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(Heb. 12:14)

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### **CHRIST OUR PATTERN PREACHER**

By Elbert Dodd

The great need of this time-serving, compromising age is gospel ministers who, like Christ, will take the sword of the Spirit and cut through the veneer of formal godliness, formality, fashion, pride, pretense, secretism and worldliness; and uncover sin; expose carnality; and unmask hypocrisy. Such men would bring down the blessings of heaven and perpetuate a church-wide revival that would stir the whole world and shake the ramparts of hell.

#### **I. JESUS WAS BOTH A NEGATIVE AND A POSITIVE PREACHER**

"He tore down and built up."

There is the great objection to what are termed "negative" or "radical" preacher. We object to them too if it is meant by the expression, those who preach people down and destroy their faith, merely for the sake of exploitation or achievement. But if like John the Baptist, the preacher cuts down in love what needs destruction, to build up in the end, there is great need of such men. Much in the modern church and some things in the holiness churches need destruction. Preachers who do this work may be classed as harsh and without love or sympathy but this is a blind accusation. The greater the preacher's love for God and humanity the more unflinchingly will he wield the sword.

The popular idea that John the Baptist was iconoclastic and void of sympathy is a false notion. He was an understanding tenderhearted man who loved people too well to let them drop

quietly into hell without warning or rebuke. He realized that the greatest tragedy that could come to the soul was to be lost forever in hell, and, that earnest endeavor to prevent so terrible a tragedy was the highest expression of courageous love.

God called Jeremiah to "root out, pull down, throw down, and destroy" and then to "build up and to plant." He was to be God's "battle-axe." The negative work of destruction always precedes the positive work of reconstruction. The thing God had against certain false prophets of the day was that they "healed slightly" and did not "discover the iniquity" of His people. They were too "diplomatic" to go to the bottom and offend. God needs radical preachers with backbone and unflinching courage who will go to the bottom of the sin problem and relieve sins disease altogether.

Such a ministry was Christ's and such must be that of those who follow Him. He dug out sin and forgave it; wounded and healed; made men miserable and then comforted them. If one would follow Him in His wonderful ministry, he must not only edify and comfort, as desirable as this might be, but often he must tear down and discourage wrong conceptions and then strengthen and comfort. Jesus never comforted any in their sins: He said, "go and sin no more." We wonder at the interpretation some have of Him when they give the impression that He was all love, compassion, pity and sympathy. Certainly His severe messages were in love. He said of His ministry: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord." (Luke 4:18-19) But He also spoke of bringing a sword, and He could administer the most scathing and withering denunciation and rebuke whenever necessary. In one moment He could say, "How can ye escape the damnation of hell?" and in the next, with tearful heart and eyes, "O Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered you as a hen doth gather her brood." He would cry, "Woe unto you scribes, Pharisees and hypocrites," and then with forgiving, outstretched hands, say, "come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

O, for more Christlike ministers, who possess that wonderful combination of courageous fidelity and fearlessness mingled with tender love and heavenly sweetness. It is a strange love that can keep silent in the church when it is surrounded by evidences of worldliness and pride; that can watch poor deceived souls go to hell rather than speak out in plain terms against specific forms of sin. That is a kind of love Jesus never possessed. Real Christian love will compel the preacher to give no quarter to sin; to "cry aloud and spare not: and lift up his voice like a trumpet and show my people their sins."

## II. CHRIST WAS A POINTED PREACHER.

He used specific terms. He did not direct His message to those who were not there or to some vague imaginary person, He employed the second person. He spoke so plainly of sin and people that none could mistake of whom and what He spoke. He was unlike the pastor who assured his hearers that they would not be embarrassed or put in any uncomfortable position. Actually that is what must happen before men can get saved. Jesus used plain language, lust, adultery, fornication, evil thoughts, covetousness, pride, foolishness; called out scribes, Pharisees, lawyers, hypocrites. He spoke of definite places, Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum. "O

Jerusalem which stonest the prophets and killest them that are sent to thee." To the Jews He said, "ye are of your father, the devil, and his lusts ye will do."

There is great pressure on the minister to please everyone, to which if he yields, he cannot please God. The preacher is urged to be wise, discreet, tactful, cautious, judicious, a mixer, all things to all men; join the lodges to win the lodge men, etc. But sinners are never won to Christ in this way. Vague, indefinite, unspecific preaching will not bring the agonizing terrors of old fashioned conviction. Through the vain conceit of learning, opinions, and traditions of men the counsel of God is made of none effect. The story is told of one worldly preacher who said to his elite cultured audience, "If you do not repent in a measure you will go to the place which I have too much self respect to mention before this cultured audience." Direct Christ-like preaching may shock cultured ears and irritate refined sensibilities but they had better be shocked than damned! There is no greater hindrance to the kingdom of God than the man-fearing, compromising manner with which the awful fact of sin is dealt in many modern pulpits.

### III. PEOPLE WERE OFTEN OFFENDED AT CHRIST.

Whoever will be God's prophet and preach God's word may as well know from the beginning that it will bring opposition and offended hearers. The very nature of a holy life antagonizes sin and stirs the devil. John Wesley judged the effectiveness of his sermons by the offense that they brought. "I preached at six at St. Lawrence's; at ten in St. Katherine's Cree-Church; and in the afternoon, at St. John's Wapping. I believe it pleased God to bless the first sermon most, because it gave most offense;" (Journal of John Wesley, Volume 1, pp. 82,83). Jesus offended His hearers. After one of His searching sermons, they led Him out to the brow of the hill to cast Him down, and said He had a devil.

The disciples had little opposition until their sanctification on the day of Pentecost. Then there was anger, threats, arrests, imprisonments and that they speak no more in His Name. The baptism with the Holy Ghost and the consequent tongue of fire and offended hearers seem to be inseparable. Whether men will hear or forbear we must declare the whole counsel of God. If we would follow Jesus in testimony, prayer and preaching, we will have offended hearers. Let no one think he can so wisely present the doctrine of holiness as to offend none. If so he has learned what Jesus and the apostles and reformers never learned. "Woe unto you when all men speak well of you." "From that time forth many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him." "Knowest thou not that thy disciples were offended at thee?" Surely if anyone could so wisely present the gospel to all classes as to offend none, Jesus ought to be that one. But this He was never able to do. He antagonized the unspiritual church and the world until they hated Him. "Me it hateth because I testify of it that the works are evil."

### IV. JESUS SPOKE THE WORD OF GOD.

"Whatsoever I speak, even as the Father tells me so I speak." "I speak not of myself, but the Father dwelling in me He doeth the works." "He gave me commandment what I should say and what I should speak." "He whom God has sent speaketh the words of God." To all who would represent Him He says, "hear the word at my mouth and give them warning from me." "All I command thee, thou shalt speak, diminish not a word of it, keep back none of it, declare the whole

counsel of God." "Eat the book" preach the word for it is "quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." It is the hammer that breaks the stony hearts in pieces, and drives conviction home. Let us not be wiser than Jesus. Let us take Him as our guide and preach the old, old story. "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." (Col. 2:8)

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"In every age where men have accomplished the purpose of God, in any marked way, they have had to cut new channels. The men and movements who have accomplished the most for God, have been those who have utterly ignored the beaten paths of a worldly religion, and have done things regarded as extreme, extravagant, unreasonable. They have never tried to make Christianity harmonize with human reason or human smartness." -- Seth Cook Rees

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## EDITORIAL

By Spencer Johnson

### HOLINESS IN RESOLVE

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded:" (Phil. 3:13-15)

The experience of Sanctification should not be looked upon as finality. In a very true sense it is actually the commencement or beginning of the development of many spiritual graces. The sanctified man is perfect in motives, affections and desires but because of a depraved mental and physical condition he must ever strive to improve his judgment and thus perfect his conduct. Paul, while claiming and proclaiming Christian Perfection, disclaimed absolute perfection which belongs only to God, and glorified perfection which is granted only to those who have run the race with patience and have endured unto the end. Peter admonishes us that even after we have become "partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust," that we are to give all diligence to add to our faith. (II Peter 1:4-7)

The march of the years brings increased knowledge and responsibility, so some sanctified resolutions are in order if we would "perfect holiness in the fear of God."

