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## The Christian Soldier

By Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.

Text—2 Tim. 2:3—"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

All Christians are soldiers of Jesus Christ. His warriors must prove themselves to be good soldiers, to be faithful to their Captain and resolute in His cause. Rom. 8:37—"In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." As Christian soldiers, we must endure hardness; we must expect and count upon it in this world. A Christian must patiently bear hardness when it comes, and not be moved by it from our stand.

In Eph. 6:10-18 we find a general exhortation to constancy in our Christian course and to courage in our Christian warfare. Is not our life a warfare? It is; we struggle with the common calamities of human life. We have enemies to fight against, a Captain to fight for, a banner to fight under, and certain rules of war by which we are governed. A soldier must be stout-hearted and well armed.

The warrior's strength is found in the might of his Captain, the Lord. Eph. 6:10—"My brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might." Spiritual strength and courage are very necessary for our spiritual warfare. Our natural strength is pure weakness, but in God's strength we can go forth. For one to be stout-hearted, he must "Be strong in the Lord."

Not only does a soldier need to be stout-hearted, but he needs to be well armed. Eph. 6:11—"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Paul considers, every Christian as

having a warfare to maintain against numerous, powerful, and subtle foes; therefore they need much strength, much courage, complete armour and skill to use it. This armour is prepared for us, but we must put it on. A well prepared warrior has on the whole armour of God, that he may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. The devil has different means, plans, schemes, and machinations which he uses to deceive, entrap, enslave, and ruin the souls of men.

One must have on the WHOLE armour, or the devil will use his attacks on the spot or spots not well armed. We see a picture of two soldiers: One is fully armed and the other fails to have the full breastplate on. The devil is unable to hurt the warrior which is fully armed, but he has found the weak spot in the armour of the soldier which is only partly armed. The devil uses all his methods, forces, schemes and plans as he shoots the arrows of poison at this one spot which is uncovered. He gains the victory and the unarmed warrior suffers defeat, because he fails to have on the whole armour. A Christian soldier has to be armed with the complete armour to stand against the wiles of Satan.

Eph. 6:12—"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Our wrestling or contention is not with men like ourselves, but "against principalities or chief rulers in first rank and order in their own kingdom." The authorities and rulers of the world are oft-

times against the warfare of Spirit-filled believers.

Eph. 6:13—"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." That ye may not only stand in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free, but also discomfit all your spiritual foes: and continuing in your ranks, ye may maintain your ground against them, never putting off your armour, but standing always prepared to repel any new attack.

"Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth." The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the "truth of God." Truth may be taken here for sincerity, which is our girdle. God desires truth in the inward parts. This is the strength of the loins; and it girds on all other pieces of our armour. Truth is the Christian soldier's belt; therefore, it is necessary to use the basic principle (loins girt with truth). No one can be a successful soldier unarmed with truth or sincerity.

Another important part of the warrior's armour is the breastplate of righteousness. The word "righteousness" signifies the principle of righteousness; it signifies the living of a holy life; also, God's method of justifying sinners. The breastplate secures the vitals and shelters the heart and lungs, so this righteousness defends everything on which the man's spiritual existence depends. The righteousness of Christ implanted in us is our breastplate to fortify the heart against the attacks which Satan makes against us. 1 Thess. 5:8—"But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love." All Christian graces are included in faith and love. A Spirit-filled believer must have this to withstand the attacks of the devil.

It is essential for every Christian  
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#### MISSOURI CHRISTIAN WORKER'S INSTITUTE

Where?—Niangua, Missouri, near  
Springfield—at the Missouri State  
Free Will Baptist Youth Campgrounds.  
When? July 21 to August 1.

Who attends? Every Christian  
worker in the State of Missouri.

What is the cost? Fourteen dollars  
for two weeks room and board and  
registration fee of one dollar.

What will be taught? Bible Doc-  
trine, Worldwide Missions, Woman's  
Auxiliary, Personal Soul Winning,  
How to prepare Gospel Messages,  
Sunday School Administration, and  
Free Will Baptist League.

Who Teaches? Rev. Robert B.  
Crawford, Rev. La Verne Miley, and  
Miss Thora Arbogast.

Which Session? The Second. There  
will also be a Daily Vacation Bible  
School going on at the same time  
and place.

What to do? Write to Rev. Mark  
Lewis, 2043a Sidney St., St. Louis,  
Mo., telling him you are attending.  
Also, watch for other announcements.

#### NOTICE TO ALL STATE SECOND VICE PRESIDENTS

Please send me your reports within  
the next few days, that I may be able  
to compile my report to the National  
Auxiliary Convention.

If you have no State Organization  
please report from your district.

Miss. Cleo Pursell,  
Box 997,  
Bristow, Oklahoma;  
2nd Vice Pres. W.N.A.C.

## NOTICE

To the Churches of Oklahoma City,  
and within a radius of forty miles:

We have been informed, That Rev.  
W. F. Willingham might locate in or  
near Oklahoma City. If any church  
in that territory is in need of a pastor  
it might pay you to drop him a card,  
to P. O. Box 88, Mt'n Grove, Mo.

—The Gem.

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## GEM STOCK FUND

Some of our Free Will Baptist  
friends still remember that we still  
need money to pay on our note given  
for \$408.00 when we bought the stock  
from Bro. Dees; and some money is  
still coming in.

At our last report, in April, we  
still owed \$200.09 on said note.

