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The Sabbath Day

By Walter E. George

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8).

Dear Gem Family:

I never have read anything in our paper about the Sabbath day, so thought I would write a few lines on the subject.

I have heard lots said about the Sabbath. I have heard some say that we were to keep the ten Commandments, as the Jews were to keep them. Now, I do not believe so, for the Bible says in Rom. 6:14, "For ye are not under law, but under grace." Now under the law there was not any work to be done on the sabbath day at all (Ex. 20:10). Now the word sabbath in Hebrews signifies rest. God rested on the seventh day and hallowed it. The seventh day is Saturday, if we count time right, and the Sabbath day was given to the Jews only under the law. We are the Gentiles and were never under the law. Christ came to fulfill the law, and to make a new covenant, and a better one, and established upon better promises (Heb. 8:6).

Jesus says in Matt. 5:17, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." Romans 10:4—"For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." Now we can find all the commandments carried over into the New Testament but one, and that is the 4th, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

I have heard some people say, "If we keep one day in seven, that is good enough." I don't think the Bible will bear out that statement. I find in reading the Bible that there was a change made from the seventh to the first day, and from the Sabbath to the Lord's day. Now let us read and

see what the Bible says in Mark 16:1, 2, 9, "And when the sabbath was past." (v. 2) "And very early in the morning of the first day of the week." (v. 9) "Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week." St. John 20:19-26—"Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the door was shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst and said unto them, Peace unto you." 1 Cor. 16:1-2—"Now concerning the collection for the saints as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. (v. 2) "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." Now there is more scripture that will hold us up, that the change was made from the seventh to the first day, but we are not to keep it as they were under the law, for we are not to rest, but we are to work for the Lord. I have never found a place to stop, or a time to rest. Every place in the New Testament says to work. When I was able to preach, and to work with my hands to make a living for my family, I would work six days, and on Saturday night when I got home, I would start out to preach the best I could three sermons, and on Sunday night after services, I would drive home, and on the job again Monday morning at 7:00 o'clock to toil with my hands—no place to rest. But I look onward and upward, and some time in the near future, I expect to enter that rest God has prepared for His people (Heb. 4:9) "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." Heb. 4:1—"Let us therefore fear lest a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it."

The Jews look to the seventh or sabbath day for rest, but we

are not to look to the seventh day as they did, for God not given us rest in this world. "For if Jesus had given them rest, then would He not afterward have spoken of another day?" (Heb. 2:8). It seems to me that this verse makes us believe that if Jesus had given us rest, or a sabbath, He would have changed the day. Now I am sure that the old Jewish sabbath or the seventh day is a figure of the heavenly rest in the glory world. Now the first day and the Lord's day are the same day. Read Rev. 1:10, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet." Now if we would, more of us, get in the Spirit on the Lord's day the churches would be in better condition than they are now. I don't believe that every one could be in the Spirit of God and be sitting on the bank of a river fishing, or at a ball game, or in a public swimming pool on Sunday, or the Lord's day. You can see people, and some of them preachers, at the ball game, out in the hot sun, and stand there all the afternoon and hollo till they are sore all over and never complain. But if you get them to come to church they are always growling about something. Now the Bible says for us not to forget the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is. Our church covenant says the same, or about the same.

Now the Lord's day is given to us for public worship and for the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, and a day of remembrance, for it is the day that our Lord arose from the tomb; and we should not forget to meet for worship, for if Christ had not risen, then our preaching and our faith would be in vain.

Well, I will not write more now on this subject. If I live and it is the Lord's will, I will write on the subject of "Dancing" for the

November issue of the Gem.

I read a piece in this September copy from Sister Cecil Garrison of La Rue, Ark. She said her husband had been called to preach the Gospel. I sure am glad to know he has acknowledged his call. May God bless him in his work. I know Bro. Cecil and his wife; they sure are fine folks. I was helping in a revival at Rocky Branch and I heard Bro. Cecil pray his first prayer in public, and the boy was saved that he prayed for. Bro. Cecil, I pray God to give you souls for your labor.

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Abide With Me

By Alice Taylor

"But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent" (Luke 24:29).

Savior, still with me abide,

As the day draws to its close,
Keep me ever at thy side,

Safe from evil and all foes.

Dark the path before me lies,

Vague for me is every scene.

I behold with wondering eyes,

Vales of mist that stretch between.

Night comes on, O Savior, stay,

Heavy clouds before me roll.

Jesus, do not turn away,

O Thou lover of my soul.

Savior, still with me abide,

All my wants are filled in Thee,
And through night and eventide,

Savior, still abide with me.

The Christian Life

By Eld. John A. Ewing

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Gal. 5:1).

Brethren and sisters in Christ, this is a very important text. Just think for a minute what this text really means to us. In this text, Paul was speaking through a letter to the Christian Galatians

Let us first consider the first part of the text: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free."

Notice this word "liberty." Oh, how much it means to us! Do you think that we, as Christians, really realize as we should and as we could, what liberty means? I am persuaded that we do not. Let us be careful to realize as best we can the meaning of it, and give God the glory while here on this earth, so that we will be prepared to go to Heaven when He calls us, where we will realize the meaning in fulness.

Notice, that we have this liberty only in Christ—"Wherewith Christ hath made us free," thru His death on the cross, and His resurrection. Read Romans 6:4. Now let us notice the word "free" "For He hath freed us from sin" (Rom. 6:7). How wonderful to be free from sin! In St. John 11:43-44, Christ called Lazarus from the grave. Lazarus came out all tied up, unable to do anything for himself, but Christ made him free, and he was free indeed and thereafter walked and lived as a free man. So we see that these two words, liberty and free, do not apply to the sinner, but to the Christian. The sinner hears the Gospel call and comes to our Christ all tied up like Lazarus, and Christ makes him free and gives him liberty. I am persuaded that I am writing to a number of you who have had this experience and have been made free by the atoning blood of Christ (John 3:16), and have now received liberty. But there is something else, dear reader, notice the first words of the text: "Stand fast therefore." We must do this if we ever enter Heaven. We must stand true, firm, unmovable, on the promises of our God. "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5). We have so many precious promises in God's word, so let us stand fast. Now the latter part of this text. "And be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." What does this mean, "Be not entangled again"? We know, to go back, and to what? The yoke of bondage. That is to give up Christianity and liberty and fall away from grace and start out doing the things that we once did when we were sinners, and the things of this world, and we will be sinners again, and we will be entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Read Romans 6:16—Kindly

read the Scriptures as I give them to you, as space will not permit me to write them all out (I would like to if it were possible).

So let us stand true to God. But what will be the results, if we don't do this? I will give you "Thus saith the Lord." "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled there in, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning" (2 Pet. 2:20). Read Luke 9:62; Heb. 10:38; Ezek. 18:24. So let us realize as best we can the meaning of the word "liberty," and keep it while we have it. How can we keep it? "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9). Read Phil. 4:13; Isa. 26:3, 4; 1 John 5:4; Eph. 6:10-11; Rom. 8:38-39; John 8:12; and James 4:7.

There may be some reading this who have fallen from grace and disobeyed our text. To you I would say, Don't put it off any longer, but right now, fall on your knees and pray to God to save your soul for Jesus Christ's sake. He will do it if you only believe. Read Rev. 2:5; Job 22:23; Hosea 14:1, 2, 4; 1 John 1:9; and John 3:16. Sinner, if you be reading this, my prayers are that you will repent right now. Read Ezek. 14:6; Mark 2:17; 8:36; 1 John 1:9; John 6:37; Rom. 10:13; Rev. 3:20; John 3:16; and Rev. 22:17.

Christian friends, if we are to obey our text, we must keep ourselves unspotted from the world (James 1:27).

"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" (1 John 2:15). Oh, friends, how much worldliness there is today! and I'm sorry to say that so many of our so-called Christians are engaging in and partaking of such as movies, Sunday baseball, card playing, dancing, story books and magazines that are published and circulated by the devil's agents, and just so many things that space will not permit to print here. And when you talk about the saloon problem, they won't reason with you. And some of our own Free Will Baptist church members too, and I'm persuaded

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THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

Should National Prohibition Be Abolished?

We all know that both political parties are tampering with prohibition in this year's campaign.

Many people are for repeal of the 18th Amendment, many are for prohibition, and many are not much concerned, thinking that our prohibition law is secure. A very large number of people think that, if the 18th Amendment should become subject to repeal or modification, it will be submitted to a vote of the people. That can not be. The people will not get to vote on this or any other amendment to our Federal Constitution, for the Constitution itself settles that—the vote must be by the State Legislatures; and many of them are wet.

If we vote this fall with the Democrats, we take our stand with those who say: "Away with prohibition and the 18th Amendment, Repeal the 18th Amendment." If we vote with the Republicans, we take our stand with those who want prohibition and want the 18th Amendment to stay in the Constitution, but consent to its modification.