It may be that we have done the best that we could in the year that has just closed; but the standard of the past will not suffice for the days ahead. We have learned a great deal during the old year which will of necessity affect our choices and actions in the one to come. We attempted some things in the past year that we could not do, we now know that we could not do them, so it would be wrong for us to waste further time trying; we began some things that are not yet finished; so we

must complete them or lose the efforts already expended. No doubt, we did some things that would have been better left undone, we should be sorry that we did them and seek to shun like deeds hereafter. We did a few things that were worthwhile, and we shall cherish their memory and always take encouragement from them.

But the sanctified person can not live on the memory of things that "have been." If he thinks too much about the things that he wishes had been different, remorse and despair will overwhelm him and disqualify him for his present work. If one glories too much in what he has accomplished, then his progress will be stayed and the victories of the past will become preludes to future defeats. If he thinks too much about those who have persecuted and derided him, he will soon find himself taking on the likeness of the very ones whose disfavor he has incurred, and so what they said about him will finally turn out to be true. The sanctified man must not give too much regard to what his enemies say about him, lest his thoughts become evil and weaken him so that his enemies will have cause to rejoice in his downfall which they wished, and prophesied. If one pays too much attention to the compliments offered him, his ears will become unused to hearing the "other side of the truth" about himself and he will become vain and proud. If he tarries too long among his friends they will spoil him by making him think he has already "apprehended" and thus ring the death knell to any future accomplishments.

The sanctified man must resolve to forget the things which are behind. He recalls the sorrows of the past year only to set himself more earnestly to forget them. The joys of the past must not be brought back lest they be robbed of their principal content-their reality. He must face the future with faith. None of us can realize yet the full meaning of the year that has just faded; and how much less are we able to foresee and comprehend the one that has now dawned upon us. We may reaffirm our faith in the love and power and wisdom of God and we may renew our vows of faithfulness to Him and the task to which He has entrusted us. "But righteous Job was afflicted, prayerful Daniel was persecuted, the peerless Paul was imprisoned, the beloved John was banished, and the faultless Christ was crucified and nailed to a tree. So our cups, too, in this New Year, may have dregs and bitterness as well as joy and salvation; and it is well that we should be prepared, lest in the time of distress the enemy shall take advantage and overthrow our faith or snatch away our hope."

As a church as well as individuals we must not be content with past blessings. Behind is desert and we cannot go back. We must reach forth to the things that are before. God has put His seal upon us, but we must not be content without the cloud by day and the fire by night. We must go deeper in our devotion to God. It is easy to get into a rut in one's prayer life until he can pray only about so far and get blessed and stop. Many times we stop when we should press on out into the realms of intercession that have been hitherto unknown to us. It is not enough that we have been delivered from worldly programs and heavy camp equipage. We dare not stop because we have found a refuge. God has called us to be soldiers in the conquest of spiritual things. Our roots must go down and we must dig in as we reach out. For a long time now, God has honored us by giving us an average of more than one new church each week but we must not be content. There are other towns and cities where this gospel must be preached but at the same time we must strengthen the stations that we already have. We must have some strong centers to storm the strongholds of Satan. The work in the foreign fields must increase just as fast as can safely be done. Provision must be made for a school for our young people. The challenge is almost staggering but our God still lives

and He is the God of the future as well as the glorious past and the toilsome present. We rejoice yet every time we think of the hilarious and liberal offerings that were given at the General Conference. But we cannot stop now. We must pray more, and sacrifice more and give more and do more and be more for Christ if we would press toward the prize of the high calling of God. We have found no continuing city here but we seek one to come! We must not lack for plans but all our plans must be subject to change by the Divine direction.

The sanctified man though delivered from selfish and sinful desires is still a candidate for the Saviour's best. He will not forget that a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesses. He will seek only that which he can use to eternal good. He will hold lightly the transient things of time for he knows that "tomorrow will make today yesterday, and that the future is but a step from the past." He dreads not the future, knowing that no real harm can come to him if he stays close to God and lives true. Life, death, heights, depths, principalities, powers, and things to come cannot separate him from the love of God. The sanctified resolves that he will seek to serve rather than to be served and that he will seek more to bless than to be blessed.

Personally, I am determined that I will not complain of any lot that He may call upon me to bear. For He is too wise to make mistakes and He is too good to do me wrong. I determine to attempt more for Him than my faith has ever been able to grasp before. I must pray more, give more and live closer to Christ as the glad day of His coming approaches.

The wonderous glories of the future with Him enchant me. The blessed hope of my Lord's return is an anchor to my soul. I am nearer the glorious day of His appearing than ever before. Who knows but what I may view the land that is afar off and behold the King in His beauty this year? Hallelujah!

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### PRAYER FOR TODAY

By Mrs. Paul E. King

Lord, help me today! For I know not what  
Of heartaches and burdens shall be my lot;  
Nor what on my pathway lies just ahead  
Of care and sorrows, and fear and dread--  
So help me--just for today.

Guide me today Lord! Direct me aright,  
And help me to constantly walk in Thy light;  
To lean on Thy bosom--to list to Thy voice  
To know Thy sweet will--not mine own willful choice.  
So guide me--just for today.

Lead me today Lord! And help me to bear  
The strain of toil, the stress of care.  
And make me as a candle bright  
To radiate Thy holy light.  
Lead me--just for today.

I do not ask to see tomorrow,  
Nor from it joy and bliss to borrow.  
But humbly, fervently I pray  
Strength for today Lord--just for today.

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### SCRIPTURAL PROOF OF THE DOCTRINE OF CHRISTIAN PERFECTION

By Charles T. Elkins

## INTRODUCTION:

Many would say today that holiness or Christian Perfection is nothing more than some man's preconceived notion. We live in a day when men are seeking an easy, popular religion, one that will bring no cross or conflict with the world and sin. Nearly two thousand years ago Paul warned Timothy of an age when men would not endure sound doctrine, and we also hear of teachers having itching ears. The Devil does not care for men following a religious belief just as long as that belief is not leading them toward God and holiness.

In this time of infidelity and apostasy we as Christian people need some sure foundation upon which we can stand. Thank God we have just that. The Word of God still stands as a light house to those lost in sin. Though men may try to destroy every jot and tittle yet the truth is still there for the honest heart who is searching after the true way to Heaven.

When God's word was given a name it was the "Holy Bible" and the name is very fitting. Bible comes from a Greek word which means "book", and truly it is the book. It is also a Holy book written by a Holy God through the instruments of Holy Men. We could go so far as to say that it is a "Holiness Book" or a "Book on Holiness" for we find that Holiness is the theme of the Bible from one cover to the other.

I'm sure I would be disputed by some on that statement but I believe it to be true. God is holy, the angels are holy and even Adam was created a holy being before he disobeyed God. Then from Adam's disobedience to Revelation is recorded man's attempt to regain his former position, God's plan and provision by which man might once again be holy and living in direct communion with God and Satan's battle to defeat man in his purpose and thereby gain revenge on God.

