

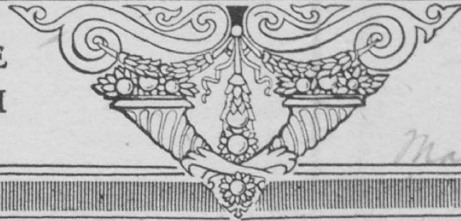


# THE WEEKLY EVANGEL



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GO YE INTO ALL THE  
WORLD AND PREACH



THE GOSPEL TO EVERY  
CREATURE. — Mark 16:15

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## THE CROSS—AN OPEN VISION—THE CHRIST.

The Adorable Eternal Son of God became the Son of Man that we, sinful sons of men, might become one with us that we may

In the Cross we see the ex-  
cause it took the blood of Jesus  
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soul set free. Here the sacri-  
world and bring man back to  
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Christ exhibited, the doctrine  
persecutions of Christ culmi-  
Here we see our sins blotted  
away from God now made nigh  
1:20. There the handwriting  
us was taken out of the way,  
2:14.

The preaching of the Cross  
ness, but to us who are saved  
1:20.

Therefore God forbid that  
Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ  
unto me, and I unto the world.

Except a man deny himself  
low me, he cannot be my dis-  
If we suffer with Him we  
Paul.

When you see a cross you  
sufferings and then His death  
For I am crucified with  
yet not I, but Christ liveth in  
live by the faith of the Son of  
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of ordinances that was against  
being nailed to the Cross, Col.

is to them that perish foolish-  
it is the power of God, 1 Cor.

I should glory, save in the  
by whom the world is crucified  
Gal. 6:14.

and take up his cross and fol-  
ciple, Lu. 14:27.  
shall also reign with Him.—

think of Jesus, and then His  
for us and our death with him.  
Christ: nevertheless I live;  
me: and the life I now live I  
God, who loved me and gave  
—A. P. Collins.

## THE NEW TESTAMENT AND WATER BAPTISM

In the very opening scenes of the New Testament, water baptism is in the arena and closely connected with repentance. When Jesus gave his final commission, repentance, faith, forgiveness and water baptism are closely associated. In the early days of the apostolic church in the actual practice of the apostles, water baptism had a prominence and emphasis rarely seen today in the practice of professing Christians.

Whether, therefore, we look at it with the prophet that went before the face of Jesus, or in the commands of the Son of God, or in the practice of the apostles, we see it in a place of tremendous emphasis and importance.

### Baptism More than Water.

It is not my purpose to teach that either much or little water washes away sin, or has in it power to quicken the dead soul into spiritual life. Had that been so, the days of the flood should have been the greatest day of salvation to the whole world. But baptism, Christian baptism, is much more than water. Moses had washings and baptisms, but he never had Christian baptism.

Water baptism gets its value from its connection with Jesus Christ, from the position Christ gave it in His Gospel, from the things for which it stands in reference to the believer, from the things to which it points, and from the honor and dignity the triune God has placed upon it in connection with the economy of redemption. God saw a lot clustered about baptism, and not every plunge under water is Christian baptism.

### Baptism and Repentance.

It never was designed that anyone should profess to have repented and not be baptized. In the early days they thus practiced what they preached, and God expects all to do the same today. They did not separate theory and practice, or doctrine from life and salvation. All went hand in hand.

John says, "I baptize you with water unto repentance," Matt. 3:11. Note, "Baptism . . . unto repentance;" "water unto repentance." There is no mile here between repentance and baptism, between repentance and water. God Almighty in the very beginning coupled them up in practice together. It is man in his worldly wisdom that has put them ten years apart, yea, sometimes a lifetime. Mark says of John that he preached "THE BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE," 1:4. Luke also says he was preaching "the baptism of repentance," 3:3. Jesus said that the apostles should preach "repentance in His name," Luke 24:47. Peter said, "Repent and be baptized every one of you," Acts 2:38. Paul said God now calls on "all men every where to repent," Acts 17:30. This ought to settle it forever, it is "all men every where" and "every one of you," and it is "REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED." "Then they that gladly received his word WERE BAPTIZED," Acts 2:41. No reluctance, for it was done GLADLY. Why not so today? How dare we face God and His word, saying we have truly repented while openly disobeying His commands to be at once "BAPTIZED?"

### Faith and Baptism.

Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized," Mark 16:16. When the Samaritans "BELIEVED . . . they were BAPTIZED, both men and women," Acts 8:12. The eunuch said, "See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" Then answered Philip, "If thou BELIEVETH with all thine heart thou mayest; and he BAPTIZED HIM," Acts 8:36-38. Right on the roadside,

stopped the journey to do it. Moreover the great apostle to us Gentiles took the jailer and all his family "the same hour of the night" (the hour they believed) and baptized them "straightway." There was no "next Sunday-week," no waiting till we "get enough," no delay till "next appointment." The preachers, too, were tired, their backs were sore and bleeding, they were hungry, having had no supper; but they made no excuse for delay even till morning or till after midnight luncheon, no sir! Before they would eat a bite, before daylight they baptized these raw heathen believers! "What an uncomely haste, what lack of wisdom," some worldly wise of today would say. Moreover, if some earnest servant of God does exactly today what Paul did then, they shout "Down with the fanatic!" Yet it was all right for Paul, and we cry "back to the apostles and the New Testament." Now how many of you really dare to go back to this apostolic custom? Why not practice what we preach? We are not Pentecostal nor Apostolic either, if we oppose these Pentecostal Apostolic examples.

### Disciples and Baptism.

The first act of John's disciples was to receive water baptism at his hands. The first command of Christ to a repentant believer on Him is to obey Him in water baptism. In Matt. 28:19 it is not correctly "TEACH . . . baptizing them" as in the A. V., but "make disciples of, baptizing, and teach them." It is "Baptize and Teach," not "Teach" them and later "Baptize" them. The example of Philip with the eunuch and Paul with the jailer shows the apostles practiced it in this order, the order Christ gave. As soon as they repented of their sins, put their trust in Christ, they were at once baptized, and after thus taking upon themselves the obligations of a disciple of Christ, they were later taught and more thoroughly instructed.

But today there are thousands of people who profess to believe on the Lord, to be disciples of Christ and yet refuse outright to do the very first thing He, as their Lord, commands them to do. When He comes will He not have a right to say "why call ye me Lord, Lord and do not the things I command you? Depart from Me! I never knew you!" Friend, if we are true disciples to Him, our hearts will love to obey Him. Only ignorance and wrong teaching give any show of an excuse. I am as sure as I live that the apostles would not have counted any man a disciple or a true convert who refused their "command to be baptized," Acts 10:48.

### Christ and Baptism.

Water baptism derives its merit from the command of Christ (Matt. 28:19), from its relation to our faith in Him (Acts 8:12, 37; 16:31), from our identification with Him in His death, burial and resurrection (Rom. 6:3-13). We are "baptized into Jesus Christ," we are "baptized into His death," 6:3. We are "buried with Him by baptism into death." We have been by baptism planted (or united) in the "likeness of His death" and raised up out of the watery grave in a "likeness of His resurrection," 6:5. Our old man was "crucified with Him," and we are therefore "free from sin." "Sin shall not have dominion over us." We are "alive from the dead," 6:13. Praise the Lord forever! Again Paul says, "In whom ye were circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in the putting off of the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; buried with Him IN BAPTISM, WHEREIN also ye were raised with Him



through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead," Col. 2:11-15. Water baptism is so intimately connected with all Christ has done for us, and our entering into it with Him, and being made alive in and through Him, that it may be said if the soul fails really to meet the living Christ, there is no Christian baptism in that case, no matter how many times he has been dipped in water. Christian baptism symbolizes all these relations to Jesus Christ. Without Him there is no baptism. The relation of our heart towards Him must be as He commands or we cannot receive Christian baptism.

### The Holy Spirit and Baptism.

No one can ever enter into all that is implied in Christian baptism without the quickening presence of the Holy Ghost. Baptism looks back to a death to sin, to a life in Christ and forward to a baptism with the Holy Spirit. God in His sovereignty, for good reasons, poured out the Spirit upon Cornelius and his household BEFORE they were baptized in water, and He can and does do the same today. But this is not the order set out in the Gospel, either by apostolic teaching or example. By the authority of heaven Peter said "Be baptized, and then ye SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST," Acts 2:38. Having seen God verify this promise to those who obeyed, he afterwards declared that God gives the Holy Spirit to "THEM THAT OBEY HIM," 5:32. The apostolic custom points also to the praying for the Spirit upon believers ONLY AFTER they have been baptized. See Acts 8:12-17, where they had believed and been baptized, then next in order came the laying on of hands and the praying for the Holy Ghost to be received. Paul also did not seek to get the disciples at Ephesus filled with the Spirit (Acts 19:1-6) until after he had given them Christian water baptism. Then and not till then did he seek for them to receive the Spirit.

We have neither apostolic precept nor example for praying our heads off to get people baptized with the Holy Ghost before they are baptized in water. If we do, we have the cart before the horse. No wonder it works so poorly sometimes. We have our own way and order, not the divine order.