We are told that prohibition is a failure and we hear many reasons why the law should be repealed, and they tell us how greatly the American people would be benefitted by repeal of the 18th Amendment and return of the legalized booze traffic; and they tell us how much money it would bring in to carry on our government, build roads, maintain our schools, bring good times and put the unemployed to work, put the bootlegger and joints out of business. But let us have some testimony on the other side:

An Old Saloon Keeper Has His Say

An old-time saloon keeper writes the Liberty Magazine, telling that editor what he thinks of his efforts to repeal the Eighteenth Amendment:

"You certainly hit the nail on the head in your editorial, 'Prohibition—A Great Campaign to Popularize Booze.' Advertising has become a business of monumental proportions. You have accomplished much through your wet sheet toward leading a multitude of people to believe that prohibition is a failure. Your tricky articles have fooled many, but there is still a multitude you have not fooled, that is the old-time saloon keeper. I'm one of them.

"In the old days we had to pay a heavy tax on whiskey. To get by that we would take ten pounds of prunes, some strychnine, ether, logwood, and licorice, and make from five to six barrels from the one barrel purchased, bottle it, and sell it for good Old Crow at thirty-five cents per one-half pint and fifty cents per pint; and it killed just as quick as the rotgut you fellows drink today.

"In the old days, if a man got rough and got bumped off in our saloon, we threw him in the alley, called the cops, to whom we whispered the sad story, after giving them a drink and probably a five-spot, and the cops would haul him away, and nothing more was ever heard about it. Today, if a baby is kidnapped or a man stubs his toe, it is blamed on prohibition.

"In the old days we had to slip the Liquor License Commissioner twenty-five dollars a month, and with

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Report of Arkansas Association

The 54th Annual Session of the Arkansas Association of F. W. B. was held with the Antioch church, at Branch, Arkansas.

The introductory sermon was preached on Friday night, Sept. 2nd, by Eld. W. E. Dearmore of Wanette, Okla, who was followed by Eld. Staires of Tulsa, Okla. The presence of the Spirit of God could be felt among the sons of God from the beginning of the service. Shouts of praise rang from hearts of the saints, because of the grace of God shed abroad in their hearts.

The regular business session was called together by singing, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd, at 9 a. m. There were nine ministers of the Association present, and five visiting ministers from Oklahoma. Eleven churches were represented by letters and delegates. Bro. J. S. Lovett of Chismville, Ark. was re-elected moderator, with I. J. Wilson of Charleston, Ark as his assistant. Eld. O. C. Hunt of Waldron, Ark was re-elected Sec'y-Treas.

Eld. Melvin Bingham, pastor of the First F. W. B. church of Tulsa, Okla brought forth a wonderful message on "Good News" at the eleven o'clock service.

The afternoon business was mostly committee work.

Eld. A. N. Best of Chismville, Ark. brought the evening message at 8 p. m. Although the congregation could not near all get in the house, many were contented to stand near the door and windows and listen to the Spirit filled message this good old saint brot to them.

Sunday, Sept. 4th, was spent in religious service. The Sunday school lesson was well rendered at 10 a. m. Much emphasis was placed on the fight we, as Christians, are facing in the field of prohibition. Eld. J. S. Lovett preached on "The Laws of God" at 11 a. m. Great was the rejoicing among the children of God.

At 3 p. m. Eld. W. M. Guinn preached on "The Baptism with and By the Spirit."

The ordination service was held at 4 p. m. This was a very impressive service. One deacon and three elders received ordination.

At 7 p. m. the league program was put on. The lesson was ex-

cellently rendered by the children.

"The Necessity of the Children of God Partaking of the Lord's Supper and the Washing of the Saints' Feet" was set forth by Eld. I. J. Wilson at 8 p. m. There were sixty-eight who partook of the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet. Wonderful was the demonstration of the Spirit during this impressive service. It was midnight before the saints ceased to rejoice and to sing praises unto their Redeemer. Glory be to God, His Spirit is yet with us.

On Monday, September 5th, the Association assembled for business at 8 p. m. This was one of the most constructive business session that has ever been held in the bounds of the Arkansas Association. All the delegates and preachers were on fire with the Spirit of God for a forward movement of his cause in this section of the country and abroad. The day of the F. W. B. has come and are we big enough to face it? The whole body moved in harmony and face the issues bravely as good soldiers of God should. The liquor question was dealt with harshly and this Association went on record as dry and made a call upon its subjects to vote against the repeal of the 18th Amendment and to use all their influence for the upholding of this Amendment. The Mission Board was re-created and empowered with a constitution of Missions to act for our Church in the mission fields. We also went on record for the creation of a similar board for the State Association. The officers of the Mission Board were elected as follows: Joe Phillips of Boonville, Ark., President; A. Sharp of Charleston, Ark., Vice Pres.; and Eld. Elmer Turner of Branch, Sec'y-Treasurer.

The services at 11 a. m. were conducted by Eld. M. Wilson and O. C. Hunt. At 3 p. m. the session was called to order by the moderator. The different committees made their reports. The meeting place for our quarterly meeting was fixed for the ensuing year as follows: The first with the Brooklyn church, near Ratcliff, Ark.; the second with the Harvey church Gravelly, Ark.; the third with the Pleasant Ridge church, near Boonville, Ark.

The next session of the Arkan-

sas Association will be held with the Social Chapel church, near Plainview, Ark. Eld. Stahl was chosen to preach the introductory sermon.

All business being cleared, the committees were dismissed, thus bringing to a close one of the best associations ever held in the Ark. Association. I believe it will go down in the history of the F. W. B. as a beginning of a new era in our church.

May the grace of God rest with His Church throughout the world.
Eld. Elmer Turner, Reporter.

Bonne Terre, Missouri

Dear Editor of the Gem:

If you have a spare column, will you please print this for me?

I have just returned from attending the Yearly Meeting of S. E. Missouri, held at Fredericktown. I enjoyed it so much that I feel led to write a few lines about the good times we had, as we worshipped together and did business for our King.

A large number of delegates was present. Most all the churches were represented and many good reports were read.

A good testimony meeting was conducted each morning. Some old time shouting and praises to the God of Heaven were heard. This was an inspiration and makes us love the old Free Will Baptist better than ever. According to reports, we have more than 1700 Free Wills in this Association.

Important items of business were taken care of, and peace and harmony prevailed.

Bro. Jim Miller acted as Mod. The next Yearly Meeting will be held with Flat River church.

We are asking the Lord to make it possible for us to meet with the good people at the State Association in October.

We sure thank the good people for their kindness.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Odelia Rice.

Stahl, Missouri, Sept. 14, 1932

Dear Gem Family:

I expect some of you will be surprised to hear from me from this point of the globe.

I have just closed a three weeks' meeting with the Shibley's Point community church here in N. E.

Missouri. We had only one conversion, but the general interest of the meeting was good. Large congregations and splendid order.

I also attended the N. E. Mo. Association, which met at Green Grove church, September 1st and continued over the following Sunday. Eld. Charlie Phillips was the efficient moderator. This was one of the sweetest spirited conference meetings I ever had the pleasure of attending.

I also had the pleasure of attending a Township Sunday school convention, which met at Hazel Creek Union Free Will Baptist church on August 21st. This meeting was a real success. Here I met many friends from New Harmony church, which I once pastored.

Then on Friday, August 26th, I had the pleasure of attending the County Sunday School Convention, which met at Brasher, Missouri. Here I had the pleasure of listening to some fine talks by able speakers from various places. This coming together was a real success. This is a fine country up here, filled up with the very best of honest country people. Many of them are real live wires for Christ.

I am in a meeting at present with Eld. Sam Marcum of Greentop, Mo., pastor of the New Harmony and Stahl churches. Bro. Marcum is a real ministerial companion. He is doing some fine work in N. E. Missouri.

I forgot to mention the fact that Eld. Geo. Miller is pastor of the Shibley Mission church. Bro. Geo. is well liked here, and is doing good preaching. Bro. Miller was ordained in my church at Saint Louis, Mo. about three years ago. Naturally I am proud of him.

Well, I will have to close for this time.

May God bless you one and all.

Eld. W. C. Hill,
2626 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, Mo

The Twentieth Session of the Indian Creek Association

On the 31st of August, 1932, at 8:00 p. m., a large delegation of Free Will Baptist gathered at Merl's Chapel church, to begin what proved to be the best session in the history of the Indian Creek Association.

There were ministers, deacons, delegates and visitors from several churches outside of this asso-

ciation. At each business session a spirit of love existed, and we transacted business for the Lord, which we hope will prove beneficial to the cause of Christ.

Each day, morning, noon, and evening, there was a table spread with the good things God had given for His people to sustain the natural body.

Then at 11 o'clock a. m. and at 8 o'clock p. m., a message from God was delivered by some of His servants.

On Saturday afternoon the presence of God was so manifested as to mark the Association as the best in its history.

Three ministers were ordained to the Gospel ministry; three were granted renewal of license; three were given license for the first time; and seven deacons were ordained.

From the introductory sermon, which was delivered by Elder Cecil Campbell, to the benediction everything was in harmony.

