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## **THE MISSIONARY REVIVALIST -- OCTOBER 1956**

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"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and  
may enter in through the gates into the city." (Rev. 22:14)

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REV. GLENN GRIFFITH

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with this publication in the Graphics folder as Griffith.jpg]

Rev. Glenn Griffith, known by some as a modern John the Baptist, was born in the state of  
Kansas. He was also born again in the great old Jayhawk state. Later he was sanctified and called  
to preach. He married Miss Josephine Clark who has stood faithfully by him and kept the home  
fires burning through all the years of his ministry. Brother and Sister Griffith have five living  
children. They are: Mrs. Corrine Lacrone of Denver, Colorado. Darrel Griffith of Denver,  
Colorado, Marshall Griffith of Pasadena, California, Mrs. Delores Christianson of Pasadena,  
California, and Daniel Griffith of the U. S. Navy stationed in the Kwajalien Islands.

Brother Griffith has pastored churches in Brownstown, Kansas, Augusta, Kansas, LaJunta,  
Colorado. [In the Church of the Nazarene] He served as District Superintendent of the  
Idaho-Oregon District for eight years and as District Superintendent in Colorado for four years. He  
has held camp meetings and revivals from coast to coast in the United States and in much of  
Canada and Latin America. He is considered one of the greatest camp meeting preachers in this  
generation. In September 1955 he stepped out under the stars and began a tent meeting in Idaho  
which ran for several weeks and culminated in the organization in November of what is now the  
Bible Missionary Church.\* Under the spirit-filled guidance of brother Griffith the Bible  
Missionary Church has spread into more than twenty states and to some foreign countries.

[\*This is the first time The Missionary Revivalist refers to the name of the group as "Bible Missionary Church" instead of as "Bible Missionary Union" -- the first four issues: June, July, August, and September of 1956, all used the original name, "Bible Missionary Union." The name was changed from "Union" to "Church" at the preceding First General Conference wherein also Elbert Dodd was elected as a second General Moderator to serve with Glenn Griffith. See later in the text a notice about this name change. -- DVM]

The General Conference expressed their confidence in the godly founder of The Bible Missionary Church by electing him General Moderator on the first ballot. He lacked only one vote being elected unanimously. The Bible Missionary Church is not yet a year old but it is indeed grateful to God for such wonderful leadership.

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## TWO GENERAL MODERATORS ARE ELECTED

Since the work of the Bible Missionary Church has spread so rapidly and the demands upon the General Moderator are so great it was the feeling of the General Conference that there should be two General Moderators. The Conference hilariously\* elected Rev. Glenn Griffith and Rev. Elbert Dodd as General Moderators on the first ballot. [\*the word used] The church is humbly grateful to God for giving us such wonderful leadership. No church ever had a better team of general officers. The business of the conference ran smoothly and efficiently under their able administration. Their Holy Ghost anointed ministry inspired our hearts and their humble sacrificial spirits challenged us to give our all to the Lord.

It would be impossible to adequately describe the first General Conference of The Bible Missionary Church. There were people in attendance from most of the states in the United States and missionaries from Africa, India, Guatemala, and Cuba. The glory of God was upon the services from the opening prayer meeting at 6:00 A. M. the first Sunday morning to the last great altar service the last night of the Conference. Such singing in the Spirit is seldom heard! How it thrilled our hearts as again and again God came on the song services! The people wept and shouted and ran the aisles. Many remarked that they had never seen any gathering all their lives where the presence of God was so manifest. Often the business meeting turned into glorious times of shouting and testimonies. On one occasion the business meeting had to be suspended for a great altar service that broke out in the morning session. The glory broke out in the committee meetings until business had to be suspended while we wept and shouted the praises of God.

A great spirit of liberality characterized this first General Conference. The people gave a love offering of \$2120.00 for the General Moderators. On Thursday brother Griffith preached from the text: "Give me this mountain." Such a challenge! God came on the service and the people amid shouting and singing gave \$10,750.00 in cash and pledges for the work of missions. The last Sunday morning brother Dodd preached under the glorious anointing of the Holy Ghost. The editor has known brother Dodd for many years and heard him do some great preaching but it is the humble opinion of the editor that Brother Dodd preached better in that morning service than he ever did before.

The glorious evangelistic services in the night meeting beggar all description. Night after night God lined the altars with seekers and happy finders. The evangelistic preaching in the night services was of the highest order. Rev. H. B. Huffman, E. E. Michael, Irene Hanley, Lowell Foster and Paul Pumpelly were wonderfully used of God. The climax of the evangelistic services came on the last Sunday night after the message by brother Pumpelly on the text, "God has departed from me and heareth me no more." God gave seekers all over the front of the church. We will try to give you more about the Conference in the next issue of the paper. We bow our heads to give thanks to God for such a wonderful visitation of His mighty Presence. We cannot but praise Him! We have been blessed for a purpose. The task of evangelizing a lost world lies before us. Let us go in the strength of His joy into the white harvest fields. "Hats off to the past, coats off to the future." -- Editor.

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#### REV. ELBERT DODD

[Here, in the printed text, appeared a picture of Elbert Dodd. That picture is included with this publication in the Graphics folder as Dodd.jpg]

All who know Rev. Elbert Dodd, find him to be one of the most humble and godly men that the Blood of Jesus has ever redeemed. He is a native of Oklahoma with a distinct trace of Cherokee blood in his veins. He was saved when a very young man while employed by the Santa Fe Railroad at Bartlesville, Oklahoma. In his early Christian life Elbert Dodd was married to a very consecrated young Christian girl, Miss Jessie Brown. She has been a constant Christian companion, helping to carry the heavy load of her husband and always encouraging him in his work with her prayers and faithfulness. Surely God had His big hand on their marriage. To this union was born a son, Charles Elbert, who is also now in the ministry.

It wasn't long after his conversion until Bro. Dodd heard the voice of God calling him to preach the blessed gospel of Christ to a sinful, judgment bound people. He obeyed this call and found himself in the midst of God's great warriors. Among the first pastoral charges were Davenport, Dewey, Muskogee and West Tulsa, Oklahoma. He has served eighteen years as a [Church of the Nazarene] District Superintendent in the state of Louisiana and each year received an overwhelming majority vote to continue in that capacity. While serving Louisiana he organized some 63 churches that are still going, and one of the greatest camp grounds in the United States, where God has proved Himself in scores of souls being won to Him.