#### RECEIPTS

Balance on hand last report...	\$14.00
C. A. Crook, Worthington, Mo.,	25.00
Preston Cross, Stockton, Mo.,	4.00
Rev. Harvey Hill, St. Louis, Mo.,	4.00
Blaine Matthews, Desloge, Mo.,	4.00
Elsie Piller, Chetopa, Kans.,	5.00
From Cave Spring Association	
Pleasant Ridge Church	8.00
Cave Spring Church	4.00
Mrs. Ralph Underwood	5.00

Total receipts	\$73.00
Paid on note	73.00

Balance on hand	0.00
Balance note unpaid	\$127.09

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## MOUNTAIN GROVE F. W. B. CHURCH REPORT

Mountain Grove, Missouri

Rev. and Mrs. Harry Staires from  
Tulsa, Oklahoma were here for a  
two weeks' revival meeting. Brother  
Staires did the preaching through-  
out the meeting, and Bro. Marvin  
Dalton, also from Tulsa, was here  
and directed the singing. Brother  
Staires brought some real soul stir-  
ring messages that not only reached  
the hearts of the unsaved, but also  
helped the Christians in many ways.  
There were twenty-two conversions,  
thirteen united with the church and  
twelve were baptized.

The church here has just completed  
a new church building and the build-  
ing will be dedicated, free of any  
indebtedness, June 29, 1947.

Rev. George W. Scott, Jr., Pastor.

# Editorial

## THE LORD IN NEED

"And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them" —Matt. 21:3.

It may seem inconsistent to say, "The Lord in need." The Almighty God, He who is omnipotent, in need! It sounds absurd. He who created everything that was created. At His word, universe, islands came into existence. And He upholds everything in heaven and in earth. All nature is carried on by His power. Yes, how astonishing it is to learn that He is in need. He who clothes the lilies of the field, and feeds the fowls of the air! He fed five thousand besides the women and children with a few loaves and fishes; and fed the whole nation of Israel with manna from heaven for forty years, and sent the quails up from the ocean as meat for them to eat; and made water come out of the rock on the mountain for them to drink. And then to think, He who can perform impossibles, is in need. He is in need because of His plan—a plan that He will not alter; He works and accomplishes miracles by and through human instrumentality. God the Son became flesh, and dwelt among men, and since the atonement for sin, He dwells in us by faith, in the person of the Holy Spirit. And since He has so gloriously tied us in as the conductor, then, if He fails to have our co-operation, He is in need. Yes, God is a failure in many cases, but the responsibility is on us, because we, the party of the second part failed.

A man had a garden, and it was full of grass and weeds, but he worked it out. A neighbor came along and said, "You and the Lord have done a good job." He replied, "You should have seen it when the Lord did it by Himself." The garden of the Lord is in a mess, and the cause is, The Lord does not have our co-operation. God does not select someone to do a big job, and will not use the rest of us to do a greater work. The Scripture says, "God is no respecter of persons." He will do great things through yielded ones. The trouble is, we do not provide the consecrated channel or agency.

The following Scripture shows that we tie God's hands when we do not believe: "He could do no mighty works in that city, because of their unbelief." Do you have faith? Let's make an examination and see if we possess the following characteristics: Knowledge, God's word, His promises to stand on. Belief—that is, believe God is as good as His word. Trust—that is, depend on Him, without any proviso. Works—that is, do your part, do what you can to put it over or accomplish the vision you have. We have faith for things, and the Word tells us how that faith is made complete; "By works faith is made perfect..."

If we furnish the faith, that is, well rounded out faith, God will do the miracles. We can reach the world for Christ in a few years, if we have faith enough. Many of our churches do not have faith enough to have a revival and become a soul saving station. Yes, dried up and gone to seed, and impure seed at that. The hungry come, and we do not have any bread of heaven for them; they go away from our services and never return. Why do they not come to us? Because we have nothing to set before them that is worth while. Lots of our churches are so dead, that if somebody got happy and shouted the praises of God, we would think it out of order. And like the Pharisees, when Jesus made His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem: "And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto Him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And He answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the rocks would immediately cry out." Why are church folk that way? They have never been saved, or they are backslidden, and do not have an affinity to God and His blessings.

God robbers are blocking the progress of our denomination. Many do not have faith in God's promise, they think they can rob God of His sacred tenth, and get along better. We are fooled when we think we can prosper more with the "cursed with a curse".

hanging over our heads.

If our people would "bring all the tithes into the STOREHOUSE, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room to receive. And I will rebuke the devourers for your sake . . ."

One Christian said to me, "I believe that, if you did not say so much about finance, and build up the spirituality of the church, the money would come." You cannot build up the spiritual life of those who are robbing God. If we want a revival, bring all the tithes into the Lord's treasury, and He will pour us out a blessing that the world will not be room enough to contain it. Yes, it will reach heaven, and the angels will rejoice. It is a fact; if we will have faith and comply with God's requisites, rivers of living water will flow from our hearts and minds. And then the multitudes will come to satisfy their thirst. New churches will spring up all over the land. Missionaries will be sent to the uttermost parts of the world. Our publishing houses will be humming day and night. Yes, this will come true if we count on the faithfulness of God, and obey Him.

The Lord is in need; He hasn't the money to support many preachers, so they can give themselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the word. He doesn't have the money to send missionaries to the ends of the earth. He does not have the money to put over the Publishing House. And the reason is; we are not consecrated to Him, we are not heeding His word; therefore, we are under the material curse.

May the Lord help us to repent, and furnish the consecrated vision, and faith, and if we do that, we will also furnish the finance and works to carry on in a glorious way.

God can yet show the world what He can do, if He can have the human instrumentality. **WILL YOU PROVIDE WHAT THE LORD NEEDS?**

## A Call To The Work

By Rev. Paul Woolsey, Shamrock, Kotagiri, South India.

"God, in wonderful ways, doth His wonderful works perform." God, in His infinite wisdom and divine Prov-

idence, has decreed that His Kingdom in the hearts of men should be carried on under the leadership of His

Divine and Holy Spirit, through human instrumentality. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way." "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." "While we were yet sinners Christ died for us." We must all say with the Apostle Paul: "While we were yet sinners Christ died for us," and again, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."