But some would say give. to us some proof that holiness is the theme of the Bible. Dr. Thomas Ralston in his book, "Elements of Divinity," outlines the truth of Christian Perfection as contained in the Bible in these five categories: 1. Divine Precepts or commands. 2. Divine Promises. 3. Prayers of Scripture. 4. Exhortations of Scripture. And 5. Examples of Scripture. I think it would be well for us to note today these five areas and what is contained therein.

## DIVINE PRECEPTS OR COMMANDS:

In Gen. 17:1 we find Jehovah speaking to Abram in these words; "Walk before me and be thou perfect." This is an explicit command. Would God command the impossible? As we follow on down through Abraham's life we find many mistakes and blunders but his heart was always set on God's will. Holiness does not give us a perfect head, that will only come when our bodies are glorified in the resurrection. But thank the Lord we can have a perfect heart.

Also we find in the Old Testament some commands to Israel as a nation to serve the Lord with "all her heart." "Hear, O Israel: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." Deut. 6:5; "And now, Israel, what does the Lord require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with "all thy heart" and with "all thy soul." Deut. 10:12. Some would say, "That just applies to Israel, we're living in a different dispensation." Yes, that's right. We are in a different

dispensation. But do you think God would require any less of us today than He did Israel when we have had so much more light than any of them ever had? Let's at least be honest. We might as well say that we just don't believe what the Bible says as to come up with something like that.

In I Chron. 28:9, we find these words: "Serve God with a 'perfect heart' and a willing mind." What is a perfect heart? Is it not a heart completely yielded to God's will?

But not only in the Old Testament but also in the New. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." For the skeptic it might be interesting to note that the two words used here for perfect are the same in reference to our perfection and God's perfection. We cannot expect to be as perfect in measure as He is for He is infinite and we are but finite; but, as a drop of water from the ocean, we may be perfect in like manner as He is. Praise the Lord.

"For the end of the commandment is charity; out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned." I Tim. 1:5. A pure heart, cleansed by the Blood of the Lamb brings a good conscience. An evil heart bodes a guilty conscience. Which have you? "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind . . . and thy neighbor as thyself. Matt. 22:37-40.

#### DIVINE PROMISES:

Not only do we have commands to holiness but there are also many promises that holiness is possible. "The Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live." God here Promises to "circumcise" or transform the heart that we might be enabled to live holy before God. With every command of God there is also a promise of grace. "Come now and let us reason together saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18.

"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you A new heart also will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them." Ezek. 36:25-27. Praise God when we yield ourselves to Him, He puts His Spirit within us to cause us to walk in His ways. We cannot do it in ourselves but through the grace of God we can be holy in "all manner of conversation" "in this present world."

Zacharias prophesied after Christ had come that we might "serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our life." Luke 1:74-75.

"If any man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our abode with him." John 14:23. How could a holy God and His holy Son make their abode with the man who is living for the devil and has the carnal, depraved nature within his heart. God abhors sin and will not tolerate it. Therefore if "we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9. Would not the cleansing from all unrighteousness be a complete deliverance?

## PRAYERS OF SCRIPTURE:

Jesus prayed that the disciples might be made perfect in Him. "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us. I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one." John 17:21-23.

St. John says, "His love is perfected in us." Here is perfect love. God's love perfected in us. John Wesley said that "Christian Perfection is nothing more or nothing less than Perfect Love."

St. Paul prayed this magnificent prayer, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul, and body be preserved blame, less unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it." I Thess. 5:23-24.

David's prayer was, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Psa. 51:10. God grant that this would be our sincere prayer today; a clean heart and a right spirit.

Paul prayed again that the Ephesian Church might be "filled with all the fulness of God." Eph. 3:14-19.

## EXHORTATIONS OF SCRIPTURE:

The writer of the book of Hebrews exhorts us not to stop to build again the foundations of the doctrine of Christ as necessary as they are but "let us go on unto perfection." Heb. 6:1.

"Having, therefore, these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." II Cor. 7:1. "I beseech you, therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Rom. 12:1. Paul seemed to be very clear about holiness of heart and life. I'm afraid some people may face some of these scriptures on the judgment. James also says, "But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." James 1:4. Would these wise apostles exhort us to seek after something which was impossible to attain. Thank the Lord, it is possible through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

## EXAMPLES OF SCRIPTURE:

The Scripture abounds with examples of persons who attained to Christian Perfection. Would God grant it to some and not to others?

We read of Enoch who was translated, "By faith . . . he had this testimony, that he had pleased God." Heb. 11:5. Surely no one would say that a sinful man could please God.

Job (in spite of what some holiness ??? preachers would say) was "perfect and upright, and one that feared God and eschewed evil." Job 1:1.

Zacharias and Elizabeth "were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless." Luke 1:6. Jesus said of Nathaniel, "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!"

St. Paul said, "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded." Phil. 3:15.

But some would say, "most of these men were Old Testament characters; how could they be sanctified when the blood was not yet shed and the Holy Spirit had not yet come." Without even entering into the theological correctness of this assertion, I pray that we might realize that if the Old Testament men could live perfect before the Lord, how much greater is our responsibility with the Holy Spirit as our constant companion and guide and the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

God grant that we might be a holy people, blameless before Him in love realizing that "without holiness no man shall see the Lord."

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T.V.

By Mary E. Owen

Look my friends and on my screen  
Sin and worldliness is seen;  
Shameless girls with skimpy clothes,  
Just like those in movie shows.  
Crime and murder you will see,  
Love and sinful revelry.  
Come and gather round about,  
I will choke your prayer life out,  
Leave no time to read God's word,  
Crowd it out, have you not heard?  
I get folks so fooled and blind  
They must give me all their time,  
Once you get a set like me  
You're my slave for life, you see.  
I can make you act so rude  
All your friends will think you crude.  
When they come to visit you,  
I'm the only thing in view.  
Over in the heathen lands  
They have idol gods on hand.  
In the good ole' U.S.A.  
People serve me more each day.  
Yes, you guessed it. You know me.  
I'm the set they call T. V.

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## A DEVOURING MONSTER IN OUR MIDST

There is a Monster that is choking, cutting, draining the blood and life out of God's people. He is in the church as big and black as Satan himself, making slaves out of some of God's precious, anointed, pure and holy people and they don't even know it for if they did, I'm sure they would rise up and slay him utterly. The devil doesn't like the light so therefore I like to shine the light full force on him every chance I get. This monster's name is "Scheduled Revivals" or Meetings is a better word.

The pastor says to his people, "We have called Bro. to hold our next revival meeting and he is coming Oct. 15th and will be here through the 25th. We need a revival! We need an old fashioned, Holy Ghost, heaven sent revival and let's all get in and pray and fast and believe God for it." The people catch the vision of the great need of precious hell bound souls all about them and the need of revival in the hearts of God's own people, so they pray until they have the burden on their hearts. They call upon God with fasting and weeping, pushing aside the cares of this life and things that need to be done around the home and enter into agonizing travail for revival. They go down into "the valley of the shadow of death into their garden of Gethsemane "with joy in their hearts for the privilege of suffering, in some way with Christ for precious souls. Their hearts cry being, "Oh Lord give revival among your people that they will be channels through which Thou canst move that Thou be glorified and precious souls be born into Thy kingdom."

The revival begins as 'scheduled' and as the days come and go, there is a move toward God and there are confessions made and souls seeking God at the altar and at home. God is blessing and sometimes the evangelist doesn't even get to preach because the Holy Spirit takes over. Then

before a person hardly realizes it the last day of the revival has come. Some great victories have been won and everyone praises the Lord and tells the evangelist "Good-bye" and the doors are closed in God's face to the heart break of those who gave all to have an old fashioned, Holy Ghost revival.