There is one thing in the modern outpouring that has always seemed to me abnormal and not according to scriptural precedent. Many of God's servants have been distressed over the same thing. That is how hard it often is to get earnest seekers through to the baptism, HOW LONG they often hang around the altar, they praying and we praying, we praying and they praying. Some have done this for years, and neither themselves nor us honestly knew why it is they did not receive. We see no hint of this, not a bit, in the book of Acts. There is and has been assuredly something wrong, some thing "rotten in Denmark." No hint is given in the New Testament after Pentecost of any soul who wholeheartedly repented of his sins, who in faith cast Himself unreservedly upon Jesus for mercy and salvation, arose and was baptized in water with wholehearted obedience and then properly dealt with for the receiving of the Spirit that did not receive without all this waiting, struggling and hanging around the altar for months. Only some sorcerer or hypocrite like Simon Magus ever failed. God's plan was certain, the road plain and all who obeyed received according to God's promise. Why not so now? Has God changed? Our trouble may not all be at one point. We may have a lot of unclean sorcerers, as it were, seeking the Holy Ghost who need to repent, get under the blood and get a clean heart. But if we see this error, this wrong method, this wrong order, this unscriptural practice, why not quit it? The altar is all right. But a man has no business there for months before obeying God. For souls who have the

light and do not need instruction, the order is repent, believe, be baptized, be prayed with for the Holy Ghost and get Him at once. Why not believe, obey and receive?

### People Not Obeying God.

People are not half in earnest. They are not yielding themselves and their ways completely to the Lord and His ways. Even preachers are not emphasizing the divine order and the essence of the blessed Gospel and an instant, unconditional obedience to all God says, as they should. Jesus is coming soon. Terrible times and trials are soon coming upon the saints. Only those who now stiffen up their back bones by wholehearted surrender to the Lord, an immediately walking in all the light we have, an uncompromising loyalty to Jesus and His Gospel just as it is—only such will give us the touch with God that will bring us the strength to go through. Arise, and let us go over this Jordan.—E. N. B.

### HOW I CAN HELP THE WEEKLY EVANGEL.

We realize with thankfulness the kind interest and sympathy that we receive from the many members of the Evangel family, and we thank God and take courage. Here are a few points in which you can still further help us.

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2. Try and secure new subscribers. It costs us about \$2 a year for every Evangel sent forth, but if the circulation is increased the cost is reduced, and consequently the loss is less. One pastor has sent us 41 names as subscribers since the new year. He is aiming for every member of his assembly to become a subscriber. This should be the aim of every preacher. Then the Council will be your best assistant.
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7. When you can, send a free-will offering for the Evangel Family. We have to trust God for about \$2,500.00 in free-will offerings this year in order to live and do God's work to His glory. Will you stand with us in faith for this? The Gospel Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo.

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Our British friends should send British Money Orders, not Currency Notes nor Postal Orders, as these cannot be cashed here. We get cash all right on a British Money Order.—Gospel Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo.

## VISIONS AND DREAMS.

J. Narver Gortner.

God in the ages that have gone by spoke to people in visions and in dreams. He did not speak to all in this way, but in every age there were some to whom He thus revealed Himself. He changes not. That He speaks in this way to some at the present time there can be no doubt in the minds of many who have thus heard from heaven.

There are many who are willing to concede that God thus spoke in other ages, but they deny that He thus speaks today. They say that such revelations are no longer necessary. We might ask if they were ever necessary. The resources of the universe were at the disposal of God in other ages just as they are in this age. But we are told that NOW we have the written Word. Certainly. But is it not true that Peter and Paul had the major portion of the written Word, the Old Testament Scriptures, and, in addition to that portion of the written Word, the advantage of living in that very time in which God had revealed Himself to men in the person of His only begotten Son who had tabernacled in the world and had died upon the cross and had risen from the dead and had shown Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of His disciples forty days and speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God? And yet to both Peter and Paul God repeatedly revealed Himself in visions and in dreams.

I once heard an old preacher, a man of natural ability and considerable learning, a doctor of divinity, argue that God has never spoken to men in an audible voice. I contended that He had often done so, and produced Scripture to prove that my contention was right. He explained away the Scriptures I quoted, as many preachers are too likely to do today, and then said, "I have lived in this world for seventy years, and I have never heard the voice of God." Of course that settled the matter. He had never heard God's voice. Therefore God had never spoken. The logic of those who argue that God no longer speaks to people in visions and in dreams is just about as convincing. God has never spoken thus to THEM. Therefore He no longer speaks thus.

Some of us believe that God still speaks in this way sometimes for the reason that we do not doubt the testimony of some deeply spiritual people who tell us that they have thus heard from God; and some of us believe it because we have heard from heaven in this way ourselves. The visions have been so clear and so remarkable, the dreams so striking and so suggestive, and the impressions made by them so deep and ineffaceable that there have remained with us no doubts that God through them actually communicated with our souls.

I well remember my first remarkable experience of this nature. It was Sunday evening. I had preached twice during the day. I had not been well, and my physical resources had been taxed, it seemed, to their utmost. My head was aching and my entire body was exceedingly weary. Kneeling beside my bed, I asked God to take away the headache, remove the weariness, and give me a good night's rest. Without tarrying upon my knees to pray that the blessing of the Lord might be upon the Word I had preached or upon the people who had heard that Word, or upon the interests of the Lord's work in the world, I crawled into bed, and was soon asleep. There came before me as I slept a vision of three distinct cubes. It almost seems to me I can see them now. One was quite large, one not so large, and one was quite small. I looked at them and wondered what they meant. They seemed to be suspended in the air just above my bed. As I lay there, looking at them, a voice seemed to say, "This small cube represents the part of your time you should spend in pray-

ing for yourself, this medium sized cube the part of your time you should spend in praying for the people who are around you and to whom you minister in spiritual things, and this large cube that portion of your time that you should spend in praying for the interests of that cause that is worldwide in its extent and for the establishment of which your Master died." I awoke, and as I lay there upon the bed I could see the cubes suspended in the air above me. I fell asleep again. The cubes remained there, and the voice I had heard was repeated. Again I awoke. The cubes remained. All through the night, while I was asleep and while I was awake, I could see those cubes, and again and again I heard the voice that spoke and each time its message was the same. It was not until it was broad daylight and the sun was rising and its rays were falling upon the pillow that I realized that I had been passing through a remarkable experience and had heard from heaven. I thought everybody would recognize the vision as having come from God. The following Thursday evening I told the people about it at the prayer meeting, and I noticed that one of the leading men of the church seemed to be amused. Afterwards he said to me, "You must have been eating pie last Sunday evening." I learned then, what I should have known before, that "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God," that to him they seem like "foolishness." What did Jesus mean when He said, "Cast not your pearls before swine?" To His disciples He said, "I have many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now."

Recently a sister in our church here in Cucamonga had a remarkable experience. It was at a Sunday evening service and a goodly number of people had gathered around the altar for prayer. Among them were several earnest seekers after God. This sister, as she prayed, beheld a vision. Let us not forget that it was while Peter was praying that he beheld his wonderful vision in Joppa, the vision that was designed to show him that it was the will of the Lord that the Gospel should be preached to the Gentile world and that what God had cleansed he should not call common or unclean. The sister saw angels coming from the east and from the west. Each of them had a vial filled with the blessings of God. Somebody had said during the service, "If you want God's blessings you must keep your cup turned rightside up." She saw her cup, and it was turned rightside up, and, alongside of hers was another cup which was also rightside up. One of the angels said to the others, "How can we tell which is her cup?" The others replied, "It does not matter. We have blessings enough to fill them both." Then they poured in the blessings out of their vials until the cups were full to the brim. Another angel came with a vial and poured in more blessings, and the cups overflowed. Then one of the angels said, "God is working in this community, and whenever God begins to work the devil begins to work too. We must plan together to defeat the enemy. What plans can we devise to defeat him?" Then God spoke from His throne and said, "You can leave that matter to me. I am able to devise plans; I am competent to cope with and defeat the enemy."

As this good sister told us of her vision our hearts were encouraged. We did not doubt that she had heard from heaven. We knew that God was working in the community; and, we knew, too, that the devil had commenced to work as he always does when God works. It was a source of great encouragement to us to know that God had told us in this remarkable manner that He was able to cope with the enemy. We felt sure that we were on the winning side, and our hearts rejoiced.

Whenever God mightily manifests His presence and power in the earth He speaks to some people in visions and in dreams. He thus spoke to patriarchs and prophets; He



thus spoke to apostles and martyrs; He thus spoke to men and women in the days of the Wesleys and in the days of Finney. And in these days that precede the coming of the Bridegroom, when the Spirit is being poured out as on the day of Pentecost, He is thus speaking to many devout hearts.

Let us not undervalue God's voice when He speaks. But let us not at the same time forget that all visions and dreams should be interpreted in the light of the written Word. If any have revelations that do not tally with the Word, whether they be through other tongues or through dreams and visions, it is evident that they are not revelations from God; for God does not contradict Himself. And it is possible that the devil, as well as God, may sometimes speak to people in visions and in dreams.

Cucamonga, California.

### FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG SPIRITED GROWNUPS.

More about Carol.

During the past few weeks we have told a little of the story of Carol, a missionary child who lived in India, but who is now with her Lord, and this week we will tell a little of her inner life.

Her Aunt Kathleen writes of the deep impress left upon her by Carol's simple faith. She says, "I remember so well when Carol was about four years old, her little brother was ill. A few days before, her mother had been telling her of Jesus' words about shutting the door when we pray. On this particular morning I came from my room into the front sitting-room and was surprised to find it so dark, all the doors having been shut (on the plains every room has several doors, which are also the windows), and then I discovered darling little Carol in one of the corners of the room praying softly that God would make her little brother quite well again." And her prayers were soon answered.

"It was wonderful how she delighted in Bible stories told her, and kept them in her mind even when a very little girl. Once when she was three years old I had been telling her about Peter's escape from prison and how Rhoda kept him standing at the door knocking. A few days after I was in my room and had shut the door, when Carol came along wanting to come in. I asked her to wait a few minutes as I was busy, and in a moment her reply was, 'O Auntie, it is PETER knocking at the door.' Needless to say the door was opened immediately.