It would be impossible to number and be sure the thousands of souls Bro. Dodd has won to God; and the lives he has influenced in his ministry cannot be imagined. These years of dealing with people and keeping in God's will, has seasoned Bro. Dodd and qualified him to be one of the greatest holiness leaders the world has known. This expression was moved in the first General Conference of The Bible Missionary Church, when the entire conference voted almost unanimously for him to be the Co-General Moderator with Rev. Glenn Griffith. We as a church believe with all our hearts, when we hold them up before God with our prayers, and do our part as a church, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." I Cor. 2:9.

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## EDITORIAL

By Spencer Johnson

### THE BASIS OF HOLINESS

The basis of all true holiness is found in the nature of God. God is a Spirit, perfect in personality, infinite in wisdom, goodness and power, holy in nature, attributes, and purpose. He as God is Triune in essential being, revealed as Father, Son and Holy Ghost. "Holiness belongs to the essential nature of God in a deeper and more profound sense than merely as one attribute among others." (H. O. Wiley, Christian Theology, Vol. I, p. 369.) "Holiness, then, is primarily that disposition which is back of all the attributes a disposition or a nature which manifests itself in a love for righteousness and in a hatred for iniquity." (H. O. Wiley, Christian Theology Vol. I. p. 370.) "Holiness as it relates to the Father, expresses the perfection of moral excellence which in Him exists unoriginated and underived." (H. O. Wiley, Christian Theology, Vol. I, p. 373.) The scriptures are replete with declarations of the holiness of God. "Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" (Exod. 15:11) "I the Lord your God am holy." (Lev. 19: 2) "That they profane not my holy name in those things which they hallow unto me: I am the Lord." (Lev. 22:2) "Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness," (Psalms 30:4) "God hath spoken in his holiness;" (Psalms 60:6) "Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David." (Psalms 89:35) "But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel." (Psalms 22:3) "Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy." (Psalms 99:5) "The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works." (Psalms 145:17) "They have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward." (Isa. 1:4) "And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory." (Isa. 6:3) "I am the Lord, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King." (Isa. 43:15) "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy;" (Isa. 57:15) "Because it is written, be ye holy; for I am holy." (I Peter 1:16) "And they rest not day and night, saying, Holy holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was and is and is to come." (Rev. 4:8)

It was the holy, loving nature of God that moved Him to provide the atonement for man thus bringing a means of reconciliation between a holy, sin-avenging, God and a sinful, erring, humanity. God in His very nature is holy and man by his fallen nature is unholy and only through the meritorious blood of the sinless sacrifice of the Son of God was there found a common meeting ground.

Sin in man, as in the beginning of evil, came because of rebellion, pride and disobedience. It was thus that Lucifer the "sun of the morning" was flung from his exalted position and became the arch fiend of darkness, called Satan and the Devil. Man was holy when he came from the hand of God. He was created in the image and likeness of God. "And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness: . . . So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." (Gen. 1:26-27).

God implanted in man both the natural and moral image of Himself. Since God is an intelligent being He also made man with an intellect and gave to him the task of naming "every living creature." (Gen. 2:19) God also made man with a spirit for He Himself is a spiritual being. "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24) God is immortal so He made man immortal. Man's spirit will live on forever either in a state of perfect bliss or in a place of eternal torment. The moral nature of God is holiness and love. This too was the nature of man by creation. Man also has freedom Of choice. Only by creating man with the power of choice could God find in him the joy of reciprocal love. Love cannot be bought nor forced; it is love only when it is freely given. Holiness in man by creation was passive, and if he had made the right choice his holiness would have been active as well as passive, but alas! He chose rebellion and disobedience to God, thus "by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin." (Rom. 5:12) Man lost from his being the moral nature of God. In this way Satan, who could not dethrone God in heaven, struck back at God by implanting enmity against God in the heart of the highest of His creation. By the natural law of heredity this sinful and depraved nature of Adam has been passed on to every member of the human race.

God in His infinite knowledge foresaw the tragic fall of man and provided the atonement through the "Lamb slain before the foundation of the world." "But not as the offence so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many." (Rom. 5:15). God's plan and purpose in redemption is to restore holiness and love to man. "The whole design or purpose of God was to restore man to His image, and raise him from the ruin of his fall; in a word, to make him perfect; to blot out all his sins, purify his soul, and fill him with holiness; so that no unholy temper, evil desire, or impure affection or passion shall either lodge, or have any being within him; this and this only is true religion, or Christian perfection; and a less salvation would be dishonorable to the sacrifice of Christ, and the operation of the Holy Ghost; and would be as unworthy the appellation of 'Christianity,' as it would be that of 'holiness or perfection.' They who ridicule this are scoffers at the word of God; many of them totally irreligious men, sitting in the seat of the scornful. They who deny it, deny the whole scope and design of divine revelation and the mission of Jesus Christ. And they who preach the opposite doctrine are either speculative Antinomians or pleaders for Baal." (Adam Clarke, Sanctification, page 9.)

The need of the sanctifying experience for man is seen from the dual nature of sin. Sin in man is both actual transgression and the inherent or depraved and corrupted nature. The latter serving as the cause of all actual sins and the former as the effect. Webster defines sin as: (1) Transgression of the law of God; disobedience of the divine command; any violation of God's will, either in purpose or in conduct; moral deficiency in character. (2) Sin is spoken of in theology as original or actual. Actual sin is the act of a moral agent in violating a known rule of duty. Original sin, as generally understood is native depravity of heart, that want of conformity of heart to the divine will, that corruption of nature or deterioration of the moral character of man which is supposed to be the effect of Adam's apostasy, and which manifests itself in moral agents by positive acts of disobedience to the divine will." John Wesley wrote: "There is in every person, even after he is justified, two contrary principles, nature and grace, termed by St. Paul, the flesh and the Spirit. By all the grace which is given at justification we cannot extirpate them. Though we watch and pray ever so much, we cannot wholly cleanse either our hearts or hands.