The first lesson for all Christians is contained in these words: "I am the vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

The second lesson reads thus: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me," and "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

After "God for Christ's sake hath forgiven our sins," our next step is made plain by the Apostle Paul: "I beseech you by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Have we, by the grace of God, done this? If we have, we are now ready for the second step: "Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God."

This second step of non-conformity to the world cannot be achieved until our bodies have been placed at the disposal of the Master and the passions and lusts thereof subdued by and through the Spirit. The transformation of our thinking is necessary, so that we may be able, "not to

think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think;" for "As a man thinketh in his heart; so is he." The renewing of our mind is a prerequisite to acceptable Christian living.

The third step is unity in Christ: "For as we have many members in one body, and all the members have not the same office; so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members of one another." This united fellowship with the Church, and with Christ, comes before the successful exercising of our "gifts."

The fourth step is the realization of the special gift or talent that is to be ours in His ministry. "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on his teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation; he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness." These divine gifts are the Lord's, given to His servants according to His grace. To us He hath said, "Occupy till I come." "Happy shall that servant be whom his Lord finds so doing."

After we have been saved, after the placing of our bodies on the altar, the forswearing of the allegiance to the "mammon of this world," the spiritual renewing and rekindling of our minds, after the oneness with both Christ and His Church, and after the receiving, by His grace, of spiritual gifts, we are now ready to render service in His name and for His sake. This service is to be full of love, voided of hate and selfishness; clinging to the good, avoiding the evil, full of kindness, regard for others, joy, hope and patience. "Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor

that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of the saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you; bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep."

Shall we first make a self examination, and then make the application to ourselves and to the work which our Heavenly Father, "who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not," has given into our hands to do for His glory and for the extension of His kingdom in the hearts of men?

We read and talk about the Christian worker who is fully surrendered and consecrated unto the Lord. Is there; can there be another type of Christian worker? We only become a worker in the vineyard of the Lord after we are cleansed from our sins and endued with power from above. Remember that the Apostle places the ministry of giving, of bearing responsibility, of kind deeds and mercy, of exhortation along the side of the ministry of preaching and teaching. To be able to support the preaching of the Gospel, to help send forth missionaries, to encourage young Christians to prepare for the work whereunto God, in His divine wisdom has called them, may be, in the sight of God, an infinitely more useful ministry than the mere preaching, teaching, or carrying the Gospel to foreign soil. Therefore, let us, thru the Holy Spirit, find our place in the work of Christ and work therein according unto the grace that God hath given unto us.

## Looking Forward To The State Association

We are happy to state that the Executive Board has recently placed the Missouri State Association at the Macedonia Church, eight miles south-east of Monett. Macedonia is our home church, where we have always held our membership, and I am sure I can speak for the whole church in saying, "We heartily welcome you,

and are looking forward to your being with us." I am not pastor at Macedonia now. Rev. Frank Linton of Tunas, Missouri is the pastor, but Bro. Linton most heartily concurred with the church in their inviting the State Meeting, and will do all in his power to make you welcome and comfortable during State Meeting week.

Many of you will remember that the 1936 session was held with this same church, and we indeed had a splendid time. Let us trust the Lord that this 1947 session will be even far greater in the Lord than the last session held here. In fact we should grow as an association each and every

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## HONOR ROLL

We are running a six months honor roll. Two subscriptions—yours may be one—puts you on the roll. And, as you send in subscriptions, your number will be increased.

We are giving a first, second and third prize. The prizes are our own secret until the time is up. It will be a great honor to win one of these prizes, and besides the Lord will bless you for your service. Get your name on the Honor Roll, by sending in one or more subscriptions; then send in the most subscriptions and receive first prize.

### HONOR ROLL

Hazel Creek Union Church	50
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Rev. Billy King, Fredericktown, Mo.	4
Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.	4
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J. K. Stephens, Stockton, Mo.	2
Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.	2
Eulah Wischart, Myrtle, Mo.	2
Woodrow Matthews, Mine La Motte	2
Rev. H. E. Hill, Leinay, Mo.	2
T. O. Dunn, Purcell, Okla.	2

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## GOD'S BUSINESS

By Rev. Sherman H. Oakes

*"Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord"*

Romans 12:11.

Every business must have a financial plan, if it succeeds. The church is in business—the greatest business in the world.

God has given us the privilege of giving an offering according to the freeness of our will; that is, we have the authority to decide how much we give as an offering. But we are required to give an offering, the only thing left to the free-will is the amount. If we do not give an offering out of our weekly income we have robbed God. God said the whole nation had robbed Him, not only in tithes, but in offerings.

We say we are Free Will Baptists, and free-will offerings is as far as we get. And multitudes are not consistent about that—that is we do not give regularly.

God did not leave the church to do

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## REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Receipts during the month of June, 1947

