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**THE HOPE**  
By Elbert Dodd

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our  
Saviour Jesus Christ." (Titus 2:13)

The hope of the poor old lost, sin-benighted, blind, discouraged, disheartened and confused  
world is that they turn to the sin-bearing Saviour. There is grace for all sinners. There is the  
cleansing, sanctifying power for every regenerated soul. Jesus is their only hope.

The blessed hope of the sanctified, spirit-filled Church is in the coming of Jesus Christ in  
all His Glory. The backslidden, blinded, compromising preachers and lug politicians may suggest  
their panaceas for poverty, insecurity and evil, but the Church looks for the King of Glory. Isaiah  
tells us in the 11th Chapter of his book that all shall be changed after the Coming of the Lord. "But  
with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and  
he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the  
wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.  
The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf  
and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the  
bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on  
the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be  
full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." (Isaiah 11,:4-9)

Such glorious hope is fully justified, for our Lord is well able to do all He has promised  
through His Word. Saints, look up! Your complete redemption draweth nigh. We are pilgrims and  
strangers here, but we look for the City of God. Praise God for the blessed hope. We stand today

on the "Plains of Time." Personally, I live for that glorious day when the shout is made "Behold He cometh!" Let us keep looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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## HOW LONG?

By Mrs. Patricia Durr

How long since you took the Bible  
In a quiet place away  
From the hustle and the bustle  
Of this restless, rushing day?

Opened up the precious scriptures  
And read it for yourself,  
How Christ came to earth to save us;  
Deep into the scriptures delved?

How long since you renewed your vision?  
Took the scriptures to your heart.  
Went forth as an evangel;  
With your lips the word impart?

How long since the message thrilled you,  
Till you had to get away  
And find a soul to win to Jesus.  
Won't you do it, friend, today?

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## EDITORIAL

By Spencer Johnson

### THE FELLOWSHIP OF HOLINESS

"If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (I John 1:7)

It seems that the desire for fellowship is inborn in man. One of the greatest punishments that can be inflicted on human kind is to be deprived of fellowship while the heart pines for communion with those of like precious faith. Perhaps the primary motive of God in the creation of man was a desire for the fellowship of reciprocal love. The communion between Adam and Eve and their Creator was perfect until sin entered and marred their fellowship with Him. A poor, fallen, preacher once confessed to me that his greatest loss was the fellowship of God and that of good holy people.

No man can have perfect fellowship with God without a holy heart. Since God is holy, man can not be at ease in His presence until his heart is cleansed from all sin. The sanctified man has fellowship with God! There is nothing between his soul and his Saviour. The holy man has more than a polite speaking acquaintance with God. He has become one with Christ. The Holy Ghost dwells within his heart, cleansing, prompting, checking, leading, guiding. The natures of the two are blended until their aims, desires, and purposes are one. No earthly tie is so close and wonderful as this relationship between a holy God and a sanctified man. "Friendship with Jesus, fellowship Divine, Oh, what blessed sweet communion! Jesus is a friend of mine."

Human fellowship reaches its peak among holy people. No other group has such fellowship. It is not the cheap fellowship of the wiener roast, the ball team, or church social. These are only poor substitutes that are resorted to when the fellowship of the Spirit has departed. "Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?" (Gal. 3:3) "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." (Rom. 14:17) The fellowship of holiness is a spiritual union that surpasses all earthly ties and often sustains and comforts one when his worldly relatives turn against him. It embraces all who are walking in the light. The rich, the poor, the learned and unlearned, mature Christians and babes in Christ all have blessed communion when all are sanctified. Again and again we were impressed with the blessedness of this fellowship during our last General Conference. There were no big or little "shots." The spirit of unity and harmony was the outstanding feature of the entire gathering. How God did smile upon it and put His blessings upon it in wave after wave of glory!