Most sure we cannot till it please our Lord to speak to our hearts again, to speak the second time, be clean; and then only the leprosy is cleansed. Then only, the evil root, the carnal mind, is destroyed; and inbred sin subsists no more." (Wesley's Sermons, pages 32-35.)

"It is a mistake to assume that there is nothing more involved in the salvation of humanity than the mere forgiveness of sins. This in itself is a glorious and great experience, and he who has become the recipient of this provision should be grateful, faithful, and happy in his new-found joy of salvation. But let the reader not forget that 'Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.' Here it is expressly stated that the atonement covers or includes our sanctification as well as our justification. The entire problem of the atonement is to re-establish that 'At-One-Ment' between man and his Maker. Christian purity is without question the all-prevailing fact in the matter of human salvation." (H. O. Wiley, Evangelism's Objective, Herald of Holiness May 14, 1951, p. 5.)

The apostle Paul expressed it "God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." (II Thess 2:13). Again he writes, "according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:" (Eph 1:4). The basis of holiness is found in the nature of God and the need of man. Thank God! There is double cure for the double nature of man's sin.

In the words of A. M. Toplady we sing:

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy wounded side which flow'd,  
Be of sin the double cure:  
Save from wrath and make me pure."

Glory!

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JIM AARON

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Jimmie Lee Aaron, born September 17, 1934, reported for his Stewardship September 1, 1956 at 2:30 a. m. as the result of a car accident, northwest of Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

Jimmy was born near Duncan, Oklahoma and attended the Duncan School, graduating from High School in 1953. He attended Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Oklahoma, Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Jimmie was converted at a very early age and lived an exemplary Christian life even in his youth. At a later date he was sanctified wholly and answered the call to preach.

His ministry was not long, but he set an example of faithfulness, sincerity, and deep devotion. He preached his last message only a few hours before his death and reported to the Master from the roadway of life.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron of Duncan and two sisters, Mrs. Beryle Cooper and Carolyn Aaron, both of Duncan, Oklahoma.

(Editor's Note) The Church feels keenly the loss of Brother Aaron. He was one of the most promising young men of our church. He was to have been ordained at the first General Conference. He lived in constant victory and was a real blessing wherever he went. Our loss is heaven's gain. He was the first of the preachers from the Bible Missionary Church to be promoted to glory. We ask all our readers to please pray for his loved ones in these days of their sorrow.

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#### BIBLE SCHOOL TO START SOON

The Bible Missionary Church will be starting an old fashioned holiness Bible School in Rock Island, Ill. We hope to be ready to begin classes by the beginning of second semester terms in January. All students who are interested should write Rev. R. C. Boynton, 515 Billings, Princeton, Ill. Also if there are teachers who are interested in teaching in the Bible School, please write Rev. R. C. Boynton at the above address.

We are not opposed to higher education. We want our people to inform themselves the best they can. We feel that the main purpose of the church is to evangelize and not to educate. But we feel that an old fashion holiness Bible School will greatly aid in the evangelization of the world.

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#### A WORD FROM BRO. GRIFFITH

I feel as the Poet felt when I think of the glorious First General Conference of the "BIBLE MISSIONARY CHURCH" -- "I would that my tongue could utter the thoughts that arise in me."

The glory, the unity of Spirit, the victorious altar scenes, the ununctioned, the fearless compassionate preaching, the anointed singing of the old hymns of the church, and then the prayerful, efficient forming of our church polity and organization was clear beyond our fondest dream or desire. Then too, the impassioned vision revealed in the pledge offering for Evangelism and Missions of over \$10,500.00 was encouraging indeed.

I appreciate deeply the vote of confidence extended me and my close co-laborer across the years, Rev. Elbert Dodd, electing us as General Moderators. I felt unworthy, and still do, of this honor and great responsibility placed upon my shoulders, but I pledge to give myself unstintingly to the task according to the ability that lieth in me, and to preach Experiential Holiness with Standards and Glory. I would rather die than compromise with the world and liberalism, and fail Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, and this needy, generation.



May God, the Blessed Holy Ghost inspire, give wisdom for every situation, grace for every test, that we may as a leadership and people thrust in the sickle and be found faithful at the sunset of our day. This my humble desire and prayer. -- Glenn Griffith

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#### CHANGE OF CHURCH NAME

The first General Conference of The Bible Missionary Church voted unanimously to change the name from The Bible Missionary Union to The Bible Missionary Church.

GENERAL OFFICES OF THE CHURCH HAVE BEEN MOVED TO DENVER, COLORADO. Address all mail for the General Offices to 2601 North Federal Blvd., Denver, Colorado:

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#### "HIGHEST ACCREDITATION"

By R. C. Boynton

Spirituality differs from intellectuality. The disciples had a poor accreditation rating. They were rated by the accreditation authorities as being "ignorant" and "unlearned." These same authorities "marvelled" and "they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." Because of this association with the Master, they produced and left some books which still today keep the wise men of the world puzzled. Back on August 15, 1896, there was a cartoon in the Ram's Horn, one of the keenest and ablest Christian papers in America, representing "A class in Theology." A professor is standing on the Bible open to the words: "I am the Bread of Life." He is feeding the class with a huge spoon out of a great bowl of "Dogma." The students are standing in line to take their nauseating dose. On the wall back of the class is a "Bill of Fare" in "Metaphysical Sawdust, Theological Husks, Ecclesiastical Conceits." A student is standing on a chair writing on the wall -- "We are starving, Give us Bread!" Can you see what the satirist was driving at?

Why is it that God has used so mightily those who have had no formal "higher education" -- no seminary training? Why is it that one of the foremost pastors of the Nineteenth Century -- Charles Spurgeon -- thanked God until his dying day that he never went to college? It was not because he deprecated all institutions of learning, but rather that he feared that had he availed himself of those advantages he might, like so many other ministers, have trusted to his intellectual equipment rather than to the Holy Spirit for his success.