The leagues were given time Friday afternoon, to transact their business, which we feel was done according to God's will. Bro. W. K. Weston was elected President and Oleta Davis, Sec'y.

The next session of the Association will be held with Mount Olive church, at Blue Eye, Mo., beginning on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1933. Eld. Sherman Harris to preach the introductory sermon.

Eld. O. T. Allred, Moderator
Eld. Noel Turner, Clerk.

Standing For the 18th Amendment

During the Twentieth Annual Session of the Indian Creek Association of Free Will Baptist held with the Merl's Chapel church, near Cassville, Missouri, September 1-3, 1932, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

"Resolved, That we, the Indian Creek Association of Free Will Baptist, take a firmer stand than ever before for the strict support of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States"

This Association is composed of the Free Will Baptist churches of Southwest Missouri and North-eastern Oklahoma.

Eld. O. T. Allred, Moderator
Eld. Noel Turner, Clerk.

Remember the League Rally at Jones Chapel the first Sunday in October.

Greentop, Missouri (Hazel Creek Union Church)

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I will drop a few lines to the Gem for a testimony to the Lord.

I am now a licensed minister of the Gospel. I was licensed to preach at the N. E. Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist. I feel my responsibility more and have a greater desire to go out in the name of the Lord to preach the Gospel, than I ever did before I was licensed. I am willing, God being my helper, to enter into the unknown field. I have preached eight times at this writing. I preached my first time at my home church, Saturday night, April 30, 1932. I want to do all I can, for the Lord who has done so much for me. Thank God for the wonderful plan of salvation.

Dear Christian friends, when we look into the life of Christ, we cannot see one thing that is not perfect. Everything that He came to do, He did; and all of His own free will, and according to the will of God. He was without sin, yet suffered and died for the remission of our sins. When He was tempted of the devil for forty days, He stepped on sin by overcoming the devil in everything He was tempted with.

My dear Christian friends, I am persuaded that Christ was tempted with more than the Bible tells about, that He was tempted with many, or perhaps, most all of the things we are tempted with, and He overcame them all. Then He died on the cross for the remission of our sins and arose again for our justification; "That like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Praise God!

So we should be willing of our own free will to be as near like Jesus as we possibly can.

Let us, as Christians, read our Bibles and pray daily, that we may have scriptural meditation with God and know better His will and what He would have us to do; and by knowing, let us be doers of the Word too.

I have written so much that I am afraid Bro. Brown will not find space to print my letter, but if this doesn't see print I am quite sure the space will be filled with a better article than this.

I have met and know several of my brother and sister ministers. I am praying for you and I am asking an interest in your prayers. May God bless you all, is my prayer. Pray for me.

Your brother in the ministry,
Elder John A. Ewing.

Report of Revival Meeting

On Sunday night, July 17th, Elder Cecil Campbell and myself went to Hebron school house, two miles east of Granby, Missouri, to begin a revival meeting, for which we were wonderfully blessed in many ways.

Many times when going into a strange community we have a dread of mind, wondering what our experience shall be and if the people will receive us and rise up and help us in the great building—which is so greatly needed over our land.

We found a welcome and from the beginning had the co-operation of God's faithful few, regardless of denomination, willing and ready to work together.

Eld. Mode White, a real man of God of the holiness people, drove out from Granby, and he always brought someone with him, and helped with earnest prayer and testimony throughout the meeting. The good Baptist brothers and sisters labored with us and gave us a hearty welcome in their homes.

God's wonderful presence was felt and manifested in the salvation of six precious souls.

We ask the prayers of God's people everywhere, that we may be found humble and faithful to our Lord and His cause.

Eld. Cecil Campbell
Eld. John Swaffar.

Santa Rosa, Missouri, Sept. 5th

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

For some time I have kept silence, but now feel as though I were justified in speaking.

Following the call of Eld. W. R. Rush as pastor of the Philadelphia church for another year a request was made in regard to our pastor holding us a revival meeting. Bro. Rush accepted the invitation upon the terms that every one would help in an endeavor to make the meeting a success. The meeting began on Sunday night of the first Sunday in Aug.

and continued until the first Sunday in September. Following the first service I was invited by the pastor to assist in the preaching service and during the remaining part of the meeting carried half of the preaching service. Bro. Rush is a wonderful man of God, and is one of the best sermonizers in north Missouri, and is much loved by his people. From the first service the interest grew and continued until the close, resulting in eighteen conversions and twenty additions to the church. This church showed a greater growth during the past year than the combined church work of the Northwest Missouri Yearly Meeting.

Our yearly meeting was interrupted by rainy weather, yet all churches were represented by delegates and letter. Rev. E. T. House was elected moderator and Rev. T. C. Ferguson assistant, and Miss Melba White, clerk. Elder Ferguson has located within the bounds of the Yearly Meeting, and states that he and his newly elected bride anticipate joining some one of our churches.

It was my pleasure to attend one session of the Northeast Missouri Association, which was attended by a large delegation with the greatest spiritual feeling of any yearly meeting I have been permitted to attend for a long time. The licensing and ordaining services were melting times and the house appeared to be bathed in tears.

Praying the blessings of the Father upon the Gem family, I remain,

Yours in His name,

C. E. Mann.

Healdton, Oklahoma

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and Gem Family:

Here I am again. This time I want to tell you about our Home Mission. After we built our church, we organized a home mission circle, on Oct. 31, 1931, with seven charter members, we now have twenty-four on the roll. Not so many in number, but the majority of them have a mind to work, and that is what counts. The following is a list of some of the work we are doing this year: Clothing and groce'y shower, \$4.93 Janitor work for the church, 7.75

On church piano,	34.62
For revival work,	15.00

Total, \$62.30

We meet at 2:30 p. m. Thursday of each week. We are taking a through the Bible study, and have a Bible lesson each week. We have finished the study of the Old Testament, and will begin the New the first week of this associational year. At the present time we have eight ladies who are reading through the Bible, and some have already finished. Our prayer hour is 10 a. m. each day. We have quilted three quilts, made 125 visits to the sick. Early in the spring it was suggested we start a revival fund, which has been very interesting. Some sold buttermilk, eggs, tomatoes, cabbage, corn, some sewed, and some paid cash; and the whole amount totaled \$15.00, and no one missed a penny of it. Just thought I would mention this, as it might be of value to some one interested in a ladies' work elsewhere. Ladies, if you haven't a Home Mission circle, I want to urge you to organize one, not a Ladies' Aid, but a Home Mission circle, as the Home Mission is the ladies' work of the Free Will Baptist church. Then if we are Free Will Baptist, let's be loyal to the work of the denomination. Our circle has meant more to our church than any other work connected with it. Would like to explain why, but do not wish to take up too much space. But while I have the floor I want to say that we closed a good revival Sunday night, Aug. 21st, conducted by Eld. M. M. McKee, with the assistance of our good pastor, Eld. T. Maynard.

Sunday was a very busy and joyful day at the church. Sunday school at 11 a. m., an old-time basket dinner at noon, dedication of the church at 2:00 p. m., baptizing at 4:00 p. m., back to the church at 7:30 for grove meeting, p. m., after which 11 women and and preaching service at 8 o'clock 11 men partook of the Lord's Supper and feet washing. This with old-time shouting, a hymn, and the congregation passed out. The day's work was finished and we gave God the praise for it all.

Am enclosing 9 subs to the Gem. Pray for us, that we may ever be faithful servants of God.

Bertha Stafford.

Grovespring, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a few lines to our little paper, as it is my desire to try to extend the cause of Christ to all parts of the world. I will do all I can through the Gem. Dear friends, I think the Gem is a wonderful little paper. I never read it that it does not help me and make me feel the great debt I own to God and man, and we have the privilege of testifying for Him through the Gem and to show which side we are on without telling it in person. I love God's people and as John said, "By this we shall know we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren."

Dear friends, we can neglect writing to the Gem, and the first thing we know, we will be neglecting to pray and read our Bible and we will be found wondering where we are really at, and be in that luke warm condition, for which Jesus said He would spew us out of His mouth. Dear brethren, let us be on the firing line for God. If there ever was a time when God's people needed to be busy, it is now, when sin is abroad on every hand. If we Christians fail to do our duty, what can we expect of the sinners? We are supposed to be lights for their sake; and for the sake of the cause of Christ. If our lights are covered up with the things of the world let's get them uncovered and let them shine for Christ's sake, who gave Himself for us.

My dear brothers and sisters, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. If God were so slow about moving for us, I am afraid we would come short of many blessings that we have. Christians, let us wake up to our duty! Let us put on the whole armour of God and fight like brave soldiers should. Let us be ready to move at His command. I thank God for men who will take the stand and by the authority of God's holy word, fight against sin as Bro. Elmer Snyder did at our Association, and for others who are not afraid to expose sin in all its sinfulness.

May God bless the Gem family and all the rest of God's people everywhere, and of every nation-

ality, is my prayer. Pray for me, for I have never got to the place where I did not feel the need of the prayers of God's people.