The fellowship of holiness is a fellowship of doctrine. "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Acts 2:42) Constant prayer kept the early church in such vital contact with God that they were sound in doctrine. A failure to live up to the doctrine and standards of holiness of heart brings schism and division in any church. When there are some who live the high standard of Bible holiness while others are content with an experience that leaves them on the borderline of worldliness then the fellowship can not be complete. When a church develops sectional standards of holiness then the unity of that church is marred. The same rugged rule of discipline must be enforced in big churches as well as in little churches if sectional holiness is to be avoided. Agreement in Bible standards must be maintained to insure holy fellowship. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3)

The manifestation of this fellowship is love of the brethren. "If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind." (Phil. 2:1-2)

Any violation of brotherly love will mar the fellowship of holiness. The indulging in gossip, criticism or unkind words about a brother or sister will raise an unseen but real barrier that destroys faith and confidence and leads to suspicion and unforgiveness. The Bible way to clear up any real or fancied wrong and thus to maintain fellowship is set forth in the words of Jesus, "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with

thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church,; but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." (Matt. 18:15-17) Far too many break down because they permit the barrier to isolate them from the one with whom they are having the disrupted fellowship. They go to interested and sympathetic friends rather than to the individual who is involved.

On the other hand, some have honestly sought to restore fellowship by going to the person involved and begging forgiveness and though the person made outward and surface avowals that all was cleared yet they held resentment and reservations in their heart toward the one who asked forgiveness. And for that reason the Divine gift of fellowship was not bestowed.

The condition of this fellowship is obedience to light. "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light we have fellowship one with another." (I John 1:7) Failure to walk in the light cuts off fellowship with God and our brother. If there is lack of fellowship then someone is not walking in all the light. Sometimes good people are made to wonder why and to condemn themselves because there is no fellowship with certain other people who are professing a high state of grace. There is nothing consciously between them and yet there is that barrier! No fellowship.

One should examine his heart to be sure he is walking in all the light and then leave it with the Lord. The blessed Holy Ghost alone may know of a failure in the other person to walk in all the light and for that reason He does not permit you to have fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. If we walk in the light we have fellowship. It does not have to be worked up or promoted it is just there because all are walking in the light. Only as we abide in Christ can we enjoy this fellowship. There is no holy fellowship outside of Christ. "Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." (I John 1:3)

This fellowship involves sacrifice. Paul writing to the Corinthians and telling them of the poverty and sacrifice and suffering of the saints at Jerusalem declared that they could share in this fellowship by giving. "Praying with us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints." (II Cor. 8:4) The Greek word for fellowship conveys the thought of participation, to become a partner. We can become partners with God by sharing our means to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. What a privilege!

The fellowship of holiness is a fellowship of suffering. The very door through which one must enter is the crucifixion and death to self and the way of holiness is the narrow path of reproach. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach." (Heb. 13:12-13) We shrink from persecution. None of us like to suffer. No one likes to have his house emptied and his treasures taken away. No one enjoys having loved ones turn against him and friends betray him. In it all God is binding us closer together in the fellowship of His suffering. The prayer of Paul was, "That I may know him, and-the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead." (Phil. 3:1-2) Two soldiers who did combat together and were captured and suffered the terrors of an enemy prison camp together and were rescued together, met, after many years of separation, and fell on each others necks and wept for joy like brothers. Their

mutual suffering made them one. The spiritual battles, the persecutions, the trials, the privations and sufferings that we are made partakers together with Christ fuses and welds our hearts into a fellowship that can not otherwise be known. Let us submit to the sufferings and trust all into the care of Him who endured the Cross and despised the shame. If we do not know the "whys" and "wherefores" God does.

"He knows the bitter, weary way,  
The endless strivings day by day--  
The souls that weep -- the souls that pray:  
He knows.

"He knows! Oh, thought so full of bliss,  
For though on earth our joys we miss,  
We still can bear it feeling this:  
He knows.

"God knows! Oh, heart, take up thy cross  
And learn earth's treasures are but dross,  
And He will turn to gain our loss:  
He knows! He knows!"

The fellowship of holiness is the fellowship of the overcomer. "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him." (II Tim. 2:12) "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." (Rev. 12:11) "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God." (Rev. 2:11) "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out." (Rev. 3:12) "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne." (Rev. 3:21) "He that overcometh shall inherit all things: and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." (Rev. 21:7)

Thank God, for this blessed fellowship of holiness. It binds us together and helps us to overcome every obstacle of the Devil. Holy people may differ on policy but are united in principle. They may not agree on polity but would die rather than violate conscience. Their methods may vary but their motives are the same.

"Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above."