It is my belief that the undue stress by school authorities upon "accreditation at any cost" has spelled failure in producing a deeply spiritual ministry "full of faith and the Holy Ghost". which in turn has produced worldliness and shallow devotion in the laity. All organizations will inevitably deteriorate into mere machines, and become hindrances rather than helps, curses rather than blessings, unless they are Spirit-filled and Spirit-perpetuated. The minister should not be taught to be the salaried lecturer for a lecture association! Or the head manager of an ecclesiastical

euchre club! Or the business director of a parish social club! Or the grand toastmaster of a roistering oyster-eating society! He needs that learning and wisdom which will make him a worthy representative of His Master, leading a company of consecrated sons and daughters of God, all devoted, heart and soul, to the work of building up the Redeemer's kingdom by saving men. The "baptism of the Holy Ghost and with fire" upon the student minister and the Word of God in the heart and mind are the only two things which can produce such a blessed result.

An institution of learning for the ministry should be "holy ground", "the house of God", and the "gate to heaven." No man, however learned, is at all qualified to teach God's truth in it who is not full of the Holy Ghost. A teacher of a class of candidates for the ministry who is not thus filled and who does not hold the standards of holiness high is doing more than any individual to send carnal men into the sacred office. A theological professor who does not have "the blessing" cannot fail to be a stumbling-block to his students.

May God give us a school for the ministry where the stress is upon that Holy Ghost endowment, upon the learning of the Word; where there is a deep atmosphere of God's presence -- where the Shekinah dwells where fervent prayer saturates administrator, professors, and students with the anointing of God -- where faith is deepened and lives are fire-baptized and Holy Ghost motivated, and old-fashioned Godly standards are held high not ridiculed and laughed at. If this be so, then praise the Lord, we have the HIGHEST ACCREDITATION, for heaven's hosts will look on as the infinitely wise God bestows "honorary degrees" of reward upon those who labor to send a sanctified, Spirit-anointed, Holy Ghost-filled ministry out to preach the Word of God with boldness, until men shall marvel and take knowledge that these men have been with Jesus. Then let us strive for accreditation -- not that which men shall bestow -- but that accreditation which can only be presented by the Heavenly Association -- God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen and Amen.

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#### A LETTER FROM BROTHER DODD TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BIBLE MISSIONARY CHURCH

I want to say a word of thanks to you for your every kindness to me.

I had made no commitments neither was I sure what I was to do. God began to deal with me some months ago about giving up the district work of the wonderful group I was serving. I would say, "Yes, Lord, What next?" He would assure me that He would open the right door. Other doors opened and I would praise Him, but when planning to enter God would say, "No not this door." I would pray and wait.

After days and nights of prayer, God showed me His will. Really it was different than I thought it would be, but I said "yes Lord"! -- died to many close and precious friends and to all connections and stepped out into God's glorious will.

I pledge my level best along all lines. I am not out to tear down another church but to rescue the perishing. I will never fight any church but I fight sin and the Devil. To all I say

THANK YOU for your confidence in me. I pledge to the Church that I will preach the gospel, hold high the standards and work hand in hand with my co-laborer, Brother Glenn Griffith. -- Elbert Dodd, 2601 N. Federal Blvd., Denver, Colo.

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## ATTENTION

If there are Elders or licensed ministers or commissioned evangelists who did not leave your name and address in the office at the General Conference please mail the information to the editor at your earliest convenience.

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## ENLARGED QUARTERS

By Paul Pumpelly

"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitation; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left." Isa. 54:2:3. God gives us the charge to enlarge our quarters. It doesn't take too much for a tent. A piece of canvas, few poles and stakes and a little rope or string. It is not too hard to pitch and is not too hard to enlarge it. Just need a little more canvas or skin, a few more stakes, a little more string and you can enlarge. We need larger quarters. No wonder the new convert from "skid row" said, "I'll bust if I don't testify." We have to enlarge. God saw the need and said you need not be ashamed in doing it. If God is for your enlargement, then the devil is against it. The Children of Israel pitched all over the desert but never made any advancement for God. The devil does not care how many times you pitch your tent just so you don't enlarge it for God. If he has his way, you will fold it up. The devil cries, "Lion, lion in the streets." But lions don't live in the streets. He is a liar but a lot of folk are listening to him and failing to enlarge. And if they do grow, it is abnormal and out of balance.

Some are abnormal in standards and are afraid of love. They think they need to enlarge only in harsh rebukes. They are sour, critical, seeking only to win an argument, not souls. They are afraid to shed tears. Don't be afraid in love. Love fulfills the law. Love is the heart of this thing. Divine love is the end of the commandment. Tears, tenderness, compassion, fellowship; love. "Behold how they love one another." We need to enlarge in love. All can stand to open the tent flaps here and reach out in deep realms of divine love. Never stop enlarging love.

Others are afraid of standards and get abnormal in human sentiment. There is a difference between divine love and carnal compromising human sentiment. This kind slobbers over sinners with all kinds of expressions to cover up compromise. They try to pan it off on folk as divine love. It has no fear of God in it. Has no real concern for lost men but only a secret selfish motive of personal advancement. Afraid they will offend someone and drive them off. It always warns the new evangelist that the last evangelist preached all negative and drove all the "new-comers" away. One layman contacted the evangelist and warned him not to preach on "things" that night because he was bringing some new folk who take offence at negative preaching. The evangelist had been

all afternoon in the mountains praying for the message and had it then burning on his heart. He minded God and preached it. It was negative and had a lot of "things" in it. The new folk took no offence but rather came forward to tell the evangelist they were lost and appreciated the truth anyway. The "layman" ran out the door offended. Paul said law first and then grace. Law reveals the sin, promises death, then grace reveals the Saviour and promises life. Negative, law, wrath, judgment, all need to be preached to produce conviction. The Holy Ghost uses it to convince men of their sinful condition and then prompts them to seek the Saviour. Don't be afraid of law. Enlarge your quarters with standards against the devil.

Some are afraid of offerings and fail to enlarge in giving. They say taking the offering kills the spirit. If taking the offering kills the spirit, then the spirit it killed was not of God. We need to enlarge our tents and give. When they come down the aisle with the plates, we ought to be able to throw our heads back and shout, laugh, and dig deep and give. But some fold their tent every time an offering is taken. They reach for the billfold with five dollars in mind; by the time their hand gets there, it shifted to one dollar and then quickly before the plate reaches them, they leave the billfold and jam their hand into the front pocket for fifty cents and come out with a quarter and then groan about it the rest of the service. God help us all to enlarge our tents and give liberally.