It costs life to give life. Paul said, "death worketh in us but life in you." II Cor. 4:12.

The evangelist is off to another "Scheduled Revival." I wonder if he asked God what He would have him do with no will of his own in the way? We talk and preach against "Form and Program" in the church. I wonder if we are living up to what we preach? We give God 9 to 14 days to come and we thank Him for the refreshings and blessings and victories but we MUST have HOLY GHOST, HEAVEN SENT REVIVALS or we'll perish! God's interceders are being killed by these "Scheduled Revivals"! The evangelists are slaves to their master, "Scheduled Revival"! This monster drives him on and on from one place to another draining him physically, financially and spiritually.

God's plan is always to wait until. God has a time and purpose and we must wait upon the Lord and do everything in God's way. His time, His plan, His will. Sometimes I think God gives us a soul here and one there because He feels sorry for us and all the effort we put forth. If we were putting forth all of our efforts in the will of God and letting God tell us when to move and how long to stay, I believe with all my heart, God would give us a mighty flood of revival from heaven in the Bible Missionary Church.

In the days of Holy Ghost revivals, the evangelist asked God where he should go and was led of the Spirit. Then he would stay, praying, fasting, preaching, visiting, believing God until revival came and then stay until the town was turned upside down. God's people would visit, fast, pray, believe God and hold up the evangelist's hands. They would bring blankets and make pallets for the children letting nothing stand in the way. No wonder God came and beer taverns would close and other places of amusement and sinners would be so convicted of sin and of righteousness and judgment until they would scream and cry, "God be merciful to me a sinner !"

I believe with all my heart the reason we are not having Holy Ghost revivals is because we are having "Scheduled" revivals. The monster "Schedule" pushes God aside. This monster is draining the very life and blood physically, spiritually and financially from God's precious holy people, His beloved ones. My heart weeps and bleeds and breaks. Oh, may God in His mercy help us to be wise and catch the vision of this monster within, that defeats the very purpose of all our efforts. -- A Sister in Christ

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## UNSTABLE FEET

By John A. Self

Unstable feet,  
Never standing too long.  
Watch them now as again

They are stepping wrong.

Look! Shout for joy,  
For they are stable again.  
Let us look closely now,  
Was it not all in vain?

We look into the past  
And see those once stable feet,  
And at once we think of the battles  
We will have to repeat.

Oh! If we would not have erred  
From that straight and narrow way,  
And would have stayed on guard,  
Fighting the night for the lighted day.

This day would we be  
Much farther up the road,  
On a little higher ground  
With a little lighter load.

But since the mistakes of the past  
Can't be changed or even undone,  
We will fight the battle again  
Until we have finally won.

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#### CORRECTION

Brother M. L. Reiff's address in Wichita, Kansas is 1144 Water St. instead of 1114. Please make this note. If you have friends you would like for him to call on write him.

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#### NEW MANUALS AND JOURNALS

The new Manuals and the Journals of the Second General Conference are now ready. You may order them from The Bible Missionary Church Book Store, 2601 N. Federal Blvd., Denver, Colorado. -- A. L. Crane, General Secretary

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#### A FAMOUS UNWRITTEN LETTER

Rev. Saint Paul,  
Independent Missionary,  
Corinth, Greece  
Dear Mr. Paul:

We recently received an application from you for service under our Board. It is our policy to be as frank and open-minded as possible with all our applicants. We have made an exhaustive survey of your case; and, to be plain, we are surprised that you have been able to "pass" as a bona fide missionary.

We are told that you are afflicted with a severe eye trouble. This is certain to be an insuperable handicap to an effective ministry. Our Board requires 20-20 vision.

At Antioch, we learn, you opposed Dr. Simon Peter, an esteemed denominational secretary, and actually rebuked him publicly. You stirred up so much trouble at Antioch that a special board meeting had to be convened in Jerusalem. We cannot condone such actions.

Do you think it seemly for a missionary to do part-time secular work? We hear that you are making tents, on the side. In a letter to the church at Philippi, you admitted that they were the only church supporting you. We wonder why?

Is it true that you have a jail record? Certain brethren report that you did two years' time at Caesarea, and were imprisoned in Rome.

You caused so much trouble for the businessmen at Ephesus that they refer to you as "the man who turned the world upside down." Sensationalism in missions is uncalled for. We also deplore the lurid "over-the-wall-in-a-basket" episode at Damascus.

We were appalled at your obvious lack of conciliatory behavior. Diplomatic men are not stoned and dragged out of the city gate, nor assaulted by furious mobs. Have you ever suspected that gentler words might gain you more friends?

In one of your letters, you refer to yourself as "Paul, the aged." Our new mission policies do not envisage a surplus of superannuated recipients.

We understand that you are given to fantasies and dreams. At Troas, you saw "a man of Macedonia," and at another time were "caught up into the third heaven," and even claimed that the Lord stood by you. We reckon that more realistic and practical minds are needed in the task of world evangelization.

You have caused much trouble everywhere you have gone. You opposed the honorable women at Berea, and the leaders of your own nationality in Jerusalem. If a man cannot get along with his own people, how can he serve foreigners?

You admit that while you were doing time in prison at Rome that all forsook you. Good men are not left friendless. Three fine brothers, by the name of Diotrephes, Demas, and Alexander

the coppersmith, have notarized affidavits to the effect that it is impossible for them to cooperate with either you or your program.

We know that you had a bitter quarrel with a fellow named Barnabas. Harsh words do not further the work of God.

You have written many letters to churches where you have formerly been pastor. In one of these letters you accused one church member of living with his father's wife, and you caused the whole church to feel badly; and the poor fellow was expelled!

You spend too much time talking about "the second coming of Christ." Your letters to the people at Thessalonica were almost entirely devoted to this theme. Put first things first from now on.

Your ministry has been far too flighty to be successful. First Asia Minor, then Macedonia, then Greece, then Italy--and now you are talking about a wild goose chase into Spain. Concentration is more important than dissipation of one's powers. You cannot win the whole world by yourself. You are just one little Paul!

In a recent sermon, you said, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." It seems to us that you ought also to glory in our heritage, our denominational program, the unified budget, and the great World Federation of Churches.

Your sermons are much too long for the times. At one place, you talked until after midnight and a young man was so sleepy that he fell out the window and broke his neck! Nobody is saved after the first twenty minutes. "Stand up; speak up; and then shut up" is our advice.

Dr. Luke reports that you are a thin little man--bald, frequently sick, and always so agitated over your churches that you sleep very poorly. He reports that you pad around the house praying half the night. A healthy mind in a robust body is our ideal for all applicants. A good night's sleep will give you zest and zip, so that you wake up, full of "zing"!

You wrote recently to Timothy that you had "fought a good fight." Fighting is hardly a recommendation for a missionary. No fight is a "good fight." Jesus came, not to bring a sword, but peace. You boast that "I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus." What on earth do you mean?

It hurts me to tell you this, Brother Paul, but in all of my twenty-five years experience, I have never met a man so opposite to the requirements of our Foreign Mission Board.

Most sincerely yours,  
J. Flavius Fluffyhead,  
Foreign Mission Board Sec'y

--From Church Herald & Holiness Banner.

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## INDOOR HOLINESS CAMP

January 5-12

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Workers: Preacher, Rev. Elbert Dodd  
Singers: Troy and Margaret Cook  
Day Services.  
Rooms Free.

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Rev. Thomas Huff, Route 11, Box 241, Houston, Texas

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## THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS

By C. A. Thompson

"In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matt. 3:1, 2.