Your sister in Christ,
Lucy Deckard.

St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

Once more I take the pleasure of sending a short letter.

After a short revival held at the Free Will Baptist church of St. Louis, conducted by Rev Mike Cleaver. The attendance was good and several souls found peace with God.

Several of us attended the Yearly meeting at Fredericktown, Mo. and all received a great blessing, for the Spirit of God was surely there.

Our Young People's League is surely on the boom. Had a large crowd. Our roll call is answered by rising and reading a scripture verse, which we take alphabetically, like this week it was D, next week E, the next F, and so on.

September 19th was our pastor, Rev. Buchanan's birthday. We celebrated it after the league meeting. A large crowd was present. The guests met at Bro. Logsdon's where there was a large birthday cake, nicely decorated with candies, there were seven nice cakes. The guests all sang and prayed and congratulated our pastor, then we gave him the greatest surprise. He never expected to get anything so useful, as well as a souvenir, it was a beautiful silk quilt, with many, yes, very many of the church people's and the new convert's names on it. Lots of scripture verse, the crucifixion of our Lord in picture, also the resurrection in picture, and many other attractive things that meant very much to our pastor. Sister Buchanan was also presented with a friendship quilt, with many names of our ladies. The Ladies' Aid had worked hard on these two quilts in order to bring joy to Bro. and Sister Buchanan. The Ladies' Aid gave the presents and supper. Our pastor was made happy.

Brother Leonard White sure is a wonderful leader for our league and a fine Sunday school teacher.

The new mission is progressing nicely. Several of our workers are sick, and we ask the prayers of our churches to pray for them.

Sure had a wonderful service Sunday, Sept. 18th. Sister Howell brought the message and three souls wept their way to Jesus at the foot of the cross. The Spirit of the Lord was surely there. A young man thought the sermon was the best he ever heard. So Christians, it takes different ones to touch others, so let's all be very careful to do the will of the Lord in order to help hold up the banner of Jesus.

Our Ladies' Aid is progressing nicely. We are working hard for our Lord and our church. We are soon to have our bazaar and a supper, so pray for us.

We look for a letter from all of our loved ones in the Gem.

I hope I haven't said too much, so I will hurry along to prayer meeting, as this is a wonderful service, we are having good services. Study your lesson for Sunday school, and don't be late, also stay for church, and tell all your friends to come with you from now on.

I am closing by saying:
"Lord, keep us under thy sheltering hand."

Mrs. Florence Anderson.

KENTUCKY GROUP OBSERVES RITES OF FEETWASHING

Whitesburg, Ky., August 17th. —Footwashing—a religious rite observed almost annually in the Kentucky mountains for approximately 150 years—featured the annual meeting of the congregation of the old Thornton Baptist church at Mayking, in Lechter county near here.

The services were held inside the church, the women standing on one side of the little building and the men on the other.

The footwashing practice dates back to about 1781, or soon after the founding of the first Baptist church in Kentucky. It first was conducted by John Taylor in the Baptist church he founded in the Blue Grass section late in the 18th century. —A clipping.

The "quiet hour" is too often but a "quiet minute" in many busy lives. If we do not "take time to be holy," we may wish we had, for "without holiness no man shall see the Lord."

INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lessons

Fourth Quarter, 1932

Comments by B. F. Brown

Lesson III. Oct. 16, 1932

The Home and the Coming Generation

Gen. 18:17-19; Deut. 6:4-9; 1 Sam. 1:24-28; Mark 10:13-16; 2 Tim. 1:3-6.

Topic: Home Ideals for Today and Tomorrow.

GOLDEN TEXT—Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. —Proverbs 22:6.

PRACTICAL TRUTH—The home exceeds all other institutions in power over child life.

OUTLINE—I. A faithful father.
II. The law about teaching children.
III. Presenting children to the Lord.
IV. Jesus blessing the children.
V. Examples of training.

Introduction—1. **The Home.** The foundation source of a nation is its homes. A people with happy, contented homes will be able to contend successfully with poverty and other ills incident to human life. While a proper standard of living is desirable, it seems but a short step to the place for more, and the home becomes torn with selfishness and frivolity. In multiplied numbers of wealthy homes, separation and divorce have taken place because of ungratified desire, where poverty would have led to self-denial in order that the home might be preserved. Strange as it may seem and unwelcome as may be the thought, poverty and not riches administers most to the welfare of the homes of a nation. During what we call "hard times," the real wealth of a nation increases in a healthy way; while in the times when money is easy and credit is good, less actual wealth is stored and those forces which deteriorate character and wreck the foundations assert themselves to the rapid injury of home and society.

2. **The generation.** No stream

rises above its source. A generation will surely reflect its fountain head. There is small promise in taking the child away from its natural environment, the home, and turning it over exclusively to the crowded school room in which fairy tales are substituted for wholesome stories of real life, evolutionary teaching crowds out the Bible, and the teacher is one imbued with the spirit of modern progress. The drama, folk dance, and unbalanced athletics will never produce Washingtons and Lincolns.

3. **Personal power.** In the search for personal power one must learn discipline of mind and soul. There is no health and happiness without discipline. There is no power in a runaway engine down the mountain side. There is no power in a runaway horse. There is no power in a boy or girl who runs wild. There is no power in unharnessed strength. Discipline is as necessary to properly train a child, as harness for a horse, or control for an engine, or belts for machinery. Directed and disciplined force becomes power in machinery and in human personality.

Exposition—I **A faithful father.** (Gen. 18:17-19). The Lord will reveal some of His purposes unto those who are worthy. "He made known His ways unto Moses, His acts unto the children of Israel" (Ps. 103:7). The chief Stranger, no other than the Lord, disclosed to Abraham the awful doom about to fall upon Sodom and the cities of the plain for their wickedness. It was no accident that the Lord could say of Abraham, "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him." Such a character could be depended upon to shape the destinies of them under his influence. Abraham was among them of whom it was said, "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."

II. **The law about teaching children.** (Deut. 6:4-9). Verse 6 is one of four which the Jews wore on their phylacteries; it was a strong influence against idolatry.

If parental willingness to properly govern and train their children is a condition of blessings from the Lord, many should look to this source for the cause of

their spiritual barrenness.

Teaching the Scriptures to the children "when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" is a plain scriptural authority for the morning and evening family worship.

An atmosphere of learning and up-to-date science can never take the place of "these words which I command you this day." The divine order is the word to end the day and to begin the day.

III. **Presenting children to the Lord.** (1 Sam. 1:24-28). When Hannah prayed to the Lord for a son, she made a vow to dedicate the child to the Lord if He would answer her prayer. The Lord answered her prayer, and she kept her vow.

When the young child Samuel was brought to the temple and lent to the Lord, it was said of him, "And he worshiped the Lord there."

IV. **Jesus blessing the children** (Mark 10:13-16). Some fear that children cannot understand, while others, like the few in Christ's day, bring their children to His loving arms. Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them and blessed them."

Instead of children becoming like grown ups, the grown ups must become like the children. Innocent children are in the kingdom: but adults must become childlike before they can enter the Kingdom.

Children should be encouraged to seek Jesus. They can become Christians when very young. They should be the special care of the church.

V. **Examples of training.** (2 Tim. 1:3-6). Timothy's mother was able to train him in the Scriptures because she had been trained by her mother.

Religious training in church and Sunday school is important, but the parents have a responsibility in the matter also. Do your sons and daughters feel free to come to you with their religious questions?

In Psalm 128 the writer compares the home of the faithful believer to a garden, well cared for and well watered, where the plants (children) are fruitful and thrifty.

Lesson IV **Oct. 23, 1932**
Problems of the Modern Home
 Joshua 24:14-15; Mark 10:2-12;
 Eph. 6:1-7

Topic: Problems of the Modern Home

GOLDEN TEXT—As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord—Josh. 24:15.

PRACTICAL TRUTH—No home life can be complete without true religion.

OUTLINE—I. A whole family serving the Lord. II. Broken homes. III. Love and obedience in the home.

Introduction—1. **The National Crisis.** Early Hebrew religion effected every aspect of life. In Joshua's day, the Canaanite neighbor tilled his fields and husbanded his vineyard by the auguries of Baal. Not because of the superiority of his god, but of his own familiarity with the seasons, his harvests were abundant, whereas the nomadic and inexperienced Hebrew farmer reaped scanty crops. What was to be done? There were only two alternatives. Follow Baal and grow bountiful crops, or follow Jehovah and be poor. This argument was just as compelling then as now. Business is business! And worldly prosperity is much more certainly guaranteed at Baal's shrine of overlordism than at Calvary's cross where Jesus became poor that men might inherit eternal riches. In church and state, as well as in the modern home, the real need is a vision of, and loyalty to God.