"When she was older (about eight years old) I was staying with her and her two little brothers at Coonoor. We used to play her little duets together most evenings, and then she would play several hymn tunes very sweetly. One such evening she looked up suddenly from the hymn book and said with tears in her eyes, 'O Auntie! when is Jesus coming? He said He was coming quickly, but He doesn't come. I DO so want to see Him, oh! won't He come soon?' The Lord Jesus was such an absolutely real Person to her that it was quite natural to speak of Him at any time."

Carol had her tests, as her following letters will prove: "I got cross with H—the other day. Cyril and I were using the same ink bottle and we quarrelled, so Grace separated us and told me to finish my letter in pencil. I can't be good, IT'S NO USE TRYING TO BE (scratched out). I am so sorry I was naughty, Mother darling. I'll try again to please Jesus. 1 Sam. 7:12."

Here is another letter, "Really Z—is no pleasure to have in the house. He is such a tease. Mother darling, I am just as bad in many ways. I am SO sorry, but Satan got hold of my tongue, and I called them names. I asked Jesus to forgive it, you know. I think, Mother pet, as I

am the only girl I ought to be most like Jesus. Isaiah 43:1; Phil. 4:19."

"My own Beauty Darling Mother,

O! just last night how I missed a 'good night' and a kiss, how I longed to be in your arms. We have not quarrelled since the time I wrote to you last Saturday: isn't that nice? It is because we asked the dear Lord Jesus. Just think of it! in six more days I shall be eleven years old.

"I am very happy at school. Fancy! just think what a dull head I have, and yet, just think of it, I got every algebra problem and sum right. Can you ever believe it? Isn't it just beautiful? Mother dear, I read in my quiet time this morning 'He is ready to help (her).' Fancy! He is ready to help ME, the sinful, horrid old Carol. It is lovely, isn't it?"

Carol's nurse testifies of her: "There were certain days when Carol was naughty, and oh! how she cried, and how sorry she was to think she had grieved the Lord Jesus: but she never went to sleep till everything was forgiven and Jesus had cleansed her conscience from sin. Sometimes she would say, 'What if Jesus had come when I was doing that?' And when she was tucked up in bed, and everything had been put right, she would say, 'If the dear Lord Jesus comes to-night I am ready, for Jesus' blood cleanses from all sin.'"

### THE SAVIOUR'S HUMILITY.

"Christ Jesus...emptied himself,

He humbled himself...even unto death."

How utterly the Crucified lost sight of self! He emptied Himself of all that heaven held to come to earth, and then emptied Himself of all the earth had left Him, for the sake of Love's divine mission. Who was ever so poor as He! He had nothing but a stable to be born in, nothing but a manger to be laid in. He had not so much as a place where to rest His head; even His cross was not His own, and His grave belonged to another. It is pathetically written that, to the traitor He left His purse; to the soldiers, His robe; to the beloved disciple, His mother; to the dying thief, His promise of paradise. to the penitent Peter, His pardon; to His Father, His last breath and departing spirit, and to His followers, His peace. Naked He came into this world; while here He got nothing, though He gave everything; and naked He went the way to the tomb. *Do you wish to follow Him?* Count the cost; for along that way self must be left behind, to walk with Him.—Dr. A. T. Pierson.

### HE KNOWS.

Sweet the thought when hearts are troubled  
And the cares of life are doubled—  
Cup of sorrow overflows,  
While the shadows nearer creeping,  
And the night shades find us weeping;  
Spirit crushed by human woes.

There is One who's ever keeping  
Vigil, while earth friends are sleeping,  
Till His comfort He bestows;  
Giving strength for fresh endurance,  
While we feel the blest assurance,  
Jesus ever sees and knows.

—Mrs. Maria H. Boddy.

Youngstown, Ohio.

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### OVERFLOWING PENTECOSTAL RIVERS.

It is frequently seen that when a great river in its flow reaches its mouth that it subdivides into a number of channels, and as it is divided up it forms a delta, and we see it irrigating and blessing all around the delta. These channels convey the river out to the sea. On the day of Pentecost we see one hundred and twenty outlets of glory from the throne. God chose one hundred and twenty channels in order to convey out His mighty river, the River of the Spirit, and the one hundred and twenty subdivided again, and none of the hundred and twenty suffered by the subdivision, because the river was so mighty. The supply was inexhaustible.

God deigned that the streams of redemption, the streams of glory, should pass into and through men. And how was it? "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." Prayer, and then supplication! That opened up the avenue, and the channel was ready through which the Divine Stream could flow, and "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Each one was filled to his utmost capacity; thousands saw the overflow manifested and three thousand partook of the overflow, and Peter's supply was none the less after the three thousand were baptized.

Samaria and the Samaritans received some of the overflow through Philip, and the eunuch to whom he ministered conveyed some of the overflow to the southern part of the world. Peter still had sufficient and Cornelius and his household partook of the overflow so that the western world could have their portion. Heathen Ethiopia and cultured Rome! The Ephesians, when Paul laid his hands on the twelve disciples at Ephesus, were correspondingly filled, and neither the reservoirs of heaven, nor the channels lost any of their supply of the inexhaustible waters of life.

God wants deltas today and He wants to multiply channels. But first we have to get into a receptive attitude, of one accord, in prayer and supplication, until the mighty rushing wind comes as the prelude of the floods upon the dry ground.

The Lord says, "I will shake the heavens, and the earth," but He wants to shake the upper room first. Everything that can be shaken has to be shaken inside and outside of the church. When that mighty rushing wind came of old, it shook the house, it shook the saints and the three thousand were shaken. "What must we do?" What a change! "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!!" and then, "What shall we do because we crucified Him?" The mighty, rushing wind, the Holy Ghost, made that change. He can make crucifiers into penitents. He can change a howling mob into a penitent Holy-Ghost-filled crowd.

How came this about! *The channels were cleansed, ready, fitted, and God could let go of Himself.* And God wants to let go again. He emptied Himself into the Son and now He wants to empty Himself through the Son and through the Church. "I will pour out (or empty out) My Spirit upon all flesh." *All flesh*, the Peters, the Pauls, the Nicodemuses the Magdalenes, the rich Josephs of Arimathea, as well as the poor fisher folk, upon those of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation, for "He hath made of one blood all nations of men." The inexhaustible God, the God of all fulness, wants some of the overflow purchased by the Son of man to reach all mankind.

Through the agony of the garden, through the sacrifice of Calvary, through the grave and through the resurrection, there has been a tremendous credit balance placed on the side of mankind. Jesus stooped so low, humbling Himself even unto the death of the cross, wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him; and being by the right hand of

God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He is able to shed forth an outpouring of the Spirit even upon *all flesh*. *The credit balance in glory, placed there through the blood of Christ, is so great that there is enough for every human being in the world.* In Father's house there is "enough and to spare."

There was famine all around in Egypt, but there was an all-sufficiency, enough for all, in the control of Joseph, and Joseph dispensed blessing to all in the name of the King. So Jesus Christ, the Joseph of the new covenant, has the barns full, and He dispenses blessing in the name of the Father. The barns are bursting out, but there must be a humbling, there must be confession, there must be a going down before these blessings can be vouchsafed. The elder brethren had to confess, and seek, and yield up, and humble themselves in order to receive the stored-up blessings.

God is willing, God is ready, and He desires that the blessing, the power of the Spirit, be poured out, and He will pour out His Spirit immediately the channels are ready, and He has decreed that in the fulness of time the channels will be ready. Mary was ready in the fulness of time, the channel, the vehicle, through which the Divine could be manifested in human form. And the Divine plan will be carried out exactly on time.

Sometimes a river changes its course suddenly, the old delta is left and a new channel forms a new delta. Obstructions in the way may cause deflection. And so God may choose other channels. He has done so in the past. When a town or city would not receive the proffered blessing, the disciples were to shake the dust of their feet off against them for a witness. Paul said to the Jews of Antioch in Pisidia, "Seeing ye put it from you and count yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles." Jesus turned away from the high power, the religious leaders; the stream was diverted; and fishermen, converted harlots and taxgatherers were chosen to dispense blessing from the throne of God Himself. The priests had their temple and the rent veil, and they had to patch up the veil to make it decent. The disciples had the rent heavens instead, and the power, the Shekinah glory, bursting through the rent veil of the heavens.

Caiaphas and a Peter! Pharisees and fishermen! The "foolishness" of God's choice is greater than the "wisdom" of men! God will in these days repeat Himself, but on a greater scale, if the conditions are met. There must be a yielding, a seeking, a longing, prayer and supplication.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine House, and PROVE ME NOW herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Reservoirs of grace, from out of the riches in glory by Christ Jesus, to meet the accumulation of sin down below! God's people must do their part, and God covenants by His grace to do His part.—F.

### THE SUPERNATURAL IN CHRISTIANITY.

By A. F. Hale.

#### CHAPTER VI.

Christian Growth and Development is Supernatural.

It is as necessary that the "Babes in Christ" should grow as it is that our babes in the flesh should grow. It is the first impulse of the mother to draw the child to her breast where it may receive nourishment, that it may grow and its faculties develop. And while the parents are satisfied with the infant in its helpless littleness; they would not be satisfied if it remained thus; but they expect a constant and uniform development. And so the "Babe in Christ" may be perfect as a babe when he is born of the Spirit, but he is a babe, nevertheless. This fact is often



lost sight of, even by older Christians who should know better, as well as by the babe himself. And like all little folk, he tries to do as he sees others doing and so gets many hard knocks. And unless he learns, presently, that he is a babe, he is apt to get discouraged. But he is not expected to remain a babe anymore than the infant of this world. "As newborn babes, long after the spiritual milk which is without guile, that ye may grow thereby unto salvation."