In those days, the church was under tribute to a world power, and the Roman Eagle was nailed over the door of the Temple, and of course nothing went on there that was hurtful to the world power. The wilderness mentioned refers to the Jewish Church, which had ceased to be any rebuke to the world, so John says of himself that he is just a voice crying in this wilderness this one time mighty power, now shorn of this power because of their sins and was doing service to the world. John's message was to this church. He did not say they needed to be sanctified, but his cry was, "Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

I am now an old man, having preached for sixty years, and for the most part, a definite second blessing holiness preacher, and I have preached pretty much over the nation and many parts of Canada, and have had opportunity to see for myself, and I must declare before God that the holiness churches as a general thing have surrendered to the world and are in a dead and backslidden state, and correspond to the condition which we find at the time of John the Baptist.

Jesus said that the world hated Him, because He testified that the works thereof were evil. I have found that as an evangelist the church and the world are so near alike it is impossible to tell them apart. Just go into any of the holiness churches and preach on worldliness and see what happens. The worldliness along almost any line. Preachers wives wearing spike heels, earrings, Hollywood hats, and every way as much like Hollywood as is possible to be. Preachers wives wearing fifty dollar hats, tight fitting dresses, bobbed hair, and every mark of a worldling.

Men must have the latest model car, in fact the latest of everything, which gives some idea that worldliness has hit the men too. I know a man who was asked to preach in a holiness church, on a Sunday morning not long since, with a view of holding a revival there. He took as his theme, "The worldliness in the holiness churches." He spoke of the immodesty of women in their dress, the tight fitting garments, and all that goes with that. He spoke of the desecration of the Sabbath, the Sunday ball games, the Sunday buying, the immoral programs on the television, and the children allowed to sit up all hours watching the blood, and thunder, the murder, the drinking, and everything that gives what the world calls a thrill.

He spoke about women wearing shorts on the street, promiscuous bathing, and the glamour of liquor, cigarettes, and every other evil which pollutes the mind and heart of youth. He mentioned that there is hardly a word from the modern pulpit on any of these lines. I have been told that all these things are unimportant, as we are in a different age from what I grew up in, and these things are not fundamentally wrong, and just so the heart gets right, all these things will be changed. The facts are, these things are but signs that the heart is not right. Of course simply the changing of these things does not make the heart right, but if the heart is right all these things will be changed.

Well, the evangelist went on showing the worldliness of the church, but before he was through, the young pastor stopped him and dismissed the congregation. The Board at once called the young man and demanded an apology for such outrageous conduct, and told him he must do so or they would demand his dismissal. This young fountain of spiritual wisdom, had joined the Chamber of Commerce, and was the head of the committee to conduct a beauty contest in which he would be obliged to judge the girls in bathing suits and to ascertain their measurements, and thus to select a Queen for some occasion. Surely the holiness "churches have become a wilderness, and he was simply following the method of John, by calling them to Repentance. We are called to rebuke sin, and it surely is a sin to encourage such as this, and definitely more so when a minister takes part in what he should reprove.

These young wise men tell us, that is the way to get the world to come to the church, to have worldly suppers which this young man did, and of course when we let down the standard regarding sin, the world will flock in, but what becomes of the church? it is ruined and has no power to bring about a real revival. I have seen too many, I know they do not come that way, but by prayer, fasting, waiting upon God, until He breaks through and brings a separation between the church and the world. Real repentance will bring a separation of the church from the world. Jesus said of His disciples, "They are NOT of the world even as I am not of the world." It does not require entire sanctification to separate the church from the world. No sir, unless we are separated from the world, we are not Christians at all. Jesus then prayed for His disciples, that THEY might be sanctified, that the world might BELIEVE. John says "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." James says, "Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." O! who will rise up with me against this army of worldlings who have been taken into the church, and thus robbed her of her power to bring about a God sent revival, which will change the hearts and lives of sinners in, and out of the church? -- C.A. Thompson, evangelist, 1102 N. 49th Ave. Omaha, Nebraska

"I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see." (Rev. 3:18).

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#### CHURCH NEWS

Mrs. Robert Fleming, Editor,  
1010 - 9th St., Greeley, Colorado

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#### GREENVILLE, TENN

Brother Stinnett and his people at Greenville have built a new church and parsonage. We praise God for the way God is blessing them.

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#### CROSSVILLE, TENN

Brother Cameron and his people at Crossville have purchased three nice lots and will soon be in a building program.

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#### TULLAHOMA, TENN.

Rev. Cecil Spry has recently united with the Bible Missionary Church. They have purchased a lovely property at Tullahoma and are running around 75 in attendance. They plan to organize a Bible Missionary Church soon.

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#### SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.

Brother C. E. Morgan held a revival meeting. At the close of the meeting Brother Dodd came by and organized the church at Santa Cruz. Rev. Kenneth Johansen has been called as pastor. May God bless the folk at Santa Cruz.

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#### DALLAS, TEXAS

Brother Thomas Huff and Brother Milton Stewart held a meeting at Dallas. Brother Elbert Dodd organized the church and Rev. Pat Courtney was called as pastor.

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#### PLEASE PRAY

Pray for Brother Dodd's mother. She has been seriously ill but is better now.

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#### BEULAH MOUNTAIN CHILDREN'S HOME Beulah Heights, Kentucky

Brother and Sister M. H. Meek have moved to the Children's home and are getting a good start there as manager of the home. Things are looking good for the home. Please remember them and all the children in your prayers.

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#### SOUTH CHARLESTON, WEST VA.

Brother H. B. Huffman held a meeting and organized the church in South Charleston. Rev. Clifton Witt, 728-2nd Ave. is the pastor.

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#### EAST CHARLESTON, WEST VA.

We do not know just when this church was organized but presume that Brother Huffman organized it. He sent us the following information. Pastor Rev. Leon Samples, 2007 Crescent Road, Charleston, W. Va. Church location Charleston South East. May God bless them and Brother Huffman, he is giving good account of himself.

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#### KENNEWICK, WASH.

O u r revival with Brother Spencer Johnson and the Cranes was like a Camp Meeting to this area. People came in from Goldendale, Yakima, Walla Walla, Wash., and Madras, Ore. We had the largest crowds we have had since coming to Kennewick. Brother and Sister Crane sang with their usual freedom and glory, and blessed our hearts with their Spirit-filled singing. Brother Johnson is a man of God and preached the truth from a burning heart. How we feasted, prayed and dug deeper as he dug around the roots of our hearts and pointed us to the One who could deliver. There are no better workers than Brother Johnson and the Cranes. Unsaved sought and found God and believers were sanctified and the church edified. We mean to press on into the ranks of the enemy here.

On the last Sunday we had three services. In the morning service, Brother Johnson presented the need of the Building Fund and our small group pledged over \$1600.00 for this cause. In the afternoon, Brother Johnson stirred our hearts in a great missionary service and again the people pledged over \$1000.00 for missions. This is not from their abundance, but constituted sacrifice, and faith that God wants to get to this generation.

God has been good to us here in Kennewick. Our people believe in this old-fashioned way and have really stood by as we have labored in three cities besides Kennewick. As a result we have a church in Goldendale and Brother and Sister Don Bowman are on the field there. Praise the Lord forever. We are looking to God for a revival and a church soon in another city. God is still on the throne. We love Him and mean to be faithful unto the end. The fields are white unto harvest in this great northwest, and we are claiming souls for God, holiness and this old-fashioned way. Amen. Pray for us. -- Rev. and Mrs. Carl J. Kinzler, pastors

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#### ADRIAN, MICHIGAN

Brother Buchanan of the Detroit Bible Missionary Church held a two week meeting for the Adrian, Michigan Bible Missionary Church. It was their first revival since they were organized. Brother Buchanan's preaching was filled with many "Loaves and fishes." Those hungry people had a feast. Many prayed through in the old-fashioned way. One brother went to the mayor of the town and paid for a gallon of paint that he had forgotten to pay for when he was out in sin. Praise God! Brother Roper of Detroit did most of the singing. God came and blessed in a marvelous way. Praise His Holy Name!