State of Oklahoma, by D. B. Hellard, Treasurer	\$34.68
Oklahoma Auxiliary Association	25.22
T. B. Williams, Homingway, South Carolina	100.00
G. E. Gower, Cedar Hill, Tennessee	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stokes, Abbeville, Alabama	2.10
E. Exam Griffin, by J. C. Griffin of N. C.	10.00
Young People's Missionary Meeting, Stacy, N. C.	5.00
Katherine Woodson, Detroit, Michigan	3.00
Union Grove Church, Durham County, N. C.	17.32
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Mrs. Edwin Roper, Ransomville, N. C.	1.00
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National Auxiliary Convention (by Pretty Water Church of Okla.)	3.00
National Auxiliary Convention, by Fannie Polston, Treas.	10.00
Squire Sunday School, Squire, West Virginia	4.34
Rev. R. C. Mumpower, Swannanoa, N. C.	10.00
F. W. B. Church, Joelton, Tennessee, by Lottie Poole	6.12
Tabernacle Church, Coward, S. C.	20.68
First F. W. B. Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma	9.31
Dunham, Kentucky Church	50.00
Trinity Church, Nashville, Tennessee	10.00
Friendship League of Tennessee	2.95
Central Avenue Church of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	6.00
Tulsa, Oklahoma First Church	10.00
First F. W. B. League, Hazel Park, Michigan	22.00
Fellowship Church, Flat River, Missouri	10.11
Lansing Gospel Tabernacle, Lansing, Michigan	120.00
Jesse V. Lafever, Cookeville, Tennessee	5.00
Heads Church of Tennessee	35.00
Bethany Church and Sunday School of N. C.	28.07
Union F. W. B. Sunday School, Johnson City, Tennessee	5.00
Elizabethton, Tennessee First Church	14.80
Hazel Dell Church of Illinois	5.00
Patmos Church of Georgia	10.00
Wewoka Church, Wewoka, Oklahoma	25.00
Altona Church of Ohio	15.80
Moore's Chapel, Elizabethton, Tennessee	3.00
F. M. Mosely, Blakely, Georgia	5.00
New Hope League of Tennessee	1.98
Turned in by Lizzie McAdams from N. C.	23.00
Mrs. Eva Benton, Andrews, S. C.	10.00
Greenbrier Church, Pryor, Oklahoma	20.43
Opie Hargrove, Mountain Home, Arkansas	5.00
Clayton, Texas Church	4.40
Wolverine Association of Michigan, by Raymond Riggs	73.55
Mount Vernon, Illinois F. W. B. Church	8.00
Canebrake, West Virginia Church	75.00
Olivet Junior Auxiliary of Kentucky	5.00
Frank Willis, North Belmont, N. C.	2.00
New Sandy Hill Auxiliary	2.00
Midway Church and Auxiliary, Midway, Tennessee	7.00
State of Ohio	300.00
West Virginia Foreign Missions Board	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brinson, Coleman, Texas	10.00
Horney Heights Church, Asheville, N. C.	20.00
Elsie Lowe, Squire, West Virginia	3.35
Rev. Carl W. Vallance, Monaville, West Virginia	25.00

Beulahville Auxiliary of N. C. ....	13.00
Central Avenue Church of Oklahoma City .....	5.00
Cedar Springs Church and Auxiliary of Georgia .....	28.00
Rev. J. R. Davidson, Nashville, Tennessee .....	2.00
Mrs. Mary Welch, Hartsville, Missouri .....	1.00
Monroe Murray, Canebroke, West Virginia .....	29.00
E. A. Gibson, Canebroke, West Virginia .....	27.50
Rev. Kenneth Brown, Canebroke, West Virginia .....	28.00
Joe Bill Murray, Canebroke, West Virginia .....	3.50
Carl Walters, Roderfield, West Virginia .....	50.00
East Nashville Church, Nashville, Tennessee .....	23.75
Free Will Baptist Temple, Detroit, Michigan .....	20.08
Hazel Park Church, Hazel Park, Michigan .....	29.25
First General Baptist Church, Flint, Michigan .....	20.25
Gospel Tabernacle, Lansing, Michigan .....	23.50
Rev. Raymond Riggs, Detroit, Michigan .....	15.00
River Rouge Church, River Rouge, Michigan .....	15.00
North Detroit Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan .....	25.28
First General Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan .....	25.41
Highland Park Church, Highland Park, Michigan .....	55.51
A Home near Battle Creek, Michigan .....	5.20
First General Baptist Church, Pontiac, Michigan .....	44.20
A Home in Pontiac, Michigan .....	4.10
West Wayne Church, Wayne, Michigan .....	11.00
Rev. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Missouri .....	10.00
Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals, S. C. ....	10.00
Rev. George Waggoner, Mount Vernon, Illinois .....	5.00
State of North Carolina, by J. W. Alford, Treasurer .....	1,052.57
State of Missouri, by Marie Hyatt, Treasurer .....	331.65
Mr. and Mrs. Jessie E. Mizel, Bath, N. C. ....	5.00
Mrs. Fred H. Hinnant, Pine Level, N. C. ....	1.00
Received from sale of books, "His Name Among All Nations" .....	74.00
Received as subscriptions to paper .....	2.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$3,433.96</b>
Brought forward from last month .....	1,697.79
<b>Grand total</b> .....	<b>5,131.75</b>
Total disbursements during month of June .....	2,998.46
<b>Balance in treasury July 1, 1947</b> .....	<b>\$2,133.29</b>

Winford Davis, Treasurer.

## REPORT OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

Held at South Picher Free Will Baptist Church, June 29, 1947

- 1:45—Sermon by Rev. A. M. Walgamott. .... Scripture, Acts 10:13.  
 Song by Sister Ott Green, .... "Where Could I Go?"
- 2:00—Sermon by Brother Millott, .... Scripture, Hebrews 2:2.  
 Song by Sister Bill Johnston, .... "Pearly White City."
- 2:15—Sermon by Sister Taylor. .... Scripture, Luke 10:17 to 23.  
 Song by Sisters Velma Stansel and Mary Ruth Millott, "In The Garden."
- 2:30—Sermon by Bill Johnson. .... Scripture, John 14:11.  
 Song by Bro. Hattabough, .... "When I Make My Last Move."
- 2:45—Sermon by Brother Keck. .... Scripture, Matthew 16:24.  
 Song by Wiley Stacy, .... "Who At My Door Is Standing?"
- 3:00—Sermon by Brother Art Kirk. .... Scripture, 1st Chapter of John.  
 Motion made and seconded to elect one to preach the Introductory  
 Sermon at Granby, Missouri Free Will Baptist Church, next 5th  
 Sunday. Bro. Walgamott, Bro. Orvil Johnston and Sister Elda Crain  
 were nominated. Brother Walgamott was elected.

Rev. F. E. Crain, Moderator  
 Beulah Owens, Clerk.

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 pend on our offerings; He has designated a definite amount we are to pay every week, out of every dollar He blesses us with—and that is the TENTH.