While God commands us to enlarge our tents, many are folding theirs up. Especially when it comes to facing the dignitaries. Paul said we are to respect an elder but also we are to fear no man. But how many fold up their little tent when someone comes in. Pastors in bondage to district supt., district supts., in bondage to general supts., people in bondage to the pastor, and others in bondage to the kin-folk. Just when they get ready to open the flaps of their tent and enlarge, in walks some elder, some leader, some kin-folk and down goes the flaps, and the amens quiet down and all fold up their tents. Looks like a storm hit their tent city. We need to enlarge ourselves in the presence of dignitaries. God can take the fear of man out of you. Preachers who are afraid to preach the whole truth have no tent to enlarge. They folded up theirs a long time ago.

How many are afraid to enlarge because of the devil hollering "fanatics, fanatics." "Lion, lion in the streets." So many remain impoverished and shriveled. "There are ten thousand ice bergs to one fanatic. There are ten thousand brakemen to one fireman." Fanatic means enthusiast, devotee, live wire, eagerness, optimism, fire, spirit, force. This sounds so good that God's people are willing to be branded fanatics in order to have enthusiasm, fire, optimism, spirit, force, power. Praise God for the so-called fanatics who dare to enlarge their tent while others sit and starve.

Lengthen your cords, stretch your tent, get more string, enlarge your quarters. Stop paddling in circles. Get out of your rut. Brave a new one like the fellow that went before you did. Enlarge your love, your faith, venture out, challenge God. Get larger and larger for more joy and freedom. This reminds me of the fellow enlarging his tent who said, "I feel like writing a check for a million dollars and then stick my head inside the window of God's heavenly bank and wait until the teller pays attention to me." God said enlarge, spare not.

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INDOOR CAMP MEETING AT MIDWAY CHAPEL, NAMPA, IDAHO

Praise God that carnality-uprooting preaching is not dead yet! Brother Elmer Michael faithfully pictured to us the traits of the "old man" and scripturally showed us the "death route" as the cure. We appreciate this humble man of God and his carefulness to mind the leadership of the Holy Ghost.

Our meeting began July 5th and was extended to July 22. This date was preceded by three weeks of heart searching and waiting before God in cottage prayer meetings. Brother Michael was being urged by his people to come back to Alabama and help them, but we do thank him for the two and a half weeks he gave us. The revival fires are still burning; daily intercessory power is going up; folk are "dying out"; and Holy Ghost conviction is making people miserable. We're believing the Lord to give us that Pentecostal out-pouring we have been praying for.

The camp meeting was well attended. People were in from Kennewick, Washington; Madris, Weiser, Ontario, Payette, Fruitland, and Nyssa, Oregon; La Junta, Denver, Greeley, Grand Junction, and Collbran, Colorado; Ames, Iowa; and all over Boise valley. Our hearts thrilled at the wonderful singing of God's people led by Brother A. L. Crane. Our Godly leader, Brother Glenn Griffith, was with us for the first 10 days of camp. His all-out life of burden bearing and giving for God is a real inspiration to us.

Brother Griffith, on the first Sunday afternoon of the camp, reviewed the growth of the Bible Missionary Union in the ten months of its existence, and presented the recommendation of the general council that the first general conference be held at Denver, Colorado so the people in the eastern and southern states would be able to attend. A sweet spirit of unity and harmony prevailed as we discussed the matter. A unanimous standing vote was taken in favor of meeting at Denver. We are looking forward to meeting some of our brothers and sisters in the Lord at Denver soon that would not have been able to come to Nampa if we had been selfish.

The second Sunday afternoon, Sister Marian Childs of Pasadena, California, gave us a brief review of her being saved from false doctrine under Brother Griffith's ministry several years ago, then preached to us on "Who Is This?" Her ready flow of scripture kept us so spellbound that we hardly got an "Amen" out. It was wonderful. Even the children were heard to say, "We could sit here all afternoon until the next service and listen to this."

We thank God for this taste of old fashioned camp meeting: some intercessory groans from the saints, some shouts of victory, and some real digging to the "Solid Rock". -- Mrs. Ernest P. Zink, Reporter

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## THE CHURCH OR THE FAITH

By Lowell Foster

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Eph. 6:12).

The first glimpse the Bible gives us of Satan is as a serpent. (Genesis 3) He came to Eve as a deceiver. He told her a half truth. Someone has said, "The truth that's told with bad intent, beats all the lies you can invent." Once more we read of him as the accuser of the brethren in the book of Job. Again in Matthew we read; "Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil." (Matt. 4:1) Here, Satan is spoken of as "the tempter." Finally, in Revelation 20:8 we read, (after he has been bound 1000 years in the bottomless pit) "And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth." Satan has not dropped any one of his tools, but his main weapon in the garden, deceit, has always been and always will be his main method. The words "Be not deceived." (Gal. 6:7) have tremendous meaning.

Mankind, which God had created without blemish and placed in a beautiful garden, (what a contrast to the conditions Jesus had when he fought the mountain top temptation, Matt. 4:1-11) did not escape the terrible touch of the devil nor the sting of the serpent's fang. Oh! the woe and misery, heartache and sadness that is everywhere today. Yet mankind grasps sin to his bosom and tumbles on toward the judgment and a hell that was never intended for him to occupy. Joel caught the picture when he cried, "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision." At such a crucial hour men look to the church to lead them back to paths of righteousness deceived and disgusted with the very thing God placed here to lead them from darkness and trouble into the glorious light.

No, the church has not escaped the wiles of the enemy. The early Church that went everywhere preaching the gospel, which had neither spot nor wrinkle, that church that was so endued with power that it literally shook the countryside for God, did not escape. At first Satan tried to stamp out the church, but God merely used this to push beyond Jerusalem into the waiting world. Satan, however, can never be accused of stupidity when it comes to tactics. Acts 5:1 begins, "But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife --." Satan moved from open warfare without to infiltration methods within.