THE WORD OF GOD, as before seen, is supernatural and partakes of the character of God whom it represents. It is the sword of the Spirit to deliver us from our spiritual enemies. It is a light to our pathway to keep us out of the ways of sin and in the path of righteousness. It is spiritual, Jesus said, "The words that I have spoken unto you are Spirit and are life." And again, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." The Word ministered by the Spirit is nourishment for the spiritual man, without which he cannot grow.

Another means of grace is SPIRITUAL INSTRUCTION. "And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." These Spirit-endued men are given to each assembly as the need may be; and should be taken advantage of by every struggling child of God. And to neglect or be deprived of such help is to miss what God intended each one to have.

"For the perfecting of the saints," indicates their imperfect condition; and the means provided shows that the individual is not capable of perfecting himself without the aid of other saints. This makes every child of God dependent upon every other child of God; and a recognition of this fact increases the "Effectual working in the measure of every part, making increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." This interdependence of the saints is the result of a supernatural unity brought about by each one being baptized by one Spirit into one body. And the one who separates himself from the body does violence to this unity of the Spirit; and deprives himself of spiritual benefits.

All spiritual blessings are granted to us on the ground of faith; and "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." But it is not all blessings that come to us while in public meetings or while reading our Bible; but the greater blessings come when we get alone with God, in prayer.

PRAYER is intercourse between the new creature and God, in which the "Spirit helpeth our infirmity," and we are brought under the direct influence of God's life-giving power. It is in the attitude of prayer that we have the "Eyes of our heart enlightened," and the truths we have learned are assimilated and become a part of our spiritual natures. Prayer should be more than simply asking God for blessings; and instead of the mind being wholly taken up with the things we are asking for, it should be open and expectant, to receive new things from Him. Secret prayer and meditation should go together; for the purpose of all true prayer is to know God: and to know God is eternal life.

EXERCISE IN THE GRACES AND GIFTS of the Spirit is the next essential of normal Christian development. The graces or fruit of the Spirit may be described as the inward manifestations, while the gifts are the outward manifestations of the Spirit. Both are equally mi-

raculous because they have their origin in the supernatural. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control; against such there is no law," because they are not the out-working of fleshly energy, but the in-working of the Lawgiver.

The spiritual development is brought about by a voluntary submission to the Spirit. We are told to "Walk by the Spirit," "Present yourselves unto God," "Present your bodies unto God," and to "Follow after love." And while we cannot produce this "fruit" of ourselves, a persistent yielding to God will greatly facilitate the development of the inward man.

The outward manifestations of the Spirit, known as "gifts," are dependant for their usefulness, on the inwrought fruit, which is a vital source of potential energy, manifesting itself through the gifts. The Corinthian Christians were reprov'd because they lost sight of this fact, and their use of the gifts became as "Sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. "But they were commended because they "Came behind in no gift," and were exhorted to "Desire earnestly spiritual gifts," but were also warned to use them only as the expression of the inward fruit.

And as the gift without the fruit is "Nothing," so the fruit without the channel of expression afforded by the gift is powerless. And it makes no difference how much the spiritual man is nourished, if the outlet of expression through the gifts is lacking, the development will be unsatisfactory and the babe will remain imperfect.

But to provide against this, "To each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit to profit withal." The word of wisdom and the word of knowledge shows the operation of the Spirit in the mental realm, and strengthens the spiritual against the fleshly mind. Faith, healings and miracles give a grasp on the immaterial and invisible. Prophecy, discernment, tongues and interpretations show the supernatural workings through natural faculties, and are to be used by the believer for his own benefit as well as for others, for the husbandman must be the first to partake of the fruits.

In the case of the early disciples the first manifestation of the Spirit was speaking in tongues, by which, it was said they edified themselves. And this is God's purpose for us, that we might be self-supporting before we try to help others.

Now we see that while the natural faculties are brought into play in the growth and development of the Christian, the energy back of it all is in the Holy Spirit; and the result is a spiritual man, made in the image of God.

F. A. H.

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### THE GRACE OF GOD. No. 2.

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saves us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ, our Saviour; that being justified by HIS GRACE we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life, Titus 3:5-7.

For by GRACE are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the GIFT of God; not by works, lest any man should boast, Eph. 2:8, 9. And if by GRACE then is it NO MORE OF WORKS; otherwise GRACE IS NO MORE GRACE, but if it be of works then is it NO MORE GRACE, Rom. 11:6.

What shall we say then? That the Gentiles who FOLLOWED NOT after righteousness HAVE attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith. But, Israel which FOLLOWED after the law of righteousness HATH NOT attained to the law of righteousness. Why? Because they sought it not BY FAITH but as it were by the works of the law, for they stumbled at that stumbling stone, Rom. 9:30-32.

That stumbling stone is Christ, Rom. 9:33.

For Christ is THE END of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth, Rom. 10:4.

Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law?—Of works?—Nay;—but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man IS JUSTIFIED BY FAITH without the deeds of the law, Rom. 3:27, 28. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision (works) availeth anything, nor uncircumcision (no works), but a new creature, and as many as walk according to this rule (of being a new creature by believing on Jesus), peace be on them. Therefore God forbid that I should glory, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, Gal. 6:14-18.

Beloved, I do not frustrate the GRACE OF GOD by saying that IF righteousness come by the law then CHRIST HAS DIED FOR NOTHING, Gal. 2:21. But we know that a man is NOT justified by the works of the law BUT BY the faith of Jesus Christ, Gal. 2:16.

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge that if one died instead of all, then were all dead, and that He died instead of all that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves but unto Him who died for them and rose again, 2 Cor. 5:14, 15.

No wonder Paul, the greatest of the apostles, was beside himself (with joy) to God, 2 Cor. 5:13. This mighty, wonderful Gospel of THE GRACE OF GOD which was given to him by divine revelation whilst in Arabia had gripped his soul to such overflowing that he simply could not refrain from showing it.

I feel constrained that most of us do not understand, as we should, the wondrousness of the GRACE OF GOD—this free, unearned, unmerited favor—this God-given righteousness—its simplicity is so great.

The law was given to reveal sin, man's rottenness, hopelessness, helplessness (Rom. 7:7-25), and at the same time to be our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ (Gal. 3:24); whether we were open sinners of Rom. 1 or of the goody-goody, self-righteous class of Rom. 2, the law stopped our mouths and we all became guilty before God (Rom. 3:19). As it is written, "There is NONE righteous, no, not so much as ONE" (Rom. 3:10).

It seems a failing in humanity to try to do something to justify themselves, but Rom. 3:20 clinches the nail and says, "By the deeds (doing, works) of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight."

How then can we be justified?

Can I not DO something to justify myself?

Can I not TRY to add something more to the already finished work of Christ?

Can I not KEEP the commandments to obtain or retain salvation?

No, dear ones, you cannot do anything for—

TRY, you'll fail.

KEEP, you cannot.

DO, the debtor to do the whole law, Gal. 3:10.

But what saith the Scriptures? Abraham simply believed God and it (faith) was counted unto him for righteousness; now TO HIM THAT WORKETH NOT, BUT (simply) BELIEVETH ON HIM (Jesus) that justifieth the ungodly, HIS FAITH IS counted (PLACED TO HIS CREDIT FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS (Rom. 4:3-5); for it is not by works of righteousness that we HAVE done, but according to HIS mercy He saved us . . . that being justified by HIS GRACE (free, unearned, unmerited, God-given righteousness) we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life (Titus 3:5-7).

Paul preached not experience, but Christ Jesus, the Lord (2 Cor. 4:5), neither did he preach works of grace, but he preached GRACE, GRACE, GRACE (Gal. 1:6; Rom. 3:24, etc., etc., etc.).—Ernest A. Paul.

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## Questions and Answers

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**385. Is it wrong for a Christian to use tobacco?**

Ans. It is universally admitted to be a dirty, filthy habit which we got from the heathen, the North American Indians. Even some secular papers will no longer take a tobacco ad. Paul says, "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord," 2 Cor. 7:1. Everybody who wants to know fully about this subject should order of the Gospel Publishing House a book called "The Brown God," price postpaid in cloth 50 cts., in paper 30 cts. One cent stamps taken for all amounts less than 50 cts.

**386. Is the Ozark Bible school approved by the General Council?**

Ans. No. It is entirely a "New Issue" School, and the General Council cannot recommend it. We only pray that God may lead these dear brethren out of the error they are teaching.

**387. What are the main errors being taught by the New Issue people?**

Ans. Many hold water baptism is essential to the New Birth, that the baptism in the Spirit with talking in tongues is the new birth, that Jesus is the Father, that the name of the Trinity is Jesus Christ. Now all Evangelical Christians hold that Jesus is God and no intelligent Christian holds to more than one God. Yet Jesus Himself applies the term "the only true God" to the Father (John 17:1-3), and this phrase is never applied in Scripture to Jesus, as these brethren apply it. Why not apply it only as Jesus applied it? Is it not safer to follow what the Son of God says than what these dear brethren say? Who is the best authority?

**388. Is it taking the mark of the Beast when a man has to sign up for it?**

Ans. Sign up for what? I don't know of anything a customer has to sign up for, nor do I know of anything we have to sign at the present which is the mark of the Beast. We cannot take the mark of the Beast until the Anti-Christ Beast appears and gets supreme power. No one has such power yet.

**389. Is Mark 16:9-20 in the original manuscripts?**

Ans. There are about five main old manuscripts in existence. Two of these omit these verses in Mark. But some others have these in them.