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HOLINESS, THE ORDAINED PURPOSE OF CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS AND DEATH  
By H. A. Erdmann

That Jesus Christ came into the world and suffered and died is a thoroughly proven historical fact. But the inquiry arises: "Why did He come into the world to suffer and die?" What purpose animated, and inspired, and sustained Him? What was the plan of His wonderful life and His wonderful death? The skeptical world has been laboring for centuries and taxed their brains in endeavoring to frame a satisfactory answer to these questions. We shall not pause to consider the various and contradictory answers which they have given us. We declare, fearlessly, that the only consistent answer which is, or can be, given, is that which is given in the Word of God. In the Bible we learn that God looked, with love and pity, upon fallen and depraved humanity, and in His infinite wisdom and boundless love provided the redemption which His infinite holiness, and justice, and truth demanded. And that redemptorial plan was so arranged and so ordered as to be complete and perfect, providing for the restoration of fallen and dying humanity upon conditions at once the most simple and the most practicable.

When man had fallen, God immediately gave the primal promise of redemption, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Genesis 3:15. This was the first announcement of mercy to fallen humanity. This was the bow of promise which spanned the darkening heavens as they overhung man's dreary pathway. This promise was followed by many prophecies and promises much brighter and clearer until the whole plan appears in the Gospel.

We can now stand, and gaze, and wonder at, and adore, the ordained and revealed purpose of God in redemption.

In Ephesians 1:34 we read "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 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." In Second Thessalonians 2:13 we are told: But we are bound to give thanks always to God, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." In Hebrews 10:5-7,10 we have this remarkable passage: "It is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins, wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me: in burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, lo, I come (in the volume of the Book it is written of me) to do thy will, O God -- By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

It is by the accomplishment of His will in assuming a prepared body, and offering Himself up once and for all, in that body, that we are provisionally, and may be actually, saved and sanctified. It was in full accord with that purpose that the Apostle declares "Christ also loved the church, and GAVE HIMSELF for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it -- that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:25-27.

But some contend that this is all clear and plain so far as the ultimate purpose of Christ's sufferings and death is concerned, and that it will be realized in the eternal world; but this state can never be realized here. But this is totally contrary to God's Word. Paul prayed for the

Thessalonians that they might be "sanctified wholly:" and that they might "be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." In Luke 1:73-75 we read "The oath which he (God) swore to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, IN HOLINESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS before him ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIFE."

Here is mentioned not only the promise of God's Word, but also the oath of God, and all culminating in the grand announcement "that we might serve him, without fear, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our life."

There can be no doubt as to the meaning of these words. From the unfathomed depths of the eternity of the past, this great design was in the heart of God: the complete restoration, through the sacrificial offering of Christ, and the almighty agency of the eternal Spirit, not only to His favor, but also to His image.

This purpose is indeed wonderful. To transform a poor, fallen, guilty, polluted, condemned Creature into a justified, renewed, sanctified soul, fitted for the service of the Lord on earth, and then to dwell forever in an abode of infinite purity and blessedness, is enough to excite the adoring wonder of the universe to all eternity.

Many of the purposes of God we know not. He has not seen fit to reveal them to us. But this one is so clearly revealed to us that no doubt can be entertained with reference to it. Our only difficulty is, perhaps, in endeavoring to realize that such a wonderful purpose embraces us, and that it can be realized in our experience. But He who originated the plan of redemption and ordained its accomplishment knew what is in man, knew the dark and fearful character of his sins; knew the depth of degradation of his depravity; knew the temptations of the world, and sin, and Satan, by which he would be assailed; knew all his weaknesses, frailties, and passions; knew all his tendencies and proclivities; and yet, He purposed that man should be redeemed, restored, purified, hallowed, and glorified for evermore.

And what He has purposed, He can perform. If the conditions of faith are complied with, who can hinder the Blood from cleansing the soul from all sin? Sooner would the sun grow dim, and the moon lose her luster, and the stars fall from heaven, and ruin drive her plow share through the universe, than that God would suffer His promise to fail.

Christ is either a perfect Savior, able to save to the uttermost, or He is no Savior at all. His blood can either cleanse from all sin or it cannot cleanse from any sin. There is no middle ground here. But the redeemed throng before the throne demonstrate the completeness of the provision of infinite love. And there are many now on earth who can joyfully testify to the efficacy of the atoning blood in fully saving them. Thus the ordained purpose of an all-wise, holy God has been realized, and will continue to be until time is no more.

"Thou dying Lamb, Thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its power,  
Till all the ransomed Church of God  
Are saved to sin no more."