Satan has always aimed his biggest guns at leadership or the clergy, if you please. He knows if he can corrupt the headwaters, the stream will soon become impure. The church that has a godly, old-fashioned preacher for a pastor, will find itself growing and gaining for God in spite of conditions or surrounding circumstances. But all too often Satan succeeds in getting his man into position. The Sunday School may flourish for a while. The finance may continue to come but not for long. (Matt. 5:19) I know of a church that did run 225 to 250 in Sunday School. The total giving for a year would be anywhere from \$12,000. to \$16,000. and special offerings would run as high as \$2,500. Today they have from 70 to 100 in Sunday School. The tithes and offerings are way down, while special offerings rarely hit \$400. Revival fires that once blazed have gone out. What is the trouble? The leadership failed!

Down through history, it seems that God has reached down into the ranks of the laity for His leaders. He found Moses herding sheep. Amos was among the herdmen of Tekoa. And so it goes. The battle for a free Protestantism is today and will always be fought between the clergy and the laity. In Christ's day the battle was against the tyranny of the clergy. John Wesley battled the clergy. Moody and Billy Sunday fought the clergy. The evangelists of this day fight the clergy. This battle is not open warfare to the casual observer but it is real. By the clergy I mean the "Top Rung" of ecclesiasticism in the modern church. The doctrine, that God has committed to the church the

right to control the individual's conscience, is one of the most deeply rooted of papal errors. Despite this well known fact, such statements as: "There is correction by adherence to the dictates of the group conscience," still appear even in so-called holiness literature in 1956. Rome began by enjoining what, God had not enjoined and she ended by forbidding what He had explicitly commanded. This same type of ecclesiastical dictatorship is eating into the soul of the holiness movement today. The cry is heard everywhere today, "Stick by the church", "think of our great heritage", etc., etc. But dear one, Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Some seem to read it this way, "... I have stayed by my denomination." Jude told us to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Paul said, "Follow me. as I follow Christ." Many today are following leadership that is not following Christ. This will end in tragedy and will mean the loss of many children forever.

In every reformation, the reformer has been accused of "tearing up the church." How smooth old Satan is to turn the eyes of the unenlightened away from the real "wreckers." Wesley faced this. On his visit to Cornwall to the church at St. Ives, a crowd gathered outside his window and cried over and over: "Hurrah! Hurrah! John Wesley's come to town, to try if he can, to pull the churches down." (Marianne Kirlew, *The Story of John Wesley*, page 127.) How history has proved their error! Martin Luther evidently felt the same stinging accusation for he wrote: "If the clergy could have destroyed the church of Christ, doubtless it would have been destroyed long ago." (A. M. Hills. *Holiness And Power*, Page 192). The leaders of the holiness movement of the late 19th and early 20th century felt tremendous opposition from those who hated the doctrine of true holiness. So it has gone, and so it goes!

History still repeats itself. The falling away is tremendous. Iniquity doth abound. It is" not just one group. In the last few days, here in Portland, Oregon I have preached to people from every major denomination that still holds to holiness as a second definite work of grace. The testimony is always the same, "Our church is so dead." "No soul food." "No stir among the unsaved." "No preaching that is quick and powerful or piercing." But praise be to God, He has not left us alone in this hour. Elijah sat down under the juniper tree and prayed God to let him die. If God would have answered Elijah's prayer, Elijah would have missed the greatest chariot ride in history. He said, "I, even I only, am left." But God corrected him and told him there were 7000 that had not bowed the knee to Baal. In this fearful day with all its confusion and turmoil there is still a great host from every walk of life who are crying out for the old paths. Hold on to your old fashion convictions. God will not forsake you! "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

But they that wait upon the Lord [ shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." (Isaiah 40:28-31).

Let us take the whole armour of God that we may be able to stand in this evil day. We must not, we dare not be stampeded. I have found that if I will hold steady, and continue to stand in the

gap and make up the hedge, the enemy of my soul will overstep himself every time. Jesus Christ is the "same yesterday, and today, and forever."

George Muller wrote: "It need not be said that to carry our conviction into action is a costly sacrifice. It may make necessary, renunciations and separations which leave one feeling a strange sense of deprivation and loneliness; but he who will fly as the eagle does, into the higher levels where cloudless day abides, and live in the sunshine of God, must consent to live a comparatively lonely life. No bird is so solitary as the eagle. Eagles never fly in flocks -- one, or at the most two, ever being seen at once; but the life that is lived unto God, however it forfeits human companionship, knows divine fellowship; and the child of God who, like his Master, undertakes to do always those things that please Him, can say, "The Father hath not left me alone . . . I am alone, yet not alone, for the father is with me."

"Whosoever will promptly follow whatever light God gives, without regard to human opinion, custom, tradition, or approbation, will learn the deep meaning of these words: 'Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord.' "

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#### A WORD OF THANKS

We say "thank you" to all who made a contribution or a pledge toward the work of missions during the General Conference. For your convenience we give you the following information. Send all pledges to the General Treasurer, Rev. L. P. Roberts. 139 South Bryant, Denver 19, Colo. It will greatly expedite the work of the church if you will pay your pledges as soon as you conveniently can.

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God puts the Church in the world; Satan puts the world into the Church.

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#### CHURCH REPORT

BOISE, IDAHO -- August 1956

In November of 1955 a number of families walked out of the church which they had been affiliated with feeling they could no longer go along with the program and be the kind of a Christian they ought to be. They gave me a call to come to pastor them. At first I could not think it was what I should do as I had pastored them for seven years previously. At that time I was down in Oklahoma where I was very happy with the group whom I was serving. However, one night I went to my study after midnight and told God that the problem must be settled and the decision made before I left. It wasn't too long until God revealed to me His will and I have never doubted God from that day to this for I had known for some years that I would have to leave the church in which I had been serving.



We arrived in Boise, February 3rd and started with a good group of people who love God and want to do His will. God has given us many souls at an altar of prayer -- new people, people who had lost the keen edge from their experience, and some who had lost out with God. To God be all the praise. Just a week or so ago I was checking my own report and found that in the last eight Sundays I have had opportunity to preach only five times out of sixteen because God has so marvelously come and the glory rolled in upon us and needy people found their way to an altar of prayer.