In 1906 an American bought an old manuscript in Egypt of an Arab containing the four Gospels. Copies of this have been made by the University of Michigan and a copy sent to the British Museum. Bro. A. W. Frodsham, now in the office of the Gospel Publishing House, saw this ancient manuscript with his own eyes. The Curator of the British Museum, an expert in such matters, told Bro. Frodsham, as he tells me this minute, that this manuscript is one of the oldest, most correct and most reliable in

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**390. Where a man has been appointed deacon in an assembly, but not ordained, has this deacon a right to call for ordination?**

Ans. No. This is the business of the assembly. The assembly may have appointed him merely on trial and does not want to ordain him until after he has proved by trial that he is the right man. After he has satisfied the church or assembly that he is a man full of the Holy Ghost and full of wisdom also, then the church is neglecting its duty and the pastor his, if they do not call for his ordination. It is only a matter of neglect, some of the members should call the attention of the church and pastor to this matter. The deacon might suggest it, but should not press it, if the assembly does not believe he is ready for ordination.

**391. Has the deacon any power to act where he has not been ordained?**

Ans. The word "deacon" is Greek, and means a "minister" or "servant." It is not so much an office of AUTHORITY as one of service. Evidently the church meant for him to SERVE them or they would not have appointed him. He has authority to SERVE THE CHURCH in the capacity of deacon, not as boss. Unless there are other more experienced or ordained deacons, he will, of necessity, have to exercise all the duties of an ordained deacon. All the difference is, he is still on trial and his office is not permanent until ordained. He is then a continual deacon until he forfeits the honor by failure or misconduct.

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The Lord will surely make this a Light House and prepare His children to go out as flames of fire in all directions to get His people ready for His coming. Many already are talking of coming to stay and live in the city and help the work, and get what they need from the Lord.

Now beloved, this is a great undertaking for me. Stepping out on faith, but Jesus says, "Go forward, I will not fail you." The cattle upon a thousands are the Lord's. Many of you have been blessed in many ways in my meetings. You know what the work is, the Holy Ghost bearing witness with signs and wonders that God is pleased with it. Now pray for this work. Moreover I would love to hear from every old friend. Tell us what the Lord shows you to do. We need workers on the building. Any can help on that line. I desire earnestly that you pray to God to help us build this Tabernacle for His glory, and when you pray obey what the Lord tells you to do also.

This is to be a place where souls will weep their way into the Kingdom. If all obey God, this building will go up without a jar, will be unitedly put together, and turn out to be a Shining Temple for the Lord in this eleventh hour. Souls will receive Pentecostal Power and Fire, and go out and herald the Gospel unto all nations. This is the burden of my heart. May God put a hearty Amen in all your hearts. Address me as follows:

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## In The Regions Beyond

**Taianfu, China.** Since last writing you I have been over in Middle Shantung and had a very precious time. The Lord most wonderfully blessed and led. I visited one place where God has poured out His Spirit on more than thirty people, also visited another place where God is working. Just a few days ago the Lord enabled me to go to the capital and witness for Him.—L. M. Anglin.

**Waipahu, Oahu.** We have just given up our home and position in Honolulu to labor for the Lord on this little plantation of Waipahu. This little village has a population of about six thousand people, with one Catholic church and no one to point them to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. The Lord has picked me out of the city and county jail about two years or more ago, and filled both myself and wife the Holy Ghost, and so when He spoke to me definitely to go to this plantation and gave me the promise, "Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world," we did not hesitate to follow His call to this little town. The work we have taken up at present is a branch station of Bro. H. J. Johns, which for about a year has only been open on Saturday evenings and for Sunday School on Sunday afternoons. My principal work in this plantation is with the Philipino. I request that all who know the value of prayer will remember us that we may be living witnesses of the saving power there is in Jesus Christ.—Geo. and Lily Kekoa Ah Nee, P. O. Box 211, Waipahu, Oahu, Hawaiian Islands.

**Saharanpur, U. P., India.** I wrote you a month ago and I trust that you will get my letter safely; in it I told you of blessing received, and of having been ill. I was here alone, when the dear Lord sent a dear sister to care for me. She came not knowing I was so ill, but said the Lord was laying me upon her heart. She feared peritonitis for me, and remained as long as I needed her, standing by me in prayer. God wonderfully undertook for me, giving me Psalm 118:17, "I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord."

God is working in our hearts, making them hungry for Him. One dear brother, who has been saved, and who is growing beautifully in the Lord, an engineer on the railway, gave me a tin of American Standard oil, saying, "I am giving you this to light the lamps for the meetings. Before I was saved I smoked it, now I want the Lord to have that money." It was two dollars. The people here are poor, and a few are having to divide their crusts. Some send me vegetables, fruit and meat. I thank them and praise God that His ways of meeting my needs are varied and many.—Christiana B. Herron.

**Hongo, Tokyo, Japan.** Christmas has past now and very joyfully. It is our fifth Christmas in Japan. And the number gathered with us has been the largest since we have been here. Beside the lovely gathering of all the little Sunday-School children numbering to about three hundred, we had a very sweet and blessed gathering of Christians, who have learned to love and know Jesus as their Saviour. It was a meeting of praise and song to Him who on that holy, quiet night came into this world for us. Wonderful Saviour! Wonderful Saviour!

Our home station was full at the time of the gathering of Christians, and we did not have place to seat them all. The Lord has wonderfully saved a young man from drink, now he is rejoicing and drinking freely of the water of life. He tells how one night he passed our mission while just out for a walk and going to no special place, but when he heard the singing he stepped in, heard the wonderful story of Jesus' love to save, and there gave his heart to Jesus. "From that hour," he says, "I have been a changed man." Praise the Lord, He is the same wonder working Jesus today!—Your little missionary in Jesus, for lost souls of dark Japan, Marie Juergensen.

**Peking, North China.** The Psalmist records, "Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee... who passing through the valley of Baca makes it a well;" Ps. 84:5 and 6. Nearly every saint on the field who lives in, who passes through the "valley of Baca," can say today that some brother, some sister in the homeland, whose strength is in the Lord, has made "Baca a well." Hallelujah! I am here in Peking in obedience to a direct call from on high. I was also sent, and have seen the wonderful hand of God while in this land. God hath not let me suffer want of bread. I came out from Honolulu, where I first labored for the Lord. I received a call to Peking in 1912 and was sent in 1913 under the approval, and "God speed," and blessing, of a beloved band of saints there, who also received witness of the Holy Ghost that He was sending me. After one year in Peking, my support was cut down to a very small amount, because of the leaders themselves (Brother and Sister H. E. Hansen) receiving a definite call from God to come to this field. Nevertheless, through their great hospitality, I being one of their first fruits in the homeland, we have had all things in common, they sharing their portion with me. However, I have not failed to cry to the Lord to meet me, that I burden no man, but have sufficient means to help defray my share of the heavy expense of living here and I believe that God is going to answer prayer.—Idalia L. McGuire.

### FROM SAM SHUI, SOUTH CHINA.

"This is my story this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long."

No trials? Oh yes, but what do we care for trials if we can see souls getting saved. God has been blessing in an unusual way recently in our meetings here. A shower of blessing began to fall at our Sunday afternoon meeting two weeks ago and has continued until now. Eight precious souls have been saved and baptized in water, seven young men and one old grandmother, 77 years old. I wish you could have seen their bright faces. We all got happy listening to the dear old grandmother as she so brightly answered all questions put to her and with a happy smile every now and then, like a sweet refrain, she'd say, "And I'm going to heaven by and by." Poor dear heart, it will be a happy exchange for her, for she is poor in this world. Though a cold day, she went bravely down into the water and said she didn't get cold at all. She has not worshipped idols for two years now, and has been wanting for a long time to be baptized in water.

We praise God too especially for these seven young men. Some of them are very bright. Their faces shone with joy as they answered all questions, and went down into the water to be baptized. They knew it meant persecution, for as soon as one receives water baptism in China he is considered by the heathen then "A Jesus Man." But these young men's hearts are set on things above. They are moving right on, attending every service and trying to help sing and pray. Pray for them. They know so little of how to live for God. They didn't even know how to pray. We had to teach them like little children.

All of our ten Pentecostal missions, so far as I know, at present are doing faithful work. And we are all praying for an outpouring of the Spirit in our midst, and in all the world.

We want to thank everyone for your prayers. God is answering them. Pray as never before. I wish I could make you know just how much poor benighted China needs them. I have been back from America just five weeks. Miss Hofer, who had charge of my work in my absence, sailed for America soon after my arrival.

Mattie Ledbetter.

**Yokohama, Japan.** We have had tests in our bodies, and the cold weather has made many sick, and also have many perished in the snowstorm. We have had the coldest weather here for 45 years, there is no preparation for cold weather, thin houses—no stoves in a real Japanese house. The pressures are greatly increasing and conflicts are greater; sometimes we feel nearly overcome, but our God helps us. Souls are seeking God and we feel the powers of hell receding. New Year's time is indescribable here, the drunkenness and all kinds of sin on every hand, and the people praying to the devil for help. Our cry is, "Lord Jesus, come quickly."—B. S. Moore.





Victor Gatzke.

**OFF TO THE CONGO.**

By Victor Gatzke.

"Grace be unto you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father. To whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen."

From a full heart I praise God for this opportunity which He has given me of being a witness for Him. My one desire is not that I may be seen but that He and He only may be seen through me. We are just vessels to show forth the praise of our Father. He alone must be exalted. Praise His Holy Name! With Paul I say: "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation." Amen! At one time in my life the sweet meaning of these words was utterly unknown to me. Jesus Christ and His saving Gospel had no place in my heart or life. His Word to me meant less than the newspaper. But today—oh what a change! How I love to ponder over the wonderful love of God which prompted Him to give His only begotten Son for me, that through His stripes I might be healed.