How we argue, "That was under the law; we are under grace." They have not read in the Bible that it was an eternal principle, like the Sabbath day two thousand years before the law was given.

God has preserved us a denomination for this day—the day when modernism, and other gospels are flooding the world. For the purpose is to give the simple, unadulterated truth of Jesus Christ, God's Son, to the world. But do you think He can use robbers to save the world? That is plain talk, but it is according to His blessed word.

God is holding you preachers responsible for the low state of some churches. When a preacher tithes, and fearlessly preaches it to his people, the Lord will prosper his church, or work. And if they will not heed, God will open the door for him to a church that will.

Cowardice and insincere piety keeps us from being the blessing to the Christians that God intended us to be; and keeps the church from accomplishing the "GREATER WORKS." Ask God to give you boldness; die to self. And do not let false piety deter your courage. The devil will say, "They are too poor." No one who makes one dime is too poor to pay God one penny. If we are poor, we cannot afford not to tithe, because He said, "Honor me with the FIRST FRUITS of all thine increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses burst out with new wine."

"Bring you all the tithes into the store-house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruit of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed; and you shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts." —Mal. 3:10-12.

That was the last message given in the Old Testament. The last prophet

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until John the Baptist came. But listen to the Son of God, "... these (tithes) you ought to have done, and not to leave the other undone."—Matt. 23:23.

In order to carry out God's business diligently, a church should have a unified budget, and the envelope system used, in both church and the Sunday school. The church should elect a financial secretary, and have all envelopes turned over to the secretary, so that every individual gets proper credit in both church and Sunday school.

I have used the following church administration with extraordinary success:

#### I. UNIFIED BUDGET

##### A. One treasurer for all funds.

##### 1. Finance Committee—four men.

a) Pastor a member by virtue of his office.

##### 2. The authority to adjust the finance vested in the Finance Committee by the church.

##### B. The finance chairman with usher, checks the tithes and offerings. The chairman gives the cash to Treasurer, and the individual envelopes, and statement of cash received to Financial Secretary.

##### 1. Use Six Point envelopes with space for tithes and offerings. Therefore the tithes can be run through the Sunday school into church treasury. The individual gets credit through both church and Sunday school.

a) Treasurer's books are audited every quarter.

##### C. The special six point envelopes, class record blanks, and individual monthly report cards have two features added: The amount contributed, and chapters read.

1. The first of each month the pupil gets his monthly report, showing his grade, chapters read, and amount contributed.

2. The loose leaf note book is used for class book, and each individual's leaf is filed in the office.

##### C. The Financial Secretary gives an annual statement to each contributor in January, so they can see what they did, and get the deduction from income tax.

#### NOTICE — NOTICE

If any church desires samples of six point supplies with the two special features, write for same.

## ADVENTURES With Ego the Cynic

By C. L. Randall

Your spiritual photograph may be presented here. See how you like it!

IT FELL on a day as I was musing about the Lord's Learners and Assemblies, that Ego the Cynic planted his foot on my front door step and would have come in, but I would have none of it. My friend Joy had told me that Ego's company only makes one miserable.

While I was still in a nervous state over this incident, my King came and took me by the hand. "Come," He said, "I will show you my Assemblies through many days and in many lands." "O King, Thou knowest that I have looked at them for many years, but at Thy bidding I shall be glad to go again," said I. So we went. I saw the glow in His eye, and felt the warmth of His sacred presence.

We went first to the first Assembly He set up on the earth. Its membership was composed of some very mediocre people, I thought. Here was the Betrayer, here the Denier who later became His Chamberlain, here the Doubter. Looking, I saw all of them asleep, or following Him afar off, but the Beloved One.

There were apparently none of Earth's Great among them, none born in a palace, none of the Upper Crust, no Blue Bloods, none with political influence, and they had no imposing edifice. However, be it said to their credit, that nearly all of them served prison terms and died violent deaths later, rather than give up their faith in the King.

WE PASSED ALONG by some of the Learners of the New Testament era. We saw the graves of Ananias and Sapphira who "lied not to men, but to God." Near them was a sign-board (one of Ego the Cynic's masterpieces) reading, "If the King took the lives of all the lying Learners now, cemetery stock would be the best possible security to buy." Also I couldn't help thinking, even with the King near me, that if it were true now there wouldn't be enough left to conduct the affairs of the Assembly.

We passed by the home of Demas,

who had forsaken the Inspired Apostle, "having loved this present world." We also passed by the home of Brother Diotrophes, "who loved the prominent place." We discover that this brother hath much kin in the Assemblies of today.

We stopped at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Selfish Worldling, and were told that they were entertaining a large company of people at the country club, for their debutante daughters, Emte Headed and Butterfly. Going there, we sought them out in the midst of their company.

"You have come at a very inopportune time," Mrs. Worldling said. "We will see you at the formal worship service next Sunday morning." The King said something about His business requiring haste, but, alas, I am afraid His words fell on deaf ears.

While here we could not help noticing that one of the name bands was performing the latest in offensive jive, and that couples were moving about in a very unbecoming manner locked in one another's embrace, and that pulses were being quickened by wine. When we mentioned to Mr. and Mrs. Worldling the name of their son Drinker, a shadow crossed their faces, since he was then in vile company at a honky-tonk. He had caused them much trouble of late, having involved them in scandal.

We passed by the homes of the halfbrothers I M. Skinflint and Also Tightwad. Both of these were psychopathic cases, Mr. Skinflint's having been induced from the loss of one-half of one per cent on a church loan, and Mr. Tightwad's from failing to have part in one of the King's projects, his neighbors having told him of the joy they had found in it. They had to be kept in the chains of their slavery, their only joy being that of counting the gold of their hoard, which long since had ceased to have any value. I could not help thinking in passing, that the King had told them to lay up treasure in heaven and not on earth, and had they obeyed Him this dire fate would not have befallen them.