2. **The sacredness of the marriage bond** (Mark 10:2-12). In Mark's account of the discussion of the marriage bond, two aspects of it are considered; first the civil, "Moses (the lawgiver) suffered to write a bill of divorcement;" and second, the sacred, "What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." This distinction needs consideration just now. Fashionable divorcee retreats, a show of dignifying "companionate marriage," a blase dramatization of intimacies upon public billboards, with, presumably, more realistic vulgarities upon screen and stage, tend to capture the public mind. Although the ruin of such license is indescribable, it cannot alter the fact that God has made human beings on a certain biological pattern. The

sacredness of the marriage bond, therefore, is inseparably woven into the texture of human anatomy and psychology. Human beings are so made that social experiments have verified the authorized pattern of divine Scripture—one man and one woman.

3. **True religion.** Religion that is more in form than in sincerity is not a very strong factor for good in the life of the home. We cannot serve God in truth until all our gods of whatsoever nature have been put away. One can be a worshiper of strange gods without having idols of wood and iron and stone about the house. Every one is choosing every day whether he will serve God or some strange gods.

Exposition—I. **A whole family serving the Lord** (Josh. 24:15-16). When Joshua appealed to the people to fear the Lord and serve Him, he called their attention to the many things God had done for them. An idol could do nothing for any one, why then did they cling to idols? The people had been secretly worshiping idols and openly professing to serve God, are there people now who openly profess to serve God, and secretly serve Satan? The hope of the nation depended upon a whole-hearted service to God, and that whole-hearted service to God is the crying need of the nations of earth today.

Happy is that man whose character and conduct are such that his choice to serve the Lord is also the choice of every member of his family—Joshua must have been a happy man.

II. **Broken homes** (Mark 10:2-12). Because of hardness of heart men put away their wives, likewise women put away their husbands (v. 5). Jesus plainly taught that from the beginning no provision was made for a separation between husband and wife and that either party leaving the other and marrying another person is an adulterer. Modern looseness in respect to the marriage bond is wrecking many homes.

III. **Love and obedience in the home** (Eph. 6:1-9). The first rule of a happy home is obedience to its rulers (father and mother). Children who love and obey their parents bring honor to them. The good soldier is the soldier who will die before he will disobey. With soldiers like this, battles

are won and empires made.

The next rule is courtesy. Bees in lands where there are winters, work hard all summer, storing up honey. If taken where flowers bloom all the year, they stop making honey and become troublesome, stinging everybody. Some boys and girls are like that at home where everything is done for them. How much better it would be to have some work to do—making honey.

Lesson V. **Oct. 30, 1932**
The Christian and Law Observance
(World's Temperance Sunday)

Prov. 23:29-35; Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Cor. 9:19-27; Gal. 6:1-10; 1 Peter 2:11-17.

Topic: The Christian and Law Observance

GOLDEN TEXT—Whoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap—Gal. 6:7.

PRACTICAL TRUTH—One great modern need is a revived sense of responsibility for others.

OUTLINE—I. The misery of drunkenness. II. God the author of law. III. Self-discipline. IV. Responsibility for others. V. Obedience to authority.

INTRODUCTION—1. **Law is sacred** No lawless man is a Christian, for the very heart of a Christian experience is submission to divine authority. The orderliness of the material universe suggests God as the author of orderliness among men. Resisting the laws that are made for the good of society is as resisting God. Even making light of such wholesome laws as the Eighteenth Amendment is clearly to make light of God. Law is sacred, even when being administered by wicked men. Losing a sense of the sacredness of law is a long step in the direction of disobeying the law. A faithful officer of the law is a "minister of God to thee for good." In every modern government there is a proper way to change laws that are bad without breaking down the spirit of obedience to law in general. A lawless disregard for law will bring its own harvest of confusion and destruction.

2. **Sowing the tares.** D. L. Moody tells of visiting the Paris Exhibition in 1867, and seeing a small oil painting about a foot square. The face was one of the most hideous he had ever seen. On a piece of paper attached to the painting were the words,

"Sowing the Tares," and the face looked more like a demon's than a man's. As he sowed the tares, up sprang serpents and reptiles, and they were crawling all over his body and all around were woods full of prowling wolves and wild animals. Many of us have seen that picture in actual life. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Change "man" to "nation" and it holds good just the same. Nations are only collections of great numbers of individuals and drink will ruin a nation in time, as it will a man.

3. *Personal Liberty:* A limited portion of our American people selfishly demand that the ban on intoxicating liquors be lifted because they feel that prohibition robs them of certain liberties. They forget that if they are granted the liberties they desire, the personal liberty of a great group of other people will be interfered with. As an illustration, even moderate drinkers compel many thousands of non-drinking persons to pay a much larger premium for their life insurance than they should. So personal liberty conflicts with personal liberty. And there is no better tribunal for deciding between the two demands than the people themselves. In America the people have spoken, and no Christian can do otherwise than support the prohibition law in every way possible.

EXPOSITION—I. THE MISERY OF DRUNKENNESS (Prov. 23:29-35). The miseries of drunkenness are listed as sorrow, contentions, wounds, redness of eyes, the bite as of a serpent, the sting as of an adder, perversity of heart, insecurity, a sense of being beaten.

II. GOD THE AUTHOR OF LAW (Rom. 13:1-7). There can be no order without obedience to powers (laws) which are above us. The obligations of patriotism are individual and universal. Since all final authority and power is with God, all people are required to submit to law as represented in the officers. No matter how wicked individual rulers may be in their personal lives, they are nevertheless, they are the representatives, for the time being, of government; and government, as such is of God. Nero, the worst of villains, was the head of the government at the time Paul wrote these things to the saints at Rome.

Whosoever ignores or violates the law or rebels against it, rebels against God, for God is the author of law. He that resisteth the law, resisteth

God, and shall receive damnation to himself. No matter what rulers are personally, such officers are appointed to protect and help the good and to detect and punish evil-doers. There is no fear or dread of the law to the law-abiding. In Nero's time a sword was worn at the side as an emblem of authority. Since law, as such, is of God, the officers of the law are spoken of as God's representatives, and the sword in those days was not borne in vain.

The Christian citizen obeys the law not only for fear of the consequences, but because he has a conscience in the matter. The man who has no conscience in the matter of observing the law, will be found to have no conscience in other matters.

Government is necessary and laws are necessary, for without laws we could have no government, then officers are needed to administer the government according to the laws. It takes money to keep the machinery of government going; so it is necessary to pay taxes. All who receive the protection of government, are under obligations to pay taxes. We all receive blessings, benefits and protection from God and are under obligations to render unto Him all we have to give.

III. SELF-DISCIPLINE (1 Cor. 9:19-27). While Paul was free from all men, he willingly became servant unto all that he might win some to Christ. By holding himself under control, he could adapt himself to any necessary way, that he might serve to the best interests of others. He kept his body under control, lest he might follow the lusts of the flesh and be cast off, even after he had preached to others.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY FOR OTHERS (Gal. 6:1-10). Those who are strong spiritually, must be a constant help to those who are weak. Those who have been taught must teach others. Each one must try to help bear the burdens of others.

"Be not deceived," Satan will try in every way to deceive, even persuade men that the plainest facts are not true. Tons of printed propaganda are now being distributed in our own country in an effort to prove that to legalize the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors would make America more sober, and a more prosperous nation than America under prohibition. "God is not mocked," neither can His law be rendered powerless by scoffing at it. We are responsible for others, not for evil, but for good. If we sow the saloon, we will reap

drunkards, poverty, pain and woe, and eternal destruction, not only to them that drink, but more to them that make the saloon possible, for "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." If we sow to the flesh, take pleasure in worldly things, we shall reap physical, moral and spiritual weakness, failure, disease, and final separation from God. If we sow to the Spirit, we shall reap physical, moral, mental and spiritual strength, success, a blessed and useful life in this world and eternal life in the world to come. "Let us not be weary in well doing," for the crown of life is for the faithful—"Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

V. OBEDIENCE TO AUTHORITY (1 Pet. 2:11-17). The Christian spirit requires submission to proper authority, whether of king, governor, or inferior officers, "for so is the will of God . . . Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers." The Christian must therefore "abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul." We must press our claim for eternal life or we will receive eternal death instead. Idleness spells failure, ruin and death in any life, or in any business in life.

Lesson VI Nov. 6, 1933
The Christian and World Peace
Psa. 22:27-28; 67:1-7; 72:8-19;
Isaiah 2:1-4; Matt. 28:16-20;
Ephesians 2:13-19.

Topic: The Christian's duty to Promote World Peace.

GOLDEN TEXT—Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God—Matt. 5:9.

PRACTICAL TRUTH—No one can be like Christ who does not strive for righteous peace in every direction.

OUTLINE—I. The Lord the supreme Ruler. II. Universal peace prophesied. III. All nations to be evangelized. IV. The unifying power of the cross.