About three years ago, one Wednesday evening, my uncle, who knew the joy of sins forgiven, and had a living faith in Christ Jesus, attended a cottage meeting. To please him I said I would accompany him. Can I ever forget that eventful night? As we left the house I lit my cigarette as usual. How little I thought of the crisis about to take place in my life. We cycled along and thoughtlessly I was whistling "I need Thee, oh, I need Thee," etc. In the meantime my dear uncle had been lifting his heart silently to God that I might realize that night how much I really needed a Sa-

viour. That night God spoke to my soul. I could no longer resist such tender dying love, and broken-hearted, a penitent sinner, I found my way to the foot of the Cross, and the peace that passeth understanding flooded my soul. My heart's cry then and ever since has been: "Lord, make of me just what You want me to be." When I did surrender my life to God, I kept back nothing. It was once and for all "All for Jesus!"

Some time after that the Lord led me into an experimental knowledge of the healing in His atonement, and as my eyes were beginning to trouble me, I requested the saints to pray for me. God answered prayer. He did more than heal my eyes. He set His seal upon me for His service. How sweetly He spoke to my own soul. "I have chosen thee as a witness to go forth in the days to come." I cannot express the joy in my soul. I just wished I could fly. Then God gave me a definite call to labor for Him in the Congo. I waited much upon God to know just His time for me to go forth. This consecration was renewed at our fifth annual convention. At the time, I was in business in Pretoria, then God led me to Johannesburg. God's Spirit witnessed to mine that I was in the very center of His will. It was my privilege to mingle amongst the saints in Vrededorp, where my soul has been well fed with manna from on high. Step by step I followed on. At our last Pentecostal Convention, held in Boksburg, God spoke to my soul again about working in His vast vineyard, and about three months since then God shewed me that NOW was His time. So by God's grace I am, very shortly, leaving Johannesburg for the Congo. "Where He leads me I will follow." It meant Jesus' very life to procure my salvation, and the very least I can give Him in return is my body for His service—a living sacrifice. What a privilege that we, as faithful stewards, are accounted worthy to lay down our lives for His cause. As I follow the Master into the regions beyond I covet the prayers of the children of God that I may prove a true and faithful servant of God, and loyally carry out the commission entrusted to me.—South and Central African Pentecostal Herald, 61 4th St., Newark, N. J.

**RETURNING TO JERUSALEM.**

I have just sent an application to the State Department for permission to return to Jerusalem before the war is over, and as soon as possible. God has greatly quickened me physically and spiritually, and I feel it is in preparation to serve Him there in ministry to His needy ones in Jerusalem and my heart longs to return. Please pray with me that I may be allowed to do so if it is God's will. Pray also about a capable young woman of His own choosing, be raised up to accompany me to help in the work there.—A. Elizabeth Brown.

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We thank the dear friends whose love and prayers have sanctified the past days of testing and have made possible many blessed and precious manifestations of God's grace to our hearts.

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## Sunday School Lesson

March 17, 1918.

### JESUS SENDING FORTH THE TWELVE.

**Lesson Text.** Mk. 6:1-31.

**Golden Text.** "Freely ye have received, freely give." Mt. 10:8.

**Home Bible Readings.** Mt. 13:54-58; Mt. 10:1-42; Lu. 9:1-10; Mt. 14:1-14; Mt. 28:16-20; Acts 1:6-14; Acts 2:1-13.

**Time.** A. D. 29. Last of February or early in March.

**Place.** Nazareth, and later throughout Galilee.

#### I. Jesus again visits Nazareth, vs. 1-6.

V. 1. Jesus came into "his own country" Nazareth, where Joseph and His mother brought Him as an infant on their return from Egypt. The old home seems still to have been there and His tender heart must have yearned over the family circle. He had been there once before since beginning His public ministry (Lu. 4:16-30), when the townspeople desired to kill Him. So soon did He become the despised and rejected One.

V. 2. We read of no "multitudes" meeting and following Him here, but on the Sabbath day He was found in His customary place, and He began to teach in their synagogue. Note the testimony these rejectors of our Lord have left on record as to His "wisdom" and "mighty works," and so it was to the end of His life, His enemies again and again bore strongest witness to Himself and His works. A witness all the more valuable because involuntary.

V. 3. They begin to disparage Him before the "many" who heard Him. The mighty God and yet "the Carpenter." "He made Himself of no reputation. . . was made in the likeness of men. . . He humbled Himself." The Divine Man! Oh! mystery of mysteries, before which we can but bow and worship. They had been "astonished" at His teaching (v. 2). They end by being offended at His person (v. 3). Cp. Mt. 11:6. "Blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in Me." It has never pleased God to manifest Himself to man in a way that has approved itself to human reason or wisdom. See 1 Cor. 1:18-30, and cp. Acts 2:1-13. There are many today who are "offended" at the present outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and, in consequence, are drying up in their souls and in their ministry.

V. 4. No resentment, but quoting a proverb gives an explanation though not an excuse. Mr. Moody once said that after his conversion and seeing the deity of Jesus he returned to his own town of Northfield, (a Unitarian center). It seemed, he said, as if he passed down the main street with its double row of beautiful maple and elm trees, the very trees bowed and hissed at him. Many another has been made to feel the truth of this proverb quoted by our Lord. The servant is not above his Master.

V. 5. "Be ye therefore perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect." "He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." Mt. 5:48, 45. Perfect as our Lord here shows Himself to be, in leaving behind Him all the blessing possible. Hallelujah! What a Saviour. Unbelief hindered Him in His working as it always did and does today. Some one has said "Unbelief tied the hands of Omnipotence." May we let Him have unhindered sway in our midst, our hearts and lives.

V. 6. No need, no excuse for such unbelief. We find Jesus marvelling here at the unbelief of His own people, in Lu. 7:9, He marvelled at the faith of a **Gentile**. Rejected here He goes to those who will hear. It must ever be so, but oh! the pathos of it that any should close hearts and doors to Him.

#### II. Jesus sends out the twelve on their first preaching tour. Vs. 7-14.

The beginning of the treasure being committed to earthen vessels, and it is accompanied by "the excellency of the power."

V. 7. The training of the twelve had lasted about six months, and now they are to put to practical test and blessing what they had learned and received from the Master. The needs of the work had grown, the laborers were few and the practical side is ever an important part of the training of young missionaries. We find that, for a time, our Lord goes forth alone. Mt. 11:1. Would we might deeply learn the lesson that Christ as Master, as Lord, calls, sends forth and gives power (authority). He sends two and two, there is need of fellowship and co-operation. Later, when the seventy are sent forth it is again two and two (Lu. 10:1). When the first foreign missionaries are sent out (Acts 13:2) it is "separate me Paul and Barnabas for the work whereunto I have called THEM." Still later it is Paul and Silas, and Barnabas and John Mark who go out together. If God sends you to the ends of the earth **alone** obey, but be sure **He** does. We read in Deut. 19:15 "at the mouth of TWO witnesses. . . shall the matter be established," cp. Mt. 18:16; 2 Cor. 13:1. We shall find in spiritual arithmetic that two is more than twice one. "One shall chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight." Deut. 22:30.

There is to be a two-fold ministry, cp. Lu. 9:2. They are to preach, they are to heal and cast out demons. It is God's plan that it be so today. The assurance is—"These **signs** shall follow them that believe," etc., Mark 16:17. We find this promise illustrated all through the book of the Acts of the Apostles, and every Holy Spirit revival in the history of the church has witnessed a two-fold ministry. Let us be satisfied with nothing less.

Vs. 8-9. Great simplicity is to mark

their arrangements. Great simplicity should ever be a mark of those whom the Master calls and sends forth as missionaries. Good soldiers of their country must not be burdened with anything superfluous and neither should the Christian soldier. Let us remember that this was a brief HOME missionary tour, and among the people of their own nation extra supplies would be unnecessary. "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and the Jews knew it and would meet their needs. Many a young missionary, in his zeal and love for the Master, and desire to conform as closely as possible to what he believed to be the divine pattern, has gone out to a foreign field without the necessities for life, health and usefulness, and the people among whom he went never thought, or perhaps cared about his needs, and an otherwise useful missionary has been lost to the cause. If He—our blessed Lord—"commands" YOU, "charges" YOU to go out depending only on Him for support, GO and He cannot, will not fail you. He can send ravens, or open heaven over your head, but **He cannot deny Himself**. He abideth faithful. Do not, however, base your expectation of support on the passage before us for this is a temporary, limited, circumscribed commission and in a number of particulars differs from the world commission given later, and to be carried out after the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. See Lu. 22:35-36 where the disciples hear their testimony that, going in obedience to Him, they lacked nothing and note change of direction as to "purse" and "scrip."

V. 10. Cp. Lu. 10:7. They were to accept hospitality. They were to GIVE freely, they were to receive freely. May the golden text of our lesson come home to our hearts with great freshness and power. The question "what hast thou that thou didst not receive?" 1 Cor. 4:7, should call forth praise to the Great Giver. We begin our Christian life by RECEIVING HIM, and we go on in that life only by continually RECEIVING more of Him. "Of His fullness have all we received and grace for grace." Should any become saintly men and women it will be only because they are large receivers of the "abundance of grace." Richest blessing comes to us in giving out to others, for as we give out He pours in.)

They were to eat and drink what was given and not move from house to house.

V. 11., cp. Mt. 10:40. "He that receiveth me." To reject them and their messages was to reject Him that sent them as rejecting Christ was rejecting the Father who sent Him.