One of the Elect Women hailed us

on the way and told us she would have done far more for the King if her companion had allowed it, but he had left the cruel stamp of his heel on her heart. I felt that if she had obeyed the words, "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" she might have saved herself much sadness, and Joy would have been her faithful companion.

Rapidly we passed by the homes of the Card Players, the Theater Goers, and the Trash Readers, the King knowing from sad experience He need not expect much from them. We also passed by the homes of the Sunday Fishers, the Petty Gamblers, and the Carnal Christians, who lived in a duplex with the World Lovers. We found all of these to be related in some way to Mr. and Mrs. Worldling. None of them had ever done anything worth while for the King. Further, we found them all to be concerned with the sordid Here-and-Now, instead of the Sweet-By-and-By.

"I have brought you by the homes of these, all of whom live in the low, marshy grounds, to be able to show you by contrast what I have done for other lives wholly yielded to Me," the King said. "I would have you to observe that all of these people live not far from the Kindergarten. We will now ascend into the Delectable Mountains made famous by one of my choicest Learners, one Bunyon. There you will see that the air is purer, your thoughts nobler, and the panorama of My wise design will be spread out before you.

**A**DVANCING, we saw a gate with an inscription reading, "This gate is closed forever to Ego the Cynic and his kin." The King said only one magic word which sounded like *Love* to me, and the gate swung wide for us.

The King, traveling incognito, was not recognized by them, but was invited to join in the devotions. "Father," He said, "I do not pray that Thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldst keep them from the evil of it." Tears of joy came to my eyes as we sat in this home, feeling that here was the real bulwark of strength for my nation.

We spent a delightful time with Mr. Storehouse Tither, who was visiting pleasantly with his kin, Mr. Steward. We talked with these dear men about love, duty, reward, and

blessings here and hereafter, unnumbered and uncounted, for those who are faithful in these matters. How we wished that all those people in the low grounds could have been here to hear this conversation and see the radiant faces of these people.

Essaying to bring her comfort, we went to see Mrs. Wholly Consecrated, and found much to cheer our hearts. A widow in humble circumstances, she had led her entire Assembly in giving, and needless to say, in living also.

Dear Brother Faithful Minister was the next object of our visit, his long life having been spent in the service of the King. The King revealed Himself to him, to the great joy of Brother Minister. His peaceful hands were about to be folded forever, and the King assured him that He would be there to help him at the crossing of the river. It was a comfort to be in Brother Minister's presence as he spoke of Abounding Grace, that had sustained him through the years.

We talked briefly with the Godly Pastors, the Christian Instructors, the Inspiring Editors, the Consecrated Leaders and other Guiding Stars who had pointed others to the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. We saw sweet children; glorious young people with the glow of consecrated youth on their faces; middle-aged people who walked with

stately tread and the calm of unshaken purpose in their souls.

I was permitted to enter softly on tiptoe to see the Patient Sufferers whose faith had increased through the years. We beheld the beauty and strength of Old Age, the comfort and inspiration of whom had been the help of the oncoming throngs.

**M**Y KING led me back to the door, and said, "Farewell, I saw Ego the Cynic about to enter your door, and I felt that I must come and conduct you on this tour to keep you from his evil influence. Never allow him entrance into your heart. When he paints the horizon black, remember, the only cure for a black outlook is a bright uplook. I have not failed to preserve seed unto Myself. There is not a perfect Christian on the earth, nor a perfect Assembly of them. All of them have their faults and failures, but nevertheless they are the choicest results of the Redeemer's art, the objects of His compassion, and the walking demonstrations of His power to save."

"Ah, Lord, I love You," I said, "I love Your Learners, I love Your Assemblies, Your whole redemptive program from start to finish. Help me to love You more and to serve You better."

So, committing my all again into His hands, I fell into a peaceful sleep.

—From *Moody Monthly*.

## Creed, Crusade, or Christ?

### Religion, Reformation, or Revival?

By Rev. Richard C. Halverson.

**Do fundamentalists really want a revival? or just an argument?**

**T**HE TIME is ripe for revival! Why does it not come? Christians by the thousands are desperately holding onto God for a sin-purging demonstration of the Holy Spirit. There is a deep, abiding, and wistful longing for the "rivers of living water." "Mercy drops round us are falling" in signs of revival everywhere. There is a cloud "the size of a man's hand" in the distance, but where is the mighty outpouring we need?

Surely the trouble is not with God!

"His hand is not shortened that it cannot save." "Infirmary is with us."

The Church is impotent today! Nothing original about that statement, for it is the sober affirmation of most Bible-loving Christians. But why is the Church powerless?

It is powerless because it is so far away from the source of power.

Every denomination or group of Christians has a closed system, more or less, of dogma. To its adherents it is perfectly reasonable and simple even though the dogma of other groups may be diametrically opposed at many points.

Each of these groups insists that

its dogma rises out of biblical theology. They take pride in "finding it in the Bible."

Or along comes an individualist . . . more or less impressed with himself; more or less blinded by self-righteousness; more or less alarmed by the martyr complex; more or less egotistical . . . and he begins to preach, his slogan is "freedom from official pressure to preach the gospel as it is clearly proclaimed in the Scriptures." He makes much of his "independence" and liberty of action, free from "obligation to any system or denomination." He insists that he has the truth.

Generally, he spends much of his "gospel-preaching" time deriding the established institutions of the Church. If one could really keep a clock on him, it would be revealing how little time is spent really proclaiming the Word of God and how much is dissipated in controversial denunciations. This would be humorous if it were not so pitifully tragic. And the first thing you know, he has his own little system, airtight and convincing, which he persists in as "unadulterated gospel."

On a larger scale too, it is amazing how often fundamentalists, so called, will waste valuable time berating and accusing the brethren, when they might be preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ. O that we might learn experientially that a sword needs no defense . . . it is an offensive weapon. You don't protect a sword, you use it. And the Sword of the Spirit is no exception.