INTRODUCTION—*The Bible a practical Book.* While the Bible is a masterpiece of literature, it is above all a practical book, because its author is the All-wise God. The God who inspired the words of the Book is the maker of man and knows his needs for all time. Consequently the teachings of the Bible meet man at the point of his need. The Christian's duty to promote world peace starts with the fact that Christ gives peace to the individual heart. The Spirit of Christ which is shared by all them that are His tends towards peace in

all the relations between men as well as between nations, and in spite of all the turmoil sin creates, Christ is yet to be King of universal peace. The obligation is upon the church and every individual Christian to be peacemakers. Jesus declared, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

2. Love shall finally conquer. The power of the mighty forces of wickedness shall not always last. They shall some day yield to the forces of love and righteousness. War does not spring from love and mercy, but carnal ambition, jealousy, pride, hate greed, and lust for blood; and these must all give way ultimately to the conquering power of love. God will allow wicked men and wicked principles their day; but He will not surrender His dominion forever. The universe shall yet see what this earth and its people shall be like under a reign of righteousness and holiness. Much of the earth's wealth, which belongs to God, is at present withheld from Him. All the conditions of world peace are in the cross of Christ.

3. What can a Christian Do? Jesus is called the Prince of Peace. Where He abides there is no strife nor discord. If Jesus dwells in your heart, you will love people and try to help them. You will never feel like fighting with them. It is love in our hearts that keeps us from quarreling. God puts that love in our hearts, which enables us to help to bring peace to the world:

"Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean,
And the pleasant land.

"Little deeds of kindness,
Little words of love,
Make our earth an Eden,
Like to heaven above.

"Little deeds of mercy,
Sown by human hands,
Grow to bless the nations,
Far as heathen lands."

EXPOSITION—I. The Lord the Supreme Ruler. (Psa. 22:27-28; 67:1-7; 72:8-19). All the kingdoms of this world really belong to our God, and He is the rightful Governor. "All the ends of the earth shall (yet) remember and turn unto the Lord." Then shall His saving health be among the

nations, and rejoicing, and righteous judgment, and the blessings of prosperity, when Jesus comes to reign.

Solomon had a vast influence among all the nations of the world and kings of many nations paid him tribute, and many came from all over the world to hear his wisdom, yet his widespread reign was only a symbol of the Lord's coming universal reign. Benevolence, justice, and mercy shall mark the Lord's kingdom in contrast with the governments of the world in David's time, and at the present time. In that time the earth shall be highly blessed with good seasons, good crops, and men shall be wonderfully blessed, and the name of the Lord shall be highly exalted and esteemed.

II. Universal Peace Prophesied (Isaiah 2:1-4). Isaiah saw the future time when the kingdom of the Lord shall be above all earthly kingdoms. At that time there shall be no more war, and all people shall seek the Lord—They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks.

III. All Nations to be Evangelized. Just before Jesus left this world He gave His disciples what we call the "Great Commission." And as Jesus, in the Great Commission, called the disciples to service, He also called all who will obey that call to service, even unto us, and all who obey shall share with Him of His unlimited power, until Jesus comes again.

IV. The Unifying Power of the Cross. (Eph. 2:13-19). Paul here discusses universal redemption for all who will believe, thru Christ. The institutions of Judaism, "the law of commandments contained in ordinances" has erected a wall of partition between the Jew and rest of the world. These ordinances had isolated the Jew from all other races and had kept the revelation of the true gospel within the limits of the elect race. But with the coming of Christ the reason for the existence of these institutions passed away—"But now, in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." He, the great High Priest, in establishing a spiritual kingdom, abolished the enmity and division between the Jew and Gentile. "He made in himself of twain one new man, so making peace."

Lesson VII

Nov. 13, 1932

Making a Living

Deut. 24:14-15; Amos 5:6-15;
Mark 6:3; Luke 12:13-21; 19:1-26;
2 Thes. 3:6-13; 1 Tim. 6:6-16.

Topic: The Christian Spirit in Business

GOLDEN TEXT—Be . . . not slothful in business—Romans 12: 10, 11.

PRACTICAL TRUTH—The Christian looks upon making a living as something besides a selfish activity.

OUTLINE—I. Being just to the poor.
II. Jesus as a laborer.
III. The sin of greed.
IV. Recognizing the rights of employers. V. The balance between indolence and the will to be rich.

INTRODUCTION—1. *An Age-Long Problem.* In this period of world-wide financial depression, with its seemingly low prices to the seller and the laborer, with its scarcity of employment and corresponding lack of income, the problem of a livelihood is most vital. Many who have work eat and dress with sorrow and with sweaty brow, saying, "O Mother Eve! O Father Adam! Why did you do it?" While the multitudes of unemployed are saying, "What shall we eat? or what shall we drink? or wherewithal shall we be clothed?"

2. *Not a One-sided Problem.* The greed and selfishness, "the mighty sins" of the rich, must be dealt with. God, who long ago looked down upon a corrupt world, is beholding this perverse, swindling generation, and is saying, "Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his!" "Woe to you that are rich!" "Woe to you that are full!" The poor, too, are not guiltless. The apostle commands them by the Lord Jesus Christ that if they work not neither should they eat; and he severely criticises busybodies who do not work, exhorting, "that with quietness they should work and eat their own bread." There are too many shiftless poor who are willing to be cared for and who spend more time explaining and apologizing than they do in devising honest methods by which to live, trade, and be busy, as the word "occupy" properly signifies.

3. *God Cares.* He made "coats of skins" for Adam and Eve and "clothed them;" He provided the Israelites with manna for forty years; He supplied the prophet Elijah with food; He cared for the widow with her debts and needs; He cared for the multitudes—the four thousand and the five thousand; and with His own hands He fed

His disciples by the lake after His resurrection. "Behold the fowls of the air . . . your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?"

EXPOSITITN—I. BEING JUST TO THE POOR—Deut. 24:14-15; Amos 5:6-15 Both of these prophets deal with the employer and the employed—they deal with the rich and the poor, the strong and the weak, and show how the weak are oppressed by the strong.

Wealth gives advantage and power, and there is a strong tendency to use these to the disadvantage of those who do not have wealth. How often are "houses hewn of stone" built from the profits of the labor of those who live in impossible housing conditions? God's judgments do not always allow the wicked to enjoy the fruit of their oppressive measures. Men forget that God calls afflicting the just, taking bribes, and turning aside the poor from their rights, "mighty sins." When oppression, crime, injustice, and cold-blooded business are rampant, the weak keep silence; only the prophets cry out. Personal righteousness before God is the only hope for social righteousness. However unpleasant the prospect may be, we must all give an account of our stewardship. Faithfulness in any opportunity will be rewarded by enlarged opportunities.

II. JESUS AS A LABORER (Mark 6:3) In common with other boys Jesus learned a trade, He became a carpenter and worked with Joseph. He knew what it meant to engage in common toil. Jesus was not above work, neither should we be above it.

The Rev. T. Carter, one of the early Puritan ministers, once came unexpectedly behind one of his acquaintances who was busily engaged in his trade as a tanner. He gave him a pleasant tap on the shoulder. The good man looked up, startled, and said, "Sir, I am ashamed that you should find me thus employed." The minister replied, "Let Christ, when he cometh, find me so doing." "What!" said the good man, "doing this?" "Yes," said Mr. Carter, "faithfully performing the duties of my calling." Satan selects his disciples when they are idle. Jesus chose his disciples when they were busy mending nets, or fishing, or gathering custom. God will not use any one who will not learn the habit of being usefully employed. It is doubtful if a lazy man can be a Christian. Christian living requires energy.

III. THE SIN OF GREED (Luke 12:13-21). One can make a living without becoming greedy. To show how

greediness and selfishness are likely to end the Lord gave the parable of the rich fool. This man was, in the estimation of men, a successful farmer, perhaps a shrewd man, a great man among his fellowmen, but the Lord said he was a fool. He was a fool because he left God out in making his plans and carrying them out.

The Lord said of this man, and He said it for us: "But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: . . . So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

IV. RECOGNIZING THE RIGHTS OF EMPLOYERS (Luke 19:1-26). In verses 1 to 10 we have the story of Zaccheus. He was a publican, he was rich, and he was too short to see Jesus from the midst of the multitude; but he was very much interested in seeing Jesus, so much interested that he climbed up above the crowd. He was rewarded in seeing Jesus, and was saved, made restitution for ill-gotten gains, and gave half of his wealth to the poor.

In verses 11 to 26 we have the parable of the pounds. The nobleman who gave the ten pounds to his servants represents Jesus, who divided unto His servants the things with which they must occupy till He comes again. In the parable this nobleman after being gone for some time, returned, "having received the kingdom." The servants were called and asked to make reports, that it might be known "how much every man had gained by trading." The first reported that his pound had gained ten pounds, and he was made ruler over ten cities. The second reported a gain of five pounds and he was made ruler over five cities. The third man returned his pound without increase, and it was taken from him and given to him who had ten pounds.

Now, the Lord had taught these servants how to "trade" with the "ability" (1 Peter 4:11) he gave unto them. The first two were faithful and were richly rewarded. The third showed clearly that he was unfaithful, and he lost even his opportunity to serve any longer.