(We might well ask if anything could be more loathsome than the sin and immorality of Sodom and Gomorrah, but the refusal to accept Christ is a more grievous sin in God's sight. The sin of all sins is to refuse to believe the Gospel.) Cp. Mk. 16:16. Jn. 16:9. Flagrant acts of sin are not necessary to condemn a soul. Note that there are degrees of condemnation, and that obligation is measured by our light and privi-



lege. The "day of judgment" is no figure of speech, but this comes as a solemn, deliberate utterance from the lips of our Lord. In another connection it is repeated (Mt. 11:20-24), and again based on measure of light and therefore of responsibility.

V. 12. They obeyed the Master. Obedience is one of the big words of the Bible. Happy are we, if as His love-slaves, we have learned the great lesson of obedience.

V. 13. They cast out MANY demons and healed MANY that were sick. (They not only talked ABOUT deliverance, but with the authority the Lord had given, delivered the needy ones.)

Oil in the Word of God is a beautiful symbol of the Holy Spirit. To anoint the sick with oil was the custom in the apostles' time, and is a part of the directions given for the healing of the Lord's children all through this church age. See Jas. 5:14.

**III. Jesus' forerunner beheaded in prison. Vs. 14-29.**

The fame of Jesus had spread abroad through His own activities and those of the twelve, and also through the heralding of His name far and wide by those who had been healed, delivered from the power of the demons and spiritually blessed.

The King Herod of our lesson was the son of the Herod who sought to kill the infant Jesus. He was the tetrarch of Galilee and Perea and the one to whom our Lord was sent previous to His crucifixion. We know him to have been tyrannical, cunning, voluptuous and superstitious.

Vs. 15-16. Conscience is at work and hence this explanation of the wonderful Man and His deeds in their midst.

How credulous of errors and fancies are those who refuse to believe the truth. CREDULITY is a part of the judgment on those who "receive not the love of the truth...but have pleasure in unrighteousness" and which will reach its culmination when God shall send to such strong delusion and they will believe "the lie"—the antichrist, 2 Th. 2:7-13.

Our Lord's own townspeople said "the carpenter," but where the prophet was not without honor, they said Elias, a prophet, as one of the prophets, John the Baptist.

V. 17. We had the statement of the fact of John's imprisonment in Mk. 2:14. Here we have the story of that imprisonment which had taken place about a year previous and in the castle of Macherus.

We learn from Matthew that at the time of his being imprisoned Herod would have put him to death; but he feared the people who honored John as a prophet. Herodias was the wife of Herod's living brother: Herod's wife—the daughter of Aretas the king of Arabia—was also still living. Herodias, further, was the daughter of Aristobulus, the brother of both Herod and Philip.

V. 18. See the fearless man of God with whom is no respect of persons. Cp. "If I yet please men I should not be the servant of Christ." Gal. 1:10.

V. 19. The influence of women is strongly brought out and here for evil. The social standing of Herodias depended on Herod not yielding to the words of the great preacher.

V. 20. How truly wicked men, men of the world, know the real thing when they meet with it. What a testimony to the character of the imprisoned man! Herod knew him, feared him, heard him gladly—but loving sin—he killed him. Has the lesson ever been learned that to kill a preacher, does not kill the truth? "And observed him" is sometimes translated "kept him safely."

V. 21. Herodias was not to be balked in her purpose of having John killed. The king's birthday and drunken revelry, the dance of Herodias' daughter (by Herod Philip) Salome by name, the king off his guard, his oath, consultation with her mother, and the evil desire was accomplished.

V. 23. Did she not ask what was worth more than his kingdom?

V. 25. Note "haste." I will that thou give me straightway (margin)...the head of John the Baptist. Perhaps has reason to fear that the drunken feast over, the king would be unwilling to make good his wicked oath. It was done as she desired "immediately," v. 27, but there was "no more that he could do," Luke 12:4.

V. 26. Note the uselessness of a sorrow that does not lead to repentance. Through his fear of appearing weak, he proved the awful weakness of his character. We have held up for our contempt a man of honor! He added sin to sin and the fact that it was done by proxy did not lessen his responsibility. That the fear of man bringeth a snare (Prov. 20:25) we see exemplified in the life of Herod.)

V. 29. The disciples of John seem to have had access to their master in the prison. See Matt. 11:2. But this beheading of their teacher was done in haste. The awful deed was done and there was nothing left for these sorrow-stricken followers to do but take up the body and lay it reverently to rest, and then, as Matt. tells us, they come and tell Jesus. They are sure of sympathy there in their time of need. Do we know this strong refuge and do we flee unto Him in our every time of need, failure, perplexity and crushing sorrow?

**IV. Jesus receives report of the disciples' tour. Vs. 29-31.**

Their first missionary journey is over, and the apostles came back to Jesus to tell Him all things both what they had done and what they had taught. A sweet example for us to review all at His feet, the labor, the failure, the success "in His name." Later we find in the Acts of the Apostles the first foreign missionaries returning and "rehearsing all that God had done with them" to the church at Antioch (Acts 14:27). The time is coming when, gathered together unto Him, we shall give an account (Heb. 13:17) of the souls He has committed to us. God grant that it may be with joy and not with grief.

How much the "desert place" with Him has meant for God's children in all

ages! There is not enough of being "alone with God" in these hustling, bustling days, but it means loss of blessing to the individual and to the church.

"Alone with God, the world forbidden,  
Alone with God, Oh blest retreat!  
Alone with God and in Him hidden,  
To hold with Him communion sweet!"

**Suggestions for further study.**

Description of our Lord's first visit to Nazareth after beginning of His ministry.

What is meant by "staff," "scrip," "purse."

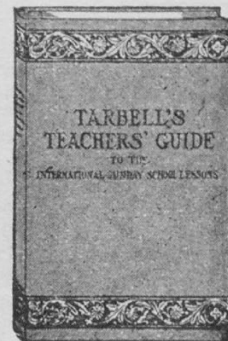
Difference between sandals and shoes. The close of Herod's career. In same connection note the fate of the great men of the day who opposed Christ.

—Susan C. Easton.

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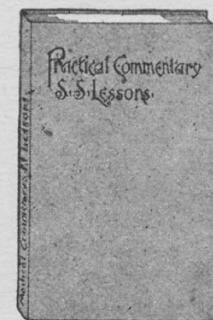
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**Dallas, Tex.** We have Brother Garr and Brother Black with us this week. Good meetings, souls are being saved.—S. A. Stewart.

**Pawhuska, Okla.** I am glad to report another good week, souls saved each meeting night, two received the baptism of the Spirit and four were saved last night.—Pastor S. L. Shockey.

**Allen, Kansas.** Had a good meeting at Iola, two saved. Had the same at Scranton. Drove through a bad dirt storm 40 miles here today; start meeting tomorrow night.—Yours in Christ, J. D. Wells.

**Galveston, Tex.** God is blessing us here in a special way in the last two weeks. Please join us in your prayers for those who are seeking God at the altar, and for a real outpouring of the Spirit at this place. Present address, 3517 Ave. M.—R. M. Thomas.

**San Antonio, Tex.** The Lord is blessing our ministry here and He is doing good work among the soldier boys. Two were saved last night, and the altar is full almost every service.—F. A. Hale, Assembly of God Chapel, 3501 South Flores St., San Antonio, Texas.

**Cleveland, O.** The Lord is blessing here in the work and opening many new doors to us for the spread of the Gospel among the Jews. Pray the seed sown shall bring forth an abundant harvest for our Lord and King.—Florence J. Bush and mother.

**Farrenburg, Mo.** Brother A. R. Wilson and our Pastor L. W. Clark are conducting a revival here. There is great interest and conviction. There have been as many as eight at the altar at the same time seeking God for salvation and the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost.—J. E. Wilson.

**Carthage, Ark.** Brother Walter May has been with us for the past two weeks. God has blessed his ministry at this place, especially among the saints. We are now adding some rooms for a parsonage to the Tabernacle. Hope to soon have a pastor to watch over the flock.—Ethel M. Caughman.

**Jenny Lind, Ark.** About the 25th of January I was at Collinsville and although the weather was bad, God blessed. One was saved and the assembly was left in better condition. Then went to Chelsea, Okla., and was there one week. God wonderfully blessed and there were a number saved and received the Holy Ghost. Was at home one week in Bible School, where E. R. Fitzgerald taught the school, and the Lord greatly blessed.—C. M. Riggs.

**Lakeside, O.** We have a little band of six here, but God is wonderfully moving in our midst. We have seen broken bones healed, and have seen the insane healed. One woman, demon possessed for twenty years, spent thousands of dollars, but all earthly help failed, but God did not. Hallelujah!—Alzora A. Shirley.

**Paducah, Ky.** We asked you last June to pray for God to open the way for the money to build our church. Praise His name, the church is completed; we have held several services in it. Five seekers at the altar, Sunday night. God is blessing His own. Please don't forget Paducah work when you look over the field. May God bless the Evangel Family.—Lena R. Kyle.

**Chelsea, Okla.** Brother C. M. Riggs was with us last week. He preached the Word and we were wonderfully helped. Three were saved and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The saints were blessed and deepened in the Word. The revival spirit is here and we are praying for God to send us a Spirit-filled man to help us in the battle, Amen.—Arthur R. Donaldson.

**Houston, Texas.** Our meetings are still going on in the Tabernacle with good and real results every night. Bro. Holderby is preaching the truth about Jesus' coming and the end of the world this week and he seems to be having great influence over the soldiers as well as over the civilians. We are so glad to have Bro. Collins from Ft. Worth with us for a few days.—Raymond T. Richey.

**Bradford, Ark.** I have taken the work here at Bradford. The night I arrived here the power fell and two souls were baptized with the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. There are eleven baptized with the Holy Ghost here, and they are on fire for Jesus. We have a nice tabernacle and are having prayer meetings all this week. The fire falls in every meeting. We will start a revival meeting here on Sunday and ask the prayers of the saints everywhere.—Evang. Charles Williamson.