**ONE OTHER TRAIT** is stifling the power of the Church. It is that procedure of getting our system down into formulas so that whatever the spiritual need, whether to help a man be saved, or whether to give assurance to the believer, we can call upon any number of simple little spiritual formulas which, glibly repeated, we expect to work magic. In so doing, we rob divine truth of its infinite and transcending values. In the words of Dr. C. Norman Bartlett (Moody Monthly, January, 1947) applied to the Neo-Thomists, "rationalizing is carried to the point where transforming mysteries are boiled away."

In the realm of conduct as well as creed this dogma flourishes. So many

groups, and each demands its own form of sanctification. Preaching becomes a crusade to reform conduct under the banner of separation. The end becomes the means. The glory of God seems incidental, in the mad zeal for propagating a "form of godliness." It has come to the point where a sincere Christian could not possibly satisfy the standards of every different group of believers on this score. One's conscience would wear out with use if it went according to the varying standards of separation laid down with such finality by various groups.

So it goes! Christians everywhere busy with a crusade instead of Christ. Throwing themselves into the battle with abandoned fervor, they draw the attention of the unbelieving world to creed instead of to the majestic personality of Jesus. Magnifying their differences, they forget the Christ of Calvary . . . so that the test for truth has been shifted from I John 4:1-3 to a thousand other places; the dotting of an "i," the crossing of a "t".

And the result? The enigmatic fact that in America, where less than half the population identifies itself with the Church even nominally, everybody is opinionated about Christianity. The surest way to start an argument is to discuss religion. Speak to the man in the street about being saved, and you must wade through a welter of opinions and arguments until you wonder after all what place Christ has with reference to redemption in the mind of the common man. He, the scintillating Son of God, has been buried beneath a load of tradition.

Is it any difference from the unreal legalism of the Pharisee so rebuked by Christ in Mark 7:6-13? No difference; just as unreal . . . just as ineffective . . . and just as Christless.

**WHAT'S THE ANSWER?** Well, for sure, the problem is not going to be solved by "coming out" of something. There's precious little defense for the "split" procedure. Let us not presume upon the cleavage directed by the Spirit by identifying our petty little nonessentials with the magnitude of the clear issues of the Reformation. It were far better had most of our self-made carbon copies of

Luther remained calm when their unsolicited revolutionary fever struck them.

Make no mistake, God will lead clearly and universally when another purging is necessary. In the meanwhile, let us be witnesses to His grace, patient in the exceedingly probable hope that the next great cleavage and "coming out from among them" will be when the Lord Himself descends with a shout.

This is sure; first of all, the greatest need of our day is a little Christian intellectual humility. God promises wisdom to those who lack, but the Spirit cannot give wisdom along any line until we confess a need for it. How then can He reveal truth to minds and hearts that are closed, for all practical purposes, by an airtight system of theology?

We have grounds enough for dogmatics in I John 4:1-3. We have the principles of Christian unity distinctly declared in Eph. 4:3-6. We have the apostolic message unequivocally sounded in I Cor. 15:1-4. In I Cor. 2:2 we have the center and circumference of all knowledge, the foundation and superstructure of all truth. We will do well to be intolerantly dogmatic on those things. As for the rest, with profit to ourselves and the Church of Jesus Christ, let us heed the admonition of the Master found in Mark 9:38-40.

Secondly, using the New Testament for our authority, of course, we ought to rediscover the personality of the Master for ourselves. Let us give ourselves the break the eleven had who started fresh with just two things: the person of Jesus Christ, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

To Peter and Paul and the rest, Jesus Christ was triumphantly real. He filled their lives. He captivated them. The horizon of their world was He. They didn't need organization. They didn't need money. They didn't need prestige. They didn't need a hundred and one things that we count so dear today. They knew Jesus! That was all . . . and enough.

It would be refreshing and profitable for us to read the New Testament as though we had never seen it before. Mentally, at least, let us scrap tradition and opinions and approach the Bible with the only prerequisite called for—childlike simplicity and intensity.

Thirdly, we who preach and teach must return to a literal use of the Word of God. Our lessons and sermons ought to rise out of Scripture. God keep us from being the kind of a person who writes a sermon and then searches the Scriptures to find a text that will fit it.

One of the severest rebukes—and dearest—came from a close friend who, after hearing me preach a couple of years ago, said, "That was fine, Dick, but you sounded much like you were trying to show how the Scriptures supported your ideas."

We must let the Word speak to men's hearts. Our messages must spring from the Bible. When we give the Word of God a chance at men, it will perform that whereto He sent it.

God keep us from the presumption that the Word is limited to our explanations of it. This is quite modern. A liberal friend said to me, "You've got to quit using those old terms of the blood and being saved and the like. People don't understand them anymore. Talk their language. Adapt Christian truth to life." Highsounding, and just as subtle as Satan himself.

Christ said to His disciples, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." That is the power of our message. After we get all through talking, the only abiding, efficacious, eternal things we have said are those we have repeated from the Word. It is far better to leave a verse of Scripture planted in a heart where the Spirit may water it and give the increase, than it is to befuddle the minds of hearers and plant weeds of human ingenuity along with the seed.

Finally, and supremely, the need is for Spirit-filled Christians. Enough of quibbling about definitions and demonstrations. He, the third Person of the Trinity, is real enough. What He seeks is not intellectually right conceptions of Himself and His work. . . . He seeks clean lives; hearts that have been "washed in the blood of the Lamb;" hearts with confidence toward God on the basis of confession and repentance; yielded lives, surrendered to the purpose of God; abiding Christians, walking in the light, walking in the Spirit.

Come to the Holy Spirit in ignorance, if necessary, but come! Give yourself to Him in abandoned submission. Trust Him to do whatever He

wants to do with your life. You can trust Him. He will be honored with that trust, and you may be sure He'll do nothing with your life that does not magnify the Son.