We organized the 29th of June with 29 good members and have 20 or 25 more wanting to join as soon as they are ready spiritually. God is blessing the people at Boise. They are paying me a good salary and providing a lovely home for us. We count the people of Boise among the best. Bro. Merl Kaldenberg, a consecrated young man, is our song leader. God is certainly blessing and using Merl. He is attending Boise Junior College and his background has been from one of the old line churches.

Our record attendance for the Sunday morning service is 127. We are serving both the County Hospital and a Home for the elderly people with services once a week, also the Idaho State Penitentiary with services once a month and hope to soon increase it to twice a month. Truly we are expecting great things from God and are trusting Him for the future. -- George E. Roberts, pastor 6205 Franklin Rd. Boise, Idaho

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#### THE ORDINATION SERVICE

Sunday afternoon September 9 was the first ordination service of the Bible Missionary Church. Brother Griffith brought a wonderful message on the subject, "God's Man." Brother Dodd gave the charge to the candidates. Amid weeping and shouting the following received Elder's Orders: Charles Glenn Patterson, Ilah T. Downs, Tony W. Ross, Charles T. Elkins, Lowell L. Foster, Dwight Grant, Virgil Seward, Clindel V. Harbision.

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#### A TESTIMONY

"I am eighty-three years old. I have been saved for sixty-nine years. I have preached for more than fifty years. It has been my privilege to attend conferences both large and small. One conference I attended had 120,000 people in attendance. I can honestly say, that there is more God and more glory on this first General Conference of the Bible Missionary Church than on any I have ever attended." -- H. T. Davis, Emmett, Idaho.

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"TRUST"

By Mrs. Ina Moyer

When I cannot understand  
All the ways that God cloth lead  
Then I clasp His loving Hand  
And on His word I daily feed.  
Every promise there is true  
He has placed them there for me  
And I'm sure He'll take me thro'  
'Tho' the way I cannot see.

When thro' the valley I must go  
And the days seem oh so long,  
I keep trusting for I know  
That the night will soon be gone.  
Oh I know He'll never leave me  
When the battle I must fight  
So by faith I know that He  
Walks beside me in the night.

Oh He never fails to listen  
When I call to Him in prayer  
He has never been too busy  
I have found Him always there.  
He is never in a hurry  
With so many things to do  
But He knows my every care  
And He stays till I am thro'.

I have never found another  
Who has known me quite like He  
He's been father, friend and brother  
He is everything to me.  
I have often found Him waiting,  
Just to hear me call His name  
And when I leave His blessed presence  
I am never quite the same.

I can tell Him all my heartaches  
It helps to talk to Him alone  
He knows the weary path I take  
And every care to Him is known.  
Many times He comes to see me  
When I cannot say a word,  
But I listen to His counsel  
Then obey what I have heard.

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If you wish to pursue the course for licensed ministers and qualify for ordination write the board of examiners in your area.

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## FIRST YEAR

### TO BE STUDIED

Binney's Theological Compend by Binney; R. C. Boynton, 515 Billings, Princeton, Illinois.

Short History of the Christian Church by J. F. Hurst; E. E. Michael, 1406 E. 6th Ave., Jasper, Ala.

Bible-Pentateuch; A. W. Glover, Box 463, Berkeley Springs, W. Va.

Church Manuel; H. B. Huffman, Onego, W. Va.

Handbook of English by MacMillan -- (or High School English); Clindel Harbison, Parrish, Ala.

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### TO BE READ

Impressions by M. W. Knapp; A. Cottle, Box 427, Portage, Pa. The Old Man by E. G. Marsh; A. Cottle, Box 427, Portage, Pa.

Preacher and Prayer by E. M. Bounds; A. Cottle, Box 427, Portage, Pa.

Prayer Availeth Much by T. M. Anderson; A Cottle, Box 427, Portage, Pa.

Plain Account of Christian Perfection by Wesley; A. Cottle, Box 427, Portage, Pa.

Life of Christ by Stalker; A Cottle Box 427, Portage, Pa.

The Preacher, His Life and Work by H. W. Jowett; A. Cottle, Box 427, Portage, Pa.

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Elements of Divinity by Ralston C. E. Downs, 1174 E. Main Galesburg, Ill.

Roberts Rules of Order by H. W Roberts; Clindel Harbison Parrish, Ala.

The Gospels and the Acts -- Bible A. W. Glover, Box 463, Berkeley Springs, W. Va.

Holiness and Power by A. M. Hills R. C. Boynton, 515 Billings Princeton, Illinois.

Preaching Ministry by Chapman; A. Cottle, Box 427, Portage, Pa.

Perfect Love by Wood; A. Cottle, Box 427, Portage. Pa.

Progress of World Wide Missions by Glover; A Cottle, Box 427, Portage Pa.

Lectures To Professing Christians by C. G. Finney -- Abridged by E. E. Shelhamer; A. Cottle, Box 427, Portage, Pa.

Sanctification by Ruth; A. Cottle, Box 427, Portage, Pa.

Tongue of Fire by Arthur; A. Cottle, Box 427, Portage, Pa.

Fox's Book of Martyrs by Forbush; A. Cottle, Box 427, Portage, Pa.

Deeper Experiences of Famous Christians by Lawson; A Cottle, Box 427, Portage, Pa.

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## THIRD YEAR

### TO BE STUDIED

Elements of Divinity -- Second Part by Ralston; C. E. Downs, 1174 E. Main, Galesburg, Ill.

Bible -- Major and Minor Prophets and Pauline Epistles; R. P. Hennigan, 2990 N. W. 63rd St., Miami, Fla.

The Making of a Sermon by Patterson; L. H. King, c/o Carl Evans, Camp Meeting Rd., Clinton, Pa.

History of American Literature by Halleck; J. E. Ray, 2004 McCallie .Avenue, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Manual (if not taken in first year)

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#### TO BE READ

With Christ in the School of Prayer by Murray; A. Cottle, Box 427, Portage, Pa.

Revival Lectures by Finney; A. Cottle, Box 427, Portage, Pa.

Christian Theology by A. M. Hills; A. Cottle, Box 427, Portage, Pa.

Remarkable Incidents and Modern Miracles by Bevington; A. Cottle, Box 427, Portage, Pa.