-- Cowper

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NOTICE:

Much of the text for the CHILDREN'S PAGE by Mrs. Paul King was cut out of the copy of this issue of the Missionary Revivalist from which this digital publication was created. Therefore, all of it has been omitted.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

Rev. George E. Roberts,  
General Secretary  
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Rev. George E. Roberts was elected General Secretary of Foreign Missions. Rev. Carl A. Dillard who has been serving as Secretary of Foreign Missions and as General Secretary felt that both offices were too much for him to carry. He asked the Conference not to consider him for Foreign Missions Secretary again. The Conference elected Rev. George E. Roberts of Boise, Idaho, to serve for the coming quadrennium. Brother Roberts has been pastor of the Bible Missionary Church in Boise since its beginning. He has built a wonderful church and Christian Day School. The Church at Boise under the leadership of Brother Roberts has always been a missionary minded church and has given generously to Foreign Missions. Brother George Roberts is a brother to our General Treasurer, Rev. L. P. Roberts. Brother George Roberts is a capable and efficient administrator, a man with a vision for the lost, and a brother beloved. We commend him to the faith and confidence of our missionaries and our people everywhere. May God bless him and make him a great blessing in advancing the cause of Foreign Missions. --The Editor

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DEAR ONES OF THE BIBLE MISSIONARY CHURCH:

First of all, I want to say thank you so much for your vote of confidence. Never had I expected anything like this.

I didn't realize the responsibility and the many duties connected with this office and feel so small when I realize that Brother Dillard is so much more capable than I shall ever be. When I heard this vote read a weight fell upon me that I cannot express nor have ever experienced before. Within myself I said, "Dear Lord, what will I do now?" Feeling I wanted to pray and hear only from God, I went to my hotel room with a heavy soul. Falling on my knees, I cried, "Lord I want your will, plan, and way more than all else in the world and would rather die in this room than to



fail you," and meant it from the very deep of my soul. God knows that I didn't want the job for one minute but I prayed and cried for His direction fearing I would miss God's will. It wasn't long until God spoke clearly saying, "Son, I want you to accept."

I want you to know that I will do my best for God and souls. If it takes my life, I am willing to lay it down, I am human, and will no doubt, make mistakes, but will humbly serve God and the church. Please pray God to give me wisdom and guidance for this great task.

I appreciate Brother Dodd, Brother Cook, Brother Dillard, Brother Spencer Johnson, and many others who told me that they would do anything they could to help me. This means much in a time like this.

By the time this letter reaches you, Brother and Sister Bankston will already have sailed as their sailing date is September 28th. Let's pray much for God to give them a great harvest of souls in New Guinea.

Brother and Sister John Todd are preparing to fly to their field of labor in Barbados. Arrangements are for them to leave New York City, October 15th.

Feeling a burden for Old Mexico on her heart, Miss Myrl Ann Eastman is planning to enter the open door on that field. God bless this wonderful consecrated young lady.

We certainly appreciate all our fine missionaries. Let us all hold the ropes doing all we can at home to support them with our finances and our prayers.

We also praise God from the deep of our heart for the wonderful missionary offering at the General Conference which totaled over \$26,200. Praise be to Heaven's King! We will use it as wisely and conservatively as we possibly can to win as many souls for God as possible.

Yours for a lost world,  
George E. Roberts

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**A THIEF UNDER COVER**  
By E. J. Charon

I would never have dreamed he was a thief, our acquaintance had been so friendly and casual. He was a real good "entertainer." And "salesman" was his clever approach to me. After having heard of him by some of our relatives my wife and I were introduced to him personally.

We had met many salesmen and door to door solicitors but this one seemed to surpass them all. He was very clever and knew how to hold our attention. It wasn't long until he was visiting us every night with some new angle he was trying to put across.

I will have to admit that he did have a lot of money behind him and many satisfied customers. (at least they thought they were!) I found that he was well known and had made many acquaintances.

But he was beginning to keep us up later at night until I was not getting the required rest and some of the things he would say in our presence were on the shady side. He did much harping on how good his backers were and how they stood behind him. I should have closed my door to him long before I did but he was becoming more and more a part of the family and so I could not find the courage to say that stern No! It's hard to say no to some people and so it was with him.

So his visits were often until one day a challenge came on my part. I dug down, hit solid rock and got the victory and made it understood that his visits were over and that I never had time for him. I awoke to the realization of how much of my time he was really taking and how he had been secretly trying to turn me and my family the wrong way and influence us for evil. Since then I have been warning people against him from my own experience. Beware! You will know him by his initials, T.V. (Television)

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THE END