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#### SAXAPHAW, NORTH CAROLINA

Rev. E. T. Harris was used of the Lord in our revival. Each night God's presence was sweetly felt and the messages of truth went deep into our hearts and blessed those that were present. The flu and other things hit our attendance very hard. There wasn't much crowd, but there was lots of God and glory! Pray for us at Saxapahaw, that God may use us to light the fire in this wide-open harvest field of North Carolina. -- Rev. Gary Smith, Pastor

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#### ORIGINAL BIBLE MISSIONARY CHURCH DEDICATED

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The mother church at Midway between Nampa and Caldwell, Idaho, was dedicated at a special afternoon service, November 17, 1957, by our founder Rev. Glenn Griffith. We had a wonderful informal service under God's leadership. There were shouts of praise, singing and special music. We praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Brother Griffith spoke from Matthew 26:39, "And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." Brother Griffith, as usual, spoke with holy fervor, under the anointing and unction of the Holy Spirit which has always characterized his preaching. This rugged and tender hearted general spoke to people in this service who knew his great courage and complete trust in God. We saw him when he sized up the need of the day and viewed the storm clouds which threatened the needy harvest fields. We saw him when he accepted the challenge and put the words of the verse into reality, "nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." We were present and stand as witnesses to the fact that he stepped out under the stars and started holding meetings in a tent on September 8, 1955, when it was so cold, that barrels of burning charcoal were used to keep the people warm. A few weeks later we were forced to leave the tent for warmer quarters. A short distance from this camp meeting site God had reserved an old building which had been used as roller rink, dance floor and box factory. From the time we began in the tent and moved to this box factory we had five weeks of continuous revival.

During our early days Brother Alva Turner, a spirit filled man and a wonderful evangelistic pastor came to serve as assistant pastor. When the general work claimed all of Brother Griffith's time, Brother Turner was chosen as pastor. He was chosen by our Heavenly Father, by Brother Griffith and by the people of Midway church. His able leadership has kept the fire in our midst and in a very great measure helped to make this church dedication possible.

During our stay in the old saw dust floored box factory Brother Elbert Dodd came and helped us with some sound financial planning. We appreciate Brother Dodd's business ability and Spirit filled life.

We are thankful for our new building. It is a plain building sixty feet wide and one hundred and twenty feet long. We thank God for His blessings and His faithful servants who were on time in answering His call. Preceding our dedication Brother Richard Boynton, a sweet spirited man was used of God to hold us a wonderful Holy Ghost revival. God gave him close and searching messages for the church. He carries a heavy burden and we invite him to come back. -- George Stoops, Reporter

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#### CHANDLER, OKLAHOMA

Chandler, Oklahoma reports a wonderful revival with Rev. L. H. Newcomb as evangelist, preaching night after night under the anointing of God. The church prayed and fasted until God answered prayer and gave some wonderful victories. Some of the hard cases received steadfast victory. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! -- Rev. Wilbur S. Brown, pastor

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#### GENERAL MODERATOR VISITS IRELAND

Pray for Brother Glenn Griffith and Brother Paul Finch. They are on a preaching mission in Ireland this month. Brother Griffith will go on to Africa to visit the Missionary work there. Pray that God will give them many precious souls and that He will bring them safely home.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IMPORTANT CHANGE

The indoor camp at Houston has been changed to January 5-12, instead of January 12-19. Rooms Free.

Elbert Dodd, preacher with Troy and Margaret Cook, Singers.

Everybody welcome. Bible Missionary Church, 7817 Mr. Houston Road. -- Thomas Huff, pastor

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### ATTENTION PASTORS

The Department of Publication has prepared a little pamphlet entitled, "INTRODUCING THE BIBLE MISSIONARY CHURCH." It contains a brief history of the church, a brief statement of doctrine, the General and Special Rules, and some information about the missionary work. Also the explanatory notes as to why the existence of The Bible Missionary Church. This little attractive pamphlet will be useful to you in introducing the church to new people. Price is 75 cents per dozen or \$6.00 per hundred. You may order them from the Bible Missionary Church Book Store, 2601 N. Federal Blvd., Denver, Colo.

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### ATTENTION EVANGELISTS

If you will let Brother A. L. Crane, Box 392, Nampa, Idaho, know your slate ahead of time he will have a bundle of sample copies of The Missionary Revivalist mailed and waiting for you at each meeting when you get there. Then you can take subscriptions for the paper without having to carry the extra weight of papers along with you. It would be well to present the paper in every meeting.

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### SEA BREEZE CAMP MEETING

The eleventh annual camp meeting will convene on the camp ground at Hobe Sound, Florida, February 6-16, 1958.

Workers: H. E. Darnell and others. Kenneth Knapp and wife will be in charge of the singing. Hear Rev. Jennie Gordeuk tell how they escaped from Russia after her little mother had matched swords with the mighty Stalin. We consider it one of the greatest answers to prayer on record.

Will you pray with us for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost?

Bring bedding.

For further information write: H. R. French, Box 848, Hobe Sound, Fla.

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### PROMOTED TO GLORY

Mackey J. Brown

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Mackey J. Brown was born in McMinnville, Tennessee, August 15, 1885, the son of James and Barsha Brown. He attended elementary schools in that area and also Trevecca College, Nashville, Tennessee. He came to Twin Falls in 1930 and resided there until his death.

He was ordained an elder in the Church of the Nazarene in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in September 1926 and held pastorates and also did evangelistic work in Tennessee and Idaho. In 1956 he united with The Bible Missionary Church and was a commissioned evangelist at the time of his death.

He was united in marriage with Flora May Swope, June 6, 1922, in South Pittsburg, Tennessee.

Besides his widow, Brother Brown is survived by one brother, Albert Brown, of Kimberly, Idaho and two sisters Mrs. Rachel Givens and Mrs. Maggie Ward both of Kimberly, and by several nieces and nephews and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and ten brothers and sisters.

He passed away Wednesday evening at Magic Valley Memorial Hospital, Twin Falls.

Editor's note: Brother Brown was a faithful personal worker. He was constantly busy giving out tracts, talking to people about the Lord and spreading good cheer. He was always giving somebody something. More than once I have been the recipient of his kindness. May God bless the memory of Mackey J. Brown. He will live long in the hearts of those who knew him. We will look forward to meeting him on the sunny banks of Sweet Deliverance in that "City of Delight where our faith is lost in sight."

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JO ANN PIERCE ROSS

Jo Ann Ross was born February 17, 1931 at Walters, Oklahoma, to John F. and Mamie Pierce and passed to her heavenly reward October 29, 1957 after a brief illness.

She moved to Comanche, Oklahoma in 1940 where she attended High School, graduating in 1948. She was outstanding in the speech department having been a member of the debate team, both in high school and at Oklahoma College for Women at Chickasha, Okla.

She was married to Bob Ross December 11, 1948. To this union were born three children: Robert Earl 8 years old, Christa Ann 4 years old and Eugenia LaRue who preceded her mother in death on August 27, 1957.

Jo Ann was converted in the spring of 1951 and gloriously sanctified in November of the same year during a revival conducted by Rev. Elbert Dodd. She was a charter member of the Bible Missionary Church in Duncan, Oklahoma. The entire congregation feels that we have lost one of our outstanding members.