Every Christian is responsible to occupy (trade, and be busy) with all the Lord has put into their hands, till He comes again. He has given you something to use, are you busy?

"Though Christ a thousand times
In Bethlehem be born,
If He's not born in thee,
Thy soul is still forlorn."

POINTERS

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If you would be strong, don't dodge difficulties in the path of duty; meet them; greet them; beat them!

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Men may reject heaven as a gift; but can they reject hell as the penalty?

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The sinner who runs away from sin is a Christian; while the Christian who runs after sin is a sinner of the baser sort.

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The devil's "favorite dish" is oat meal mush, made from "wild oats." He does not grind the grit himself, but he grinds the young man who sows the crop.

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Christians, don't loaf around waiting for "eloquence"—pray for utterance, and go ahead.

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Sinners, your hope of eternal salvation depends on what you can find in Christ, not on what He finds in you. He finds nothing but sin in you—you can find your own full salvation in Him.

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There can be no "growth in grace" without Christian service. Stop and think!

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God never calls anyone to teach or preach His word who will not take time to study it.

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It is much easier for any man to get along with God than to get along without Him.

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Christ's life was crowded with temptations and crowned with victories over them all. How is it with your life?

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There are many rusty, musty Christian "talents" laid away in napkins of pure laziness. It's a sad waste of napkins, too!

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The devil buys up men's services, pays them off with promissory notes, and never pays the notes; curious how so many men will do business with him.

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We hear a great deal about the "Fatherhood of God," but how about the "Fatherhood of the devil?" Has he no children? If not, he certainly has a large family of step-children.

OBITUARY

LIPE—Mrs. Lou Lipe was born in Oregon County, Missouri, November 9, 1863, and departed this life August 10, 1932, age 68 years, nine months and one day. Death came as the result of cancer of the stomach.

She was married to Will Shipman in Oregon County, shortly after which the couple came to this county and settled about six miles east of Purdy. After the birth of four children (the youngest dying in infancy), the family left for Kansas in the interest of Mr. Shipman's health, where he died. The Mother and three children came back soon after and began life anew on their little farm that the father had provided them with, amid the many adversities that the world seems to hold for a lonely mother and her small children.

In 1903 she was married to Joseph Lipe who died in the summer of 1916. Again she was left to the task of guarding her little household, and bravely assumed the duties of rearing her children, and this she did nobly and well, without a frown toward her broken and troubled pathway.

Besides a mother, Mrs. Janie Anderson, Thomasville, Missouri, and a sister and half brother, she has left three children: Ben, Charley and Vesta, several grandchildren, and a sad community in which her helpful life was spent. Her two sons, Ben and Charley, who were ever attentive to their mother, and several of her friends were with her when the end came. Vernal Shipman, a grandson, whom she had reared to manhood, was also present.

Mrs. Lipe became a Christian early in life and fully exemplified that life and spirit in every measure among her neighbors and friends. Unlike many who have been privileged to display so noble a life and character to the throngs, her lot has been to cast its influence in her humble home and community. And so well has that influence been sown, that its reaping will not soon be over, nor will its shadow soon depart, but on the hearts of those who claim her friendship will its footprints linger as time with the years lapse. Carefully did she refrain from in-

terfering with others' affairs and interests, but strictly and honorably adhered to her own. O'er the fevered bed of the sick her light of cheerfulness brightly shone, and around it her hands always found assistance. The poor and unfortunate found comfort and consolation in her life and were lifted higher through her radiant influence. Her undefeated courage through her difficulties and hardships has been strength for many along their rough pathway, guided many through storms, and speaks that life can be real, even if the world be cold and fate ill. Her simple, pure and unadulterated life secluded from the crowds, hidden from the evil eye of the public, enveloped in mercy for all, and illuminating the horizon of a humble community with love surely, surely, entitles one to say, "She hath done what she could."

Funeral service was conducted by Eld. Winford Davis and Fred McPhail at the Arnhart church. Blankenship Undertaking Co. of Purdy, Missouri in charge.

Rollins—Tillman J. Rollins, son of Mrs. John Rollins, died Monday, September 12, 1932, at 9:40 o'clock a. m.

Tillman J. was born August 17, 1931, being at the time of his death, one year and twenty-six days old. He is survived by his mother, seven brothers, and four sisters. His father preceded him in death one year and three months ago.

Funeral services were held at the home by Eld. Winford Davis Tuesday, September 13th. Pall bearers were the brothers of the baby, Willard, Johnny, Luther, and Arthur. The flower girls were the sisters, Loie and Floy.

Burial was made in the Purdy cemetery.

OBEY

By Mrs. Lina Claxton

Dear Bro. and Sister Brown and Gem Readers: I am still reading this Book, which I can't understand just as I would like to, yet this is so plain: "Then Peter and the other apostle answered and said, We ought to OBEY God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

"Behold, to OBEY, is better than sacrifice" (1 Sam. 15:22).

"OBEY my voice and I will be your God and ye shall be my people" (Jer. 7:23).

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to Obey, his servants ye are to whom ye OBEY; whether of sin unto death or of obedience unto righteousness" (Romans 6:16).

"Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that OBEY him" (Heb. 5:8).

"In flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that OBEY not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power" (2 Thes. 1:8, 9).

"Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; a blessing, if you OBEY the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day; and a curse, if ye will not OBEY the commandments of the Lord your God" (Deut. 11:26-28).

These are just a few scriptures, as you well know, on obedience.

Once upon a time there were two brothers, one was disobedient and the other was obedient. The disobedient son went into sin until he disobeyed the law of the land and was sent to the State Penitentiary.

The other son accepted Christ as his personal Savior. He went to church and Sunday school and lived in obedience at home, with food and raiment. Good friends, it pays to be obedient, even in this life.

Where father and mother are living in obedience to God the Father, and have trained their children to OBEY, this makes a home, sweet home, be it ever so poor, there is no place like home, it is a type of our Heavenly Home.

God bless the editor and wife, and Gem readers, and remember:

When you approach the throne of grace,

In the attitude of prayer, Remember me in a distant place,

For I desire an interest there. Hartville, Missouri, Aug. 19, 1932

Free Will Baptist League Rally of Indian Creek Association

The leagues of the Indian Creek Association met at Monett Mo., August 21st, for the Rally, which was enjoyed by every one present.

After a few songs by all the leagues, Bro. J. B. Jefferson led the opening prayer. Then the following program was rendered:

Greetings, Sarah Louise Alyea
Duet, Mr. Alyea and Mae Moss
Song Jack Stanley
Quartet Blue Eye
Song Carterville
Reading Blanche Austin
Talk J. R. Rollins
Song Monett Juniors
Song Jones Chapel

"Yes Sir, A Hell"

Beulah Hayhurst

Song Bobby Jean Ellis
"Forget It" Evelyn Jefferson
Quartet Macedonia
Song Mrs. O. T. Allred
"Drinking House Over the Way"

Jewel Lewis

Instrumental Duet, Edna Lee Butler and Waynoka Collier

Talk Clovis Childs
Song Eyvonne Niskern

"Loyalty To Leagues"

Celeste Collier

Duet, Marjorie Austin and Noveta Wallace

Reading Audrey Medlin
Reading Sarah Louise Alyea

Song Monett Class
Talk G. M. Campbell

Duet Blue Eye
Reading Margurite Metcalf

Song Mrs. Alyea
Talk Eld. Kenneth Turner

Reading Elsie Keeton
Talk Eld. Winford Davis

Song Two Juniors
Talk Eld. O. T. Allred

"Bible First" Five Juniors
Reading Thelma Gregory

Song Monett Juniors
Talk J. B. Jefferson

Reading Clarabelle Roberts
Duet, Evelyn Jefferson and

Cordelia Blalock

Song All Leaguers
Prayer Eld. Cecil Campbell
League Benediction All.

The next Rally will be at Jones Chapel the first Sunday in October

Every one please send your program to the president or to the secretary, at least one week before that time, so there will be no time lost that day.

W. K. Weston, Pres., Monett, Mo.
Oleta Davis, Sec'y, Monett, Mo.

Should National Prohibition Be Abolished?

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200 saloons in the same county doing the same thing, such a condition makes grafting today look like nothing but child's play.

"So keep up the good work of 'advertising.' The devil himself must laugh every time your editorial writer sits down at his desk. But we old-timers feel sorry for you, that you should be called an 'editor' and yet be so dumb."

—O. C. Gatrell.

Repeal and Employment

We are told that if the prohibition law were repealed it would decrease unemployment. This seems to be a bright idea of some "leaders" of labor and politics. They say that if the Eighteenth Amendment were done away with we would set millions of people to work! Frank McAlpine in a very incisive newspaper paragraph replies: "Yea, verily, and I can tell who some of the millions will be, too. It will set thousands of women to work at the washtubs, and thousands to scrubbing floors. Untold thousands of boys and girls will come out of school and go to work. Doctors and undertakers will be busier, so will preachers and social workers, cleaning up the human wreckage. It will set bill collectors to work who cannot collect, and merchants who cannot sell their shoes and meat and things. Oh, there'd be plenty of work all right! How about wages!"