Honey in the Rock by Bud Robinson; A. Cottle, Box 427, Portage, Pa.

Thirty-Three Years a Live Wire by John T. Hatfield; A. Cottle, Box 427, Portage, Pa.

The Ministry of Healing by A. J. Gordon; A. Cottle, Box 427, Portage, Pa.

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Bible -- Pentateuch; J. E. Cook, P. O. Box 727, Duncan, Okla.

Church Manual; J. E. Cook, P. O. Box 727, Duncan, Okla.

Handbook of English by MacMillan; A. C. Turner, Route 2, Payette, Idaho

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#### SECOND YEAR

Elements of Divinity by Ralston; C. T. Elkins, 603 W. 33rd. Odessa, Texas

Robert's Rules of Order; A. C. Turner, Route 2, Payette, Idaho

The Gospels and Acts -- Bible; E. J. Wilson, 119 E. 5th St., Emmett, Idaho

Holiness and Power by A. M. Hills; Robert H. Fleming, Route 2, Greeley, Colo.

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The Making of the Sermon by Patterson; M. L. Reiff, Olerich, So. Dakota

History of American Literature by Halleck; Earnest Zink, P. O. Box 394, Caldwell, Idaho

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### THE CURE FOR THE TROUBLED HEART

By Elbert Dodd

Text: Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." (John 14:1).

We live in a world of troubled hearts. Trouble is the common bond of man. The one thing men universally seek is the cure for the troubled heart. Most people are seeking the cure for their troubles from the wrong sources. Let us note how the heart is troubled and its cure.

#### I. Consider the Cause of the Troubled Heart.

Sin is the primary cause of all trouble in the hearts of men and in the world. If Adam and Eve had never sinned against God there would never have been any trouble in the world. Through Adam as the federal head of the race sin and death passed on to all men. Sin results in separation which brings many a broken heart. Countless thousands have stood helplessly as the grim monster death snatched away their companion or their children. Oh, the awful anguish as they gather around that cold form after the spark of life is gone. Then to turn back with bleeding hearts to face the vacant room and chair. Let no one forget that sin and death are enemies! The heart is constantly beset by troubles caused by these bitter separations.

Business reverses and financial losses often bring trouble. Men are prone to build their hopes on fortune and when suddenly it is swept away, they find themselves adrift with no anchor for the soul.

Again unfaithfulness has brought heart break of the most fearful men. A young man betrays a trusting young lady or a husband or wife proves disloyal to their marriage vow. Nothing cuts deeper in the heart than to be disappointed by one in whom great confidence has been reposed.

Political and economic strife and many more things all caused by sin bring trouble and turmoil. In these dark times the approaching tribulation brings anxious care to many who are not sanctified. Men's hearts are failing them because of these things.

## II. Note Some False Remedies the World Has Offered for the Troubled Heart.

Some driven by despair, have tried to end it all by suicide. Judas tried this after he had betrayed his Lord. But suicide does not end one's troubles for in eternity the real reaping begins and there is torment forever with no place of repentance or hope of relief.

The stoics sought to steel their hearts against feeling and thus ignore their trouble. But trouble cannot be ignored and the most stony heart will break beneath its load. Darwin and Huxley are classic examples of this, but they died bewailing the fact that they had taken the wrong course. The thought is to deny sin and deny trouble, pain and suffering, but this too fails to meet the deep longings of man's soul.

Then Epicureanism came along and said, "Plunge into the realm of pleasure, have a big time and forget all your troubles." But millions have found that when the big time is over the trouble is still there plus a headache and a hangover caused by their dissipation. Some church members, having no real experience, but merely a mental belief in Christ have placed religion on the low plane of Epicureanism. They play bridge, attend the movies, buy television sets, promote church kitchens and recreation halls all in a futile effort to satisfy the spirit of man with materialistic appeals to the flesh. The seasonal pleasures of sin are poor substitutes for the joys that are at God's right hand forevermore.

## III. Consider the Cure for a Troubled Heart.

In the midst of a world of darkness, there is a ray of hope that streams down from heaven. The light and hope of the world is Jesus Christ the Savior. The angel told Joseph that Mary would bring forth a son conceived of the Holy Ghost and that his name should be called Jesus for "he shall save his people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21). Jesus said of himself, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn, To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;

that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified." (Isa. 61:1-3) No one need ever fear, He will live up to His promise!

See the victim of that dread disease, leprosy, as he leaves home an outcast with a broken heart but he meets Jesus and is made happy and whole.

The widow of Nain was having the funeral of her only son when Jesus, the Lord of life, came by. He broke the cold bonds of death and restored the boy alive to his mother. The demoniac in the tombs met Jesus and found that He could cast out the devils and bring peace to his troubled spirit.

When Fanny Crosby met Him she proclaimed,

"Savior more than life to me,  
I am clinging, clinging, close to Thee:  
Let thy precious blood applied,  
Keep me ever, ever, near thy side.

"Every day, every hour,  
Let me feel thy cleansing power,  
May Thy tender love to me,  
Bind me closer, closer, Lord to Thee."

The apostle Paul declared his trust in Him when he said, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed to him against that day."

I have met Him. I can testify that I too had a troubled heart but He cured it forever. Living or dying I have staked all on Christ.

Have you tried drowning your troubles? Have you tried denying them or steeling your heart against them? If so, you have found the futility of it all. Now try Jesus! Bring your troubled heart to Him. You will find that He is the great physician of the soul. Thank God! Jesus heals the broken hearted.

"What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and grief to bear,  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer."

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## WHY I JOINED THE BIBLE MISSIONARY CHURCH

By Elbert Dodd

I did not join the Bible Missionary Church because I did not have a place to preach. I had a wonderful people to work with in Louisiana and I did not have to leave. Neither did I join because the church leaders were unkind to me. All the church leaders were wonderful to me.

I joined the Bible Missionary Church because I had spent nights and days in prayer and felt led of the Lord. I also felt that I would miss the will of God if I failed to join the Bible Missionary Church. I went out to Denver to observe. I said if God is there, and I feel God has called this movement to spread the Gospel and hold high the standards of God's Church and if I feel led, I will join. God was upon it and I felt His clear leadings so I joined.

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"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." -- Psa. 103:2

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