Having been her pastor during her entire Christian life. it was a joy to watch the manifold grace of God exemplified in her personality and life. She was a person of many talents and gifts. She was the ideal mother and keeper of the house, true servant of her Lord, and faithful member of the church. Her testimonies were always fresh and blessed of God. Uncompromising in her stand for the right, she was also cooperative and willing whether the task was large or small. With it all hers was the ability to make friends both for herself and her Lord. She loved life and fought courageously to sustain it. Though very young she lived a full, fruitful, and industrious life. Doubtless she has already made her report as to the talents given her and has heard her Master's response, "Well done, daughter, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

She leaves to mourn her departure, her husband, Bob. two children, Bobble and Christa all of Duncan, her mother Mrs. Marvin Shackelford, Walters, Okla. (Her father preceded her in death in (1953.) One brother, James D. Pierce, of Comanche, Oklahoma, and a host of friends and relatives.

Her funeral was conducted in the Duncan Bible Missionary Church by her pastor Rev. J. E. Cook, assisted by Rev. Glenn Patterson. The church was filled to capacity. She was a precious girl and we all miss her so. -- J. E. Cook

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"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit is no guile." (Psa. 32:1, 2.)

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Foreign Missions  
Rev. Paul Finch, Secretary,  
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## GUATEMALA STILL APPEALS By Paul W. Finch

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Guatemala is the first in our group of neighbors of the Central American Republics just south of Old Mexico. The writer was privileged to visit this country and minister to our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Reiff, their coworkers and national pastors. En route, a one night stop was made in Brownsville, Texas, with Brother and Sister Glenn Smith who have a wonderful work among the Mexican people. God gave liberty as I preached to nearly a hundred folks, and climaxed with a good altar service with about twenty seekers. It was a time not to be forgotten, and may the Lord continue His gracious blessing on these dear people.

A visit to the mission field always touches the deepest cords of my being. I want to pass on by pen, in some measure, this great compassion, that you may share with me the last command of Jesus, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Coming face to face with the desperate need of precious souls for whom Christ died, means responsibility.

The missionaries met me at the capital, Guatemala City. The trip to Jalapa is forty miles by Jet, but one hundred and ten by Jeep! Part of the journey/ was over a lovely modern highway, other times careening through a river bed, and again crawling the mountain side. Reaching our destination safely about eight o'clock in the evening, we entered the doors of the mission station, and received a warm welcome from fellowship-hungry missionaries. God was with us from the very first, and the great task ahead was illuminated with the radiance of the promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Guatemala is about the size of the State of Ohio, with three and one half million people, of whom about eighty per cent are Indians. Centuries ago, they worshipped the sun god. The Roman Catholics came, took away their idols, gave them images, beads and crucifixes. There was no change in the life or living conditions. It is still a tale of woe to the great masses. Unsanitary conditions are unbelievable. One international traveler said she had never seen such poverty. Not only crippled and warped and shriveled externally, but gnawing parasites devour the very vitals of the people. A precious baby boy of two years, died a terrible death. Worms were devouring his fragile body; he had coughed them up, and fought for an existence, but death finally claimed its little victim. Our missionaries entered the home during this time of sadness and were shown the lifeless form placed on a table and covered with a white curtain. When the cover was removed, oh, horrors! A wiry, plastic appearing worm was emerging from his little nostril. When removed by an old lady in the home, it was six inches long! God give us the compassion of Jesus toward these little ones, who live suffering and die crying.

Last night we went to an outstation. While the missionaries were preparing for the service, I sat on the ground and leaned against the adobe wall of the humble little chapel. Darkness had

enveloped the landscape. Away over the distant mountains, lightning flashed atop a storm down on the coast. Strange voices of the night broke the silence, while little fires gleamed from stick huts here and there. Men, women and children, who came silently out of the darkness, their feet padding quietly along on mother earth, entered the Chapel. The strange environment seemed to say, "Hushed were the glad hosannas the little children sing." I was impressed with the nameless grief of my surroundings. My heart cried, "Oh, God, when will Jesus appear like the lightning that shineth from the east to the west?"

But something was happening. The portable electric plant had thrown light around, Gospel music was filling the country side, more people were crowding in, and a hope seized my heart. The light was shining in darkness, and Jesus had come with many of the humble Christians. On entering the chapel, I felt His Spirit. Had not the little Indian pastor fled at one time when hunted, and as good as laid down his life for the Gospel? Had he not said to the missionary, "I weep for my people: we must have a spiritual awakening." As they sang a song of welcome for me, I could hardly keep the tears back.

The pastor from a neighboring village played his guitar. Transformed? Yes. The casual eye might not see all, but he was changed. Saved six years before, out of an area which was a stronghold of communism, he had won to God and gathered together some believers, among them the dance band of the town. He married the woman he had been living with, sought and obtained from Christ, a love for her son by another man when they all lived in sin, and now the family was in the service, the past under the blood, the future as bright as the promises of God. A common law wife does not require any great fidelity, and getting properly married is one of the big steps in becoming a Christian.

It was a great service. We climbed in the little Jeep and went home. What an insight into the work our missionaries are doing! The children are being taught, young people instructed in the Word of God, and being called pastors and evangelists. The Bible School is a tremendous asset, and without it, this whitened harvest field could not be touched. I write this appeal. Have you heard the call of God to go? If so, young friend, obey! Has God asked you for a gift? Give it! Make the sacrifice. Our missionaries are humble people, dedicated to this great task of getting scriptural holiness to lost men. It is our finest hour; a time of glorious victory. Let us all go forward!

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Don't forget our missionaries in their great task. Put them on your prayer list. and hold them up to the Lord daily. We give a little brief of their activities.

Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Reiff, superintendent of our Guatemalan work, carry the responsibility of administration. One cannot appreciate the many phases until on the field. Ask God to give them strength and wisdom, to carry the light and life of Jesus each day. Their son Glenn, is a fine young man and well equipped to carry on the work with his parents; a splendid interpreter, and right hand man. He has proved his value already.

Miss Leta Keith, now on the field eight years, is a faithful teacher in the school and worker with the children. This is the dry season, and evangelistic meetings and children's training classes will be held by preachers and students until the first of April. Ask God for a great harvest.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Reiff and their two children are on furlough and in deputation work. Stand by them. and if they come to your church, they will be a wonderful blessing. Early in 1958 they will return to Guatemala.

Miss Zarilla McVay is on her way to Eritrea. God has blessed her in deputation meetings, and by the time you read these lines, she will be en route, or perhaps there. Pray that she may be successful in her new field.

Eritrea already has two of our missionaries working with Brother Victor Glenn's Faith Missions; Miss Norma Kennedy, and Miss Pauline Keith.

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## SELF-EXAMINATION

By Paul Hennigan

TEXT -- I Cor. 11:28

(But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.)

The word examination covers a wide field. It is one of the most common practices of mankind. We insist on examinations in all practices of life. St. Paul said, "Godliness or Holiness is profitable in this life and the life to come." There is real profit in examination materially and physically. Materially, in the fact that in a simple examination you may save thousands of dollars. Physically, in that you might save untold pain, suffering and death. I have the steering mechanism of my car examined often to protect my life and the life of others. Now St. Paul is urging us to examine ourselves.

First, let us examine ourselves in the light of the Bible. (Matthew 5:18) Jesus said, "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law. till all be fulfilled." Again Paul said, (Hebrews 4:12) "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." God's word is as sure as Himself. It is not what the backslidden TV sports loving preacher says, but what God says. We are living in a day of substitutes but there are no substitutes for the blessed Holy Ghost. We have depended upon programs and human instigated crusades and wiener roasts to the extent we have grieved the Holy Ghost, ex, amine yourselves in the light of God's word.

