Orphans Home near Cesarea, Turkey, have been coming to me again regularly. The last letter is dated Oct. 12th and the letter begins "It is the prayers of God's children that caused us to be kept and protected in such a time as we are in, with our dear large Orphan family." In every letter they tell about great needs which cannot be described and say that every day from morning until evening they have to send away hungry, needy orphans and widows, from the door of the Orphan's Home, without being able to help them and the increase of them is constantly through massacres and war. One who has never done such work as to send pleading, hungry people away from the door with nothing to help them cannot understand or realize what it means. It was always my hardest work when in Turkey and I often had to do it with pain in my heart. The condition now is such as never has been in all the bloody history of Turkey. 1 am sending all the money which comes to my hands to the Orphans Home there and God has fed and kept until now. Food is very expensive so that it takes much to keep a family of nearly two hundred people alive.

Up to the beginning of the war the dear Christian people of Europe undertook the support of a child or more until the child had finished school or learned a trade by

support of one orphan in our Home is \$40. a year, and with this the child gets a home, food, clothing, school and a trade. I have room to shelter 300 children.

Most of our dear old supporters in Europe cannot help us any more. Therefore I ask the dear readers in the name of the Lord, upon the basis of the Word of God (Jas. 1:27 and Jas 1:17, 23), and in the name of the starving orphans, will they not help to save some of these poor Orphans from physical and spiritual starvation' There are some houses around us which I could rent to accomodate even more than 300 if I had the money. I would feel guilty before God if I would not make these needs known while the Lord has placed me in that position where I know the conditions and am able to reach them as the Apostle Paul in that same land saw and knew the needs and brought them before the Churches. Through the American Board, whose headquarters are in Boston, I am able to send our money safely to that Orphans Home and thank God none has yet been lost so far, and our only trust is in the Lord in whose hands we are.

All the letters from the Orphans Home are very short as the Censor does not permit long letters to be written. My address for this winter is 260 W. 121st St., New York City.

Thanksgiving Day will be over when you read these lines, but it is not over in my heart to thank and to praise my Dear Lord for what He has done for me and for the work in Turkey during this past year through His people in America and I deeply thank all of you dear ones for your prayers and help. Surely the REWARD is near. Hallelujah!

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A prayer for God's mercy.

PSALMS.

Specimen of Type David imploreth God's aid.

9 Behold, ^a O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.
10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. ³I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wicked-

3 bBe merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee 2 daily.
4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. 5 Forthou, 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;

11 For the LORD God is a sun and