**Locust, Kans.** We came to Western Kansas December 26, 1917, and commenced meeting in a school house just a short while after we came. The weather was against us but the Lord was with us. We have had good meetings, the Lord saving and baptizing souls according to Acts 2:4. There have been about fifteen souls saved and eleven baptized in the Spirit. Pray for us that God may have His way. Sister Fern Weldon is with us. The meeting is being held fifteen miles south of Weskan and thirteen miles north of Towner, Colo.—W. F. Burchett.

### VICTORY AT COLORADO SPRINGS.

Evangelist Walter Martin, the man born blind, whom Jesus healed, is with us, assisting Pastor H. J. Richardson from Denver, Colo. Surely the Lord is blessing and using our brother. We are having fine crowds and a good spirit prevails, and many are making restitution and making straight paths for their feet. Praise the Lord for the number that have been reclaimed, and five received the baptism of the Holy Ghost last week. We are looking to God for a real break. Evang. R. H. Davis from Columbus City, Iowa, has recently joined us. O pray God to give us a mighty Holy Ghost revival in this town.—Pastor M. T. Draper.

**Warren, Ohio.** On the 20th of January we dedicated our new mission hall to God. Bro. S. J. Casley from Turtle Creek, Pa., preached the opening sermon. We have had four weeks revival and souls saved and baptized and the sick healed. Even the blind were brought and healed. Glory to God! Sister Della Goodrich, a missionary from Central America, was here and preached for us. Bro. John Waggoner is our pastor. Pray for us.—Lizzie Thompson.

**Deep Creek, Wash.** The dear Lord is working in Deep Creek, Wash. Since December 16, 1917, many souls have been saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. Up to date twenty-eight souls have received the baptism of the Spirit, including the pastors of two churches, the Baptist and M. E. Numbers are seeking the baptism of the Spirit at every service. Let all the Evangel Family pray that the revival fire may spread until the dear Lord himself shall appear.—J. T. Winder.

**Okanogan, Wash.** I have opened a full Gospel mission on Pentecostal lines here, and need and covet the prayers of all the saints. I cordially invite any of our ministers having Council papers to step over and see us. We are seventy-two miles north of Wenatchee, Wash., on the Oroville Branch, G. N. R. W. This is a place of about one thousand population and county seat of a large county, centrally located and an important place to preach our glorious Gospel.—George Ruch, Box 452, Okanogan, Wash.

**Grand River, Iowa.** We are just closing a revival here. The Lord has wonderfully blessed, over twenty saved and four baptized as in Acts 2:4. Several of those who were saved were family men. I praise God for bringing men aged from forty-five to sixty years to the Lamb of God. There were several cases of healing. One lady had been deaf in one ear for seven years, but when we prayed for her God unstopped the deaf ear and now she can hear as well as ever. One child had spasms, the little thing looked as if it was dead, but thank God He touched the little body and raised it up in five minutes. I received a letter to leave town in six days or I would be hanged, but thank God I am here yet.—Evang. L. E. Brown.



**REVIVAL IN LOS ANGELES, CAL.**

The Lord is graciously working here. Over one hundred and seventy (170) have received their baptism during the last six weeks. Nineteen in one day. Special revival amongst the young people. Hundreds of lukewarm, discouraged, confused and backslidden Pentecostal saints have been wonderfully revived and they are on fire for God. Hallelujah! Many are testifying to their healing through prayer of faith in Jesus' matchless name.

Our hall which holds over 1,200 people on our special nights is too small. Their is sweet unity amongst hundreds of saints. Our enemies are at peace with us. Praise God. The happy saints are beginning to hold meetings in factories. The revival flames are beginning to spread around the country. We are flooded with anxious invitations for holding meetings around here.

With all this we are not content for God has given us a great vision of a mightier revival to come yet, and to this end we are watching and praying and we ask earnestly the Weekly Evangel family to help us in this prayer warfare. These meetings may run into a worldwide campmeeting in the near future, D. V.

Andrew D. Urshan,

1041 So. Broadway, Los Angeles, Cal.

**Ft. Smith, Ark.** We have been having some good meetings in these parts. Just closed a good meeting here, fifteen were reclaimed and saved and filled with the Spirit. We were at Jenny Lind, Ark., last week, where God used Sister Dollie Drain of Russellville in giving out the Gospel. Five were saved, and two filled with the Spirit. The meeting in Ft. Smith was marked on account of the old-time manifestation. The Lord is still confirming His Word with the signs following.—Evang. Jacob Miller.

**West Plains, Mo.** We are glad to report victory over Satan and all his opposing powers, through the blood of Jesus, here in West Plains, Mo. The battle began January 29th, when Sister Zola Taylor of Hoxie, Ark., came to us along with Sister Mabel Scott of Walnut Ridge, Ark. Other workers joined later, namely, Sister Huddelston, Bro. DePriest, Bro. McGee and Bro. Silas Biffle and wife. God wonderfully met us with sweeping victory. The power of God was greatly manifest. There were heart-rending messages given in other tongues, and a mighty going down of the saints in intercession, dancing in the spirit, healings and many other wonderful things done in the name of Jesus. Hallelujah! About fifteen were saved, some reclaimed, and eighteen received the baptism in the Spirit according to Acts 2:4. There was a mighty refreshing among the saints. The meeting has just closed after a twenty-six days' campaign against sin, with a baptismal service in which fourteen were buried with Christ in water baptism. God wonderfully set His seal upon it with floods of victory coming down in our midst.—W. J. Higgins, Pastor.

**Picton, Ont., Canada.** We are praising God for victory here, that there have been a number saved and quite a few received the baptism in the Spirit as in Acts 2:4. Our pastor, N. H. Eby, has just closed a meeting in Wellington, a village about ten miles from Picton, where God has wonderfully poured out His Spirit. Although the weather was very cold and rough, the hall was filled every night, and fifteen precious souls were saved, and a number of backsliders reclaimed. Eight received the baptism as in Acts 2:4; God allowed the signs to follow His Word and six were healed. Praise His dear name.—J. Daubney.

**Alton, Ill.** We are preparing for a revival and God has already begun to send it. The brother, whose healing from consumption was published in the Evangel, received his baptism in a cottage prayer meeting Tuesday night. Sunday, a backslider, who used to be a Methodist minister and rescue worker, came back to God, and while praying at the altar fell under the power and was given a wonderful vision. A short time before his wife had been very low with scarlet fever, and the doctor did not expect her to live through the night. He went to the Pentecostal people and asked them to pray and anoint a handkerchief and God healed her before night, and the next day she got up. She also has come back to God and is seeking her baptism too. We expect Brother Leonard here next week to preach for us a week or two. Pray that God will save and heal and baptize.—A. W. Kortkamp.

**Eureka Springs, Ark.** We are rejoicing with the saints here for the way the dear Lord is visiting Eureka Springs. God met with us from the very first of the revival services, and we all felt that the old time Pentecostal meetings have not disappeared. The first three services were marked with baptisms in the Holy Spirit and one person saw Jesus in a vision. The glory of the Lord rested upon us, and others were made anxious for salvation and for the fullness of God. The sweet love of Jesus prevails and it is blessed to hear those glorify God for joy who have recently come into the light of this glorious way. We shall continue on this revival meeting indefinitely, D. V. The work has been established over five years and has passed through its share of trials, but love prevails and they are still standing for the simple old Gospel and are in full fellowship with the General Council of the Assemblies of God. This assembly is not in any way connected with the Ozark Bible School in this city, but stands for the original Pentecostal teaching. The church is located on Elk St., near the new Post Office.—F. Eiting and wife.

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Pray that the Lord will keep me humble, where He can use me, and will give me more His love and power of the Holy Ghost. Also that the Lord will send someone here to help, that souls may be saved and filled with the Spirit.—H. T.

Please pray for Earle Allen, twenty-one, who is in the navy and unsaved, also for a lady who has been saved, that God will keep her and give her light on healing and the baptism.—Mrs. W. H. A., Chicago, Ill.

Pray with us that much power of the Spirit be demonstrated, the fire to fall and burn out the worldliness, scepticism, unbelief, and rejection of our blessed Lord. Many are greatly convicted. Please pray.—S. H. Patterson and wife, Rexford, Kans.

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Amount previously acknowledged this month 1279.96  
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### CORRECTIONS.

In the edition of the Evangel of February 9th a missionary offering from Tudor Jones, of Endicott, N. Y., was acknowledged as \$20,000. This should have been \$20.00.

In "the Report of Presbyter" in our edition of February 16th a sentence read "The pastor of this mission, (Highway Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.) Bro. Reel is only just passed his twenty-second year. This sentence should have read that Bro. Reel has just passed his twenty-second year as pastor of the mission.

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

Please announce that wife and I are now without appointment and free to help in meetings.—H. Birmingham, Commerce, Tex.

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Bro. Welch, Chairman General Council, and Bro. Jamieson, Chairman of State Council, are both expected to be with us, and give us some helpful Bible lessons each day. Don't miss the Council if you can help it; we expect a large representation from over the State, and we hope to have the most profitable gathering in the history of our work in the State. For further information write Pastor Thos. J. O'Neal, box 215, Wellston, Okla.

### THE TRIED ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD.

The above meeting will be held at the Assembly of God, Chaffee, Mo., from March 23rd to March 30th, D. V. Full particulars from F. V. Ferguson, Chaffee, Mo., or E. L. Banta, Puxico, Mo.

### MISSIONARY RECEIPT FROM FEB 17, 1918, TO FEB. 28, 1918, INCLUSIVE.

Let all the Evangel readers pray definitely that we may receive the sum of \$100 or more per day for our Pentecostal faith missionaries on the field. We need a minimum