Second, we need to examine ourselves in the light of past convictions. Someone has said first impressions are always safest. Millions of so-called Holiness people are living in a spiritual fog because they have gone back on their God given convictions. They once deplored the old theater and the burlesque show, now they have moved them in their living rooms. Someone has

said we are raising a generation of TV monsters and addicts. Another said that we are raising a generation of morons. No doubt TV is the most wicked thing the devil has pushed off on humanity. Paul said, (Gal. 2:18) "For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor." A prominent holiness preacher stated in the pulpit that he used to preach against bobbed hair and jewelry but he didn't anymore. Also when a preacher applied for work on his district, he wanted to know if his wife had bobbed hair or wore a wedding band. He has sacrificed his former God given convictions in order to win the applause and friendship of the world.

Third, we ought to examine ourselves in the light of Eternity. The rich man cried in hell but it was too late. Cain sought repentance with tears but he found no place of repentance. Judas repented, but too late. A lot of so-called holiness people are selling out for much less than poor old Judas sold out for. Esau sold his birthright for a bowl of pottage. John the Revelator said, (Rev. 22:11) "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

So dear friends we ought to examine ourselves in the light of these truths.

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## BRIDGE BUILDERS

Today I watched a busy crew,  
And I thought just then,  
As they build above the stream  
Help us to build above the world of men.

Down through crumbing sand,  
Down through sin and care,  
As they found the solid rock,  
So, Christ, our Rock, is there.

First they poured the footing  
On which a pillar shall stand.  
Salvation is our footing; sanctification  
The pillar on which our lives can stand.

A crossing wide shall span  
The pillars strong and true.  
Across the pillars of our lives  
A crossing for others to the Saviour true.

-- Mrs. Dale Miller

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## THE WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT

By J. B. Rigsby

"The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." --  
Romans 8:16

We are living in the day of great APOSTASY when there is very little preaching along the line of "the witness of the Spirit." I believe if there ever was a time when men need to preach a genuine, Holy Ghost experience, which always involves the "witness" it is now. There never were so many professors of religion and less possessors of it as there are today.

I would like to take you back into the Old Testament where God dealt with man in various ways. We see Him in the beginning coming down to walk and talk with man "in the cool of the day." However, man sinned and lost his first estate, but God did not forsake him. We see Him as He appears to Moses in the burning bush. However, God did not intend to remain in the bush. We see Him as the glory of the Lord fills the temple after King Solomon had prayed. But our God wasn't pleased to dwell in a temple. We further see Him as He is born in Bethlehem's manger; as He walked up and down the shores of Galilee, healing the sick, casting out devils, etc. God was not pleased to dwell on this earth in the form of the God-man, Christ Jesus. It was necessary that Jesus go to the cross, be resurrected and ascend unto the Father, in order that this Divine personality, the Holy Ghost be given us. Jesus, it is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you."

We would like for you to realize in your own heart and mind that the blessed Holy Ghost is a divine personality; He is the third person of the God Head; He is God! Some claim that He is merely an attribute of God but the Bible says, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word (Jesus Christ) and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." Some say that the Holy Ghost is not a personality because he does not have hands, feet, nose, mouth, etc. These people are merely confusing corporeality and personality. Your physical features do not make up your personality. It is made of your mind and character and the inner man. We claim, with the Bible to justify our claims, that the Holy Ghost is a person just as real as any person, He is one who strives. (Gen. 6:3) He is capable of being grieved. (Eph. 4:30) He can be quenched. (I Thess. 5:19).

We therefore conclude from our introduction that God wanted it so that every believer could at one time have the Holy Spirit present in his or her every day life and that this Spirit of Promise is a divine personality proceeding from the Father. This, dear hearts, is the Spirit which bears witness to our spirit that we are the children of God. This witness is vital to our Christian experience. Without it, we have no experience.

The witness of the spirit is not a mere sense of temporal relief. We see people come to our holiness altars time after time who never really seem to pray through to a definite experience. They will pray for awhile and the burden will subside, and temporarily relieved, they will leave the altar with a shallow profession. "They have healed the hurt . . . slightly." Brother, Sister, I think it is time we get back to the old paths and pound them on the back and rub their noses on the altar until they come through with a definite witness that God for Christ's sake has forgiven their sins or

cleansed their hearts. This is one reason that the holiness movement doesn't have any more fire today than it has. There are too many shallow professors aboard.

Further, the witness of the spirit is not what someone else thinks about it but it is what you are sure of. We have a lot of altar nurses in the holiness movement today that come around the altar and say a few words of prayer, after which they talk to the seekers and tell them to "just believe," "take it by faith" etc. when the seeker is not on believing ground. They even go so far as to say that, "I believe the Lord has done it, don't you?" Away with this superficial altar work, and give us some old-fashioned saints that will pray until the people really get the "witness"! Glory to God! This old thing has got a hold of preachers. They will even get down and talk or sing the converts through in order that they might get a new church member. Remember, dear hearts, it isn't what some others think, but what you know within.

Furthermore, the witness of the spirit is not some emotional upheaval. I believe that when God saves or sanctifies a heart that they will manifest it in some way. However, not all people act alike. If they do, they are monkeys. We often speak of the tongues doctrine as being false, and so it is. These dear people claim that the speaking in tongues is evidence that the person has been baptized by the Holy Ghost. We know that this isn't scriptural. However, we have people in the holiness churches who feel that if people don't act a certain way, or jump over the same log they did, etc. that they just don't have it. I'll say with all the love that I possess in a sanctified heart, that these holiness folk are no more scriptural than the tongues folk.

What then is the witness of the Spirit? I would like to say first of all that it is a positive knowledge that I have met all of God's conditions and that the Holy Ghost witnesses to me that I am saved, or sanctified, or living to please God. This communion between me and the Holy Ghost is just as real, or more so, as that between my wife and me. He is just as present, although not in a bodily form. Praise God, it is glory just to walk with Him.

John Wesley says, "The witness of the Spirit is an inward persuasion that God, for Christ sake, has forgiven me of my sins, and that I, even I, am reconciled to God." I want you to notice that he said an "inward persuasion."

One cannot mistake this witness of the spirit. Suppose I were to take a friend of mine, who is blind, to the Conservatory (flower) in Cincinnati, Ohio. It is around Easter time when all the beauty of the Easter scene is displayed including the white cross, flowers of all kinds, etc. Suddenly, the Lord sees fit to open the eyes of my friend. For the first time in his life he beholds the beauty of this world. Wouldn't this be a real, genuine, experience which couldn't be mistaken? So it is with a person who is blinded to the things of God. While at an altar of prayer, his eyes are suddenly opened to the beauty of serving God. This is an unmistakable experience.

We in the holiness movement ought to insist that our people have a definite witness of the Spirit before we take them into our churches. One reason we should insist on it is because man will always be dissatisfied without it. If we let them profess and take big places in the church, and we know they have never had a real witness, we are responsible for them. The main reason we should demand it is because it is a Bible essential. I repeat, "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." Brother, sister, if there is no witness, then you

need to get on your knees before God and pray until the witness comes. Glory to God! It will come, if you get in earnest.

It does not matter what country you live in, which church you attend, or anything else. This witness of the Spirit is a Bible doctrine, not just a church creed.

What is the extent of this witness? First of all, if I go back to the definition of John Wesley, I find that the Spirit will bear witness that God for Christ sake has forgiven me of my sins, and that I am reconciled to God. Then, if we turn to the 15th of Acts we find, "And God, which knoweth their hearts, bear them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us." From this passage of scripture we find that He witnesses to our sanctification. Then we find in Heb. 11:5 ". . . before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God." I believe from this scripture we can say that the Holy Ghost will bear witness to our daily lives that we are living to please God.

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