—New Century Teacher.

Canada's Liquor System

The former prime minister of Ontario declares that government control is not the remedy. He says: "All we have is government sale—with consumption in the home or hotel bedroom. No longer is drink a man's vice. Women and children are exposed to it. Crime is increasing, drunkenness is increasing, violations of liquor laws are increasing, motor accidents are increasing."

Huggins, Missouri, Sept. 23, 1932
Dear Gem Readers:

I still am trying to serve the Lord the best I have ever learned how. I haven't found any new way of serving Him, only to live close to Him each day and ask

Him to help me grow stronger. I have a story I wish to have published in the Gem entitled, "Lost Opportunities."

I feel that this is a great warning to mothers and fathers. We have three little children in our home, David, Don and Edna. The only way I know to teach them is to do my best to set the right example before them and ask the Lord to help me to teach them right.

"An aged mother sat by the window, watching the rain drops trickle down the pane. Each raindrop seemed a reminder of the days past and gone. Some of the days seemed but yesterday, they had all fled by so swiftly and oh, how she wished she had them back again, that she might live them over again. As she realized the utter impossibility of such a thing her heart grew heavier, for her life was one of regret. True she had been a loyal mother, she had stood by her family, she had sacrificed for them, their needs had all been supplied and many of their wants. She had been a dutiful wife and mother, but her mind was not dwelling this dreary rainy morning on the things that as a mother, she had done; she was thinking of the things, as a mother, she had not done. Fred, her eldest son, was a very successful business man. Emily was a teacher in a large college. Martin was a very prosperous farmer. While Betty was the wife of a Senator. Little Alice died at the age of two. One looking on would think, surely, that mother had reared her family successfully, and many had been the times that she had complimented herself, that she had so reared them, but some how this morning her thoughts were not running in that direction. The voice of God was talking to her heart—had she really made a success rearing those children after all? had she not all through those years neglected the one thing needful? and what doth it profit one if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Not one of these children was saved, except baby Alice whom God had taken so many years ago. And that was not through her efforts but only God's great love in taking her while she was yet pure and sweet and innocent. All the years they were in her care and keeping she had not taught them

of a loving Savior, a Christ that died for them, one who would be their constant companion, one who would pilot them safely through life. No, they had never heard her pray, they had not seen the teardrops trickle down her face, nor heard her name each one to God, asking Him for their salvation, but the teardrops were trickling now, almost as fast as the raindrops on the window pane. Memories, lost opportunities, and she must soon give an account to God.

Young mother, you who still have your Fred, your Emily, your Martin, and your Betty with you round the family fireside, will this be your sad, regretful experience when they have grown up and gone? Will you have to answer to God for this serious charge as this mother did? Let us not have it so; let us take advantage of these precious opportunities God has given so graciously, then as life's setting sun goes down, we shall be able to know that even though we may have nothing else to leave to our children, we are leaving them the heritage of a godly mother.

Asking all Christians to remember us in your prayers, I will close.
Mrs. John Ratterree.

Giving Our Best to God

By Elder Elda Crain

This is a very important subject which I am sure should be worth our consideration. So let's think together for a little while.

The most important part of giving to God is giving our hearts and lives to Him. Christian friends, when we did this, it was the wisest thing we ever did in our lives. That is the most honorable deed we ever did. Some folks seem to think that it would be somewhat of a disgrace to get saved, but isn't a disgrace, it is an honor. Don't you think so?

We might ask, when should we become a Christian? "Remember now thy Creator in the day of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Ecc. 12:1).

The best time to get saved is in youth. The more folks indulge in sin the deeper in sin they go. The deeper in sin they go, the greater the devil's grip upon them and it certainly takes old time Judgment day conviction to reach

them.

Another reason why young people should be saved is, we might say, their whole lives are before them. It is much better to give the best part of our lives to God than to wait until we have spent our lives for Satan, and at last give God our heart and life.

Young people, let's spend the rest of our lives for God. By the help of God I am going to.

Another way of giving to God is in a financial way. We are not commanded to just give something we don't need for ourselves or can't use for ourselves. Under the law when the Jews offered an offering for their sins they did not take a crippled pigeon, bullock or whatever the offering was and lead it up to the tabernacle; but they were commanded to bring an offering without blemish, the best of the flock. When we give of our means to help advance the cause of Christ we are giving to God. So let's give Him our best. And according to His word He will bless one that gives cheerfully

The Christian Life

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other denominational church members. I wonder how many of you are going to vote wet this year. These things and many others are worldliness. Some may say, "Oh, well, there's no harm in this or that that I can see." It doesn't make any difference what we think, that doesn't have anything to do with it. We must take the Word of God for Truth. (1 John 2: 15-16). We can't change it.

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12).

"Wherefore come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing" (2 Cor. 6:17-18).

May God bless you all, is my prayer. Pray for me.
Greentop, Missouri, R4, B55.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

I have thought of this so much lately. There are so many who do not know the true way of salvation. Knowing there is only one way (Acts 4:12), many people are in danger. There is much more to be lost by making a mistake in this than in almost any other mistake men can make, another mis-

take is to get salvation and then throw it away. I wanted to know the right way for about eight years before I found it. But I praise God I have salvation now. Have been saved about seven years. Salvation is a thing that, if you have it, you know it. (1 John 5:10(13)). If you do not know it, you should spend all your time calling on the Lord and read His word until you know you have salvation. Our God is not a stone image, He is a living, gentle, kind, loving, prayer answering God, and He is also severe. This will be found out by the unsaved at judgment. Many who are disobedient to the Lord find it out on earth, especially those who have once been saved.

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). This question was asked by the jail keeper who had just found out the power of the living God could open jail doors. Because of it he had come under conviction, so that he had already begun to repent, before he knew the way of salvation. Now just about the time the great Judgment is on the world, every body will be ready to repent, but it will be too late then. Dear unsaved friend, use the time today! Today is the day of salvation. The whole future is black before you until you are saved; your life will become happiness and peace if you will give your heart and life to God. Conviction is the power of God, the Holy Spirit dealing with you, showing you how exceeding sinful you are, what this sin will bring you to, and this same Spirit will show you how to get rid of your load of sin. God's Spirit and His word work hand in hand.

The answer Paul and Silas gave the jail keeper was: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." "I do not know how to believe," is the next thing people nearly always think, or "I do believe, but I don't feel like I am saved." No wonder though, because faith is from God. People have to call on God to show them how to repent and believe. Sometimes it is necessary to cry mightily unto God. But He will hear, if you do not get discouraged. Hope in God! There is no other name under heaven spoken of, whereby a man may be saved (Acts 4:12). If its hard for you to know how to believe, call upon

God, as one man in the Bible did. He said, "Lord I believe, help thou mine unbelief." In other words, "Lord I am trying to believe, help my unbelief." Though there is much unbelief left yet, God is surely merciful. Do not think of discouragement. Trust in God. A man must humble himself down before God by confessing all of his sin to the Lord, and repenting of all his sins. Sometimes when a man has stolen or committed some offense against a friend, neighbor, or any one, the Lord may require him to make restitution. But the Lord can help you out of anything that can be forgiven. What about the thief on the cross at Christ's side, wasn't he saved? Will add a few more scriptures to try to make plain why we must believe in Christ to be saved.

In trying to believe on Him, believe all His Word. When an unsaved man gets in real earnest about the matter, studying the word of God will give him faith. The Scriptures, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Read Gal. 3:10. After reading this carefully, you realize that no one was able, or is now able, to keep the law perfectly by themselves. So every one is under the curse (if they haven't already been redeemed or saved). Yes, God's word means every one, even if some do feel that they are just all right, because they say they grew into salvation right from childhood or babyhood. But you know you just can't go by feelings. How then? Read Gal. 3:13. This verse tells the whole thing: "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law." Christ made Himself a curse for us, (though guile was never found in His mouth). And this saves us from under the curse, "if" we will believe that this sacrifice will save us—This is the only sacrifice that ever will save.

To help you, take it individually to yourself. Now remember it doesn't say, "Christ will redeem us from the curse." Instead of saying, "Redeemed us," bring it down to "me." "Christ has redeemed me from the curse."

Now, if you truly humble yourself before God, repent and turn away from all sin, and ask God to help you believe this promise, then when you do get to where

you can believe it, God's witness will come into your heart right then. You will know you have salvation (1 John 5:10). Then you will have joy and peace. You may have ups and downs, but the ups are always brighter than the downs are dark. Always remember and do your very best for the Lord. Jesus says in Matt. "For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." This is when we come the Lord's way in things. Another scripture says, "But the way of the transgressor is hard." This is when we try to do things our own way. Leave everything to God at all times; never take things into your own hands to do as you would, and your life will be happiness.

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Introductory sermon to be preached by Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr., Eld. Winford Davis alternate.

Eld. Winford Davis, Clerk, Monett, Mo.

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