Trust Him to give you wisdom. Trust Him to give you strength in temptation and to reveal sin. Trust Him to guide you moment by moment and step by step. The more helpless you come to the Spirit, the better He is able to help you. Come to Him, helpless physically, helpless mentally, helpless spiritually, and He will fill you.

Trust Him to help you pray! That is the ultimate; the Spirit praying through you. You become a prayer vessel as it were. Then prayer is so much more than simply telling God something. Then prayer becomes co-operation with God Himself. You will find yourself "praying always with all prayer," not uttering prayers that begin with yourself, but feeling prayer that begins with God and goes through you by the Spirit and then back to the Father.

**GOD'S HAND** is on the doorknob of heaven. He stands ready to open the door and pour out a soul-cleansing awakening. He wants to do this infinitely more than we desire it done. He wants to prepare the bride of Christ for her husband. He waits for His people to "give themselves to prayer." He has heard enough prayers. Now He wants vessels, filled with His Spirit, prostrate with concern for the unsaved, waiting for His glorious appearing.

The time is ripe for a revival!

—From *Moody Monthly*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION** of Free Will Baptists will meet, at the regular time, with Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, located about eight miles southeast of Monett, Missouri, and four miles northeast of Purdy, Missouri, beginning on Monday night, September 15, 1947.

The State Executive Board met at the Gem office, on Friday, June 20, 1947, for the purpose of appointing a place to convene this year's session of Missouri State Association, and to transact other important business. We found that three churches: Monett,

Macedonia and Flat River, had asked for this session of the Association. And the Board, after due consideration, chose Macedonia Church to entertain this year's session of our Missouri State Association.

Three meals each day, and lodging each night, will be furnished to all who attend the Association. It is getting late, and the host church will have quite a task providing all that will be necessary for the proper entertainment of a large delegation, and the expense will be heavy; but we know that our other F. W. B. Churches will bear their share of the expense. Each church should see that their budget is paid in full, and remember to make a liberal offering (at least \$10.00) besides the budget. Send all funds to Marie Hyatt, Treas., Centerview, Mo. Send your offerings early, so the host church will have the money to pay for the many things that must be provided before the Association convenes.

The Auxiliary Message on Monday night will be delivered by Mrs. Marie Hyatt, Mrs. Alta Mikel, alternate.

The League Sermon at 11:00 a. m. on Tuesday, will be preached by Rev. Harvey Hill, Rev. Frank Linton, alt.

The Introductory Sermon on Tuesday night will be preached by Rev. Frank Linton, Rev. O. T. Allred, alt.

The Sunday School Sermon at 11:00 a. m., on Wednesday, will be preached by Rev. LaVerne Miley, Rev. Woodrow Matthews, alternate.

Marie Hyatt, Clerk, Centerview, Mo.

**NORTHWEST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION** of Free Will Baptists will convene with Center Point Church, near Santa Rosa, Missouri, beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1947.

Miss Portteus Latimer, Clerk, Haddam, Kansas.

**CENTRAL W. MISSOURI and S. E. KANSAS ASSOCIATION** will be held with Hickory Grove Church, near Archie, Missouri, beginning with Ministers' Conference on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1947. Rev. Harold Hoover, Speaker. R. L. Nutting, alternate.

District League Session Wed. p. m. Association begins on Wednesday night, Rev. Lowell Martin to bring the Introductory Message. Harold Hoover, alternate.

Tessie M. Cross, Clerk, Stockton, Mo.

**INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION** will convene with the Blue Eye Church, at Blue Eye, Mo., beginning on Monday night following the fourth Sunday in August, 1947.

Ministers' Conference Monday night and all day Tuesday.

Introductory Sermon for the Association on Tuesday night.

Paul Williams, Clerk, Cartersville, Mo.

## GRAPH - O - BRIEFS

By The Editor

### AND YOU . . . . ?

Suppose you should plan an ultra-modern home when priorities are lifted . . . . and a Belgian woman whispers, "I have no home at all!"

Suppose you should dream of a country place for luxurious week ends . . . and a Jewish lad keeps saying, "I have no country."

Suppose you should decide on a new cupboard right now . . . and a child of China cries, "I have no cup!"

Suppose you should purchase a new washing machine . . . and a Polish woman says softly, "I have nothing to wash!"

Suppose you were planning to buy a quick-freezing unit for storing food . . . and across the waters comes the cry, "I have no food!"

Suppose you should buy a new car for the pleasure of your loved ones . . . and a war orphan murmurs, "I have no loved ones!"

Now, suppose again: If you should experience one or more of these conditions, what would you do about it?

### WHAT IS A BOY?

He is the person who is going to carry on what you have started.

He is going to sit right where you are sitting, and when you are gone, attend to those things which you think are important.

You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they will be carried out depends on him.

Even if you make leagues and treaties, he will have to manage them.

He is going to sit at your desk in Congress and occupy your place on the Supreme Court bench.

He will assume control of your cities, states and nations.

He is going to move in and take over your churches, schools, universities and corporations.

All your books are going to be judged, praised or condemned by him.

All your work for him, and the fate of the nations and humanity is in his hands.

So, it might be well to pay him some attention.—*Textorian*.

### Rt. 4, NEOSHO, MO., June 30.

Dear Readers of the Gem: Our little church, the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist, out on Highway 60 is progressing. We have a good Sunday school. Not as many people come out as should, but there are a few faithful ones. We have prayer meeting every Thursday night, also preaching every fourth, Sunday. Rev. L. R. Black of Miami, Okla. is our pastor. (We have had ten conversions, four have united with the church, and two have been baptized, all since the 15th of March. We are hoping to see the day come when our church will be filled again and that people will have the old time religion and shout like they did in our fathers' day. We are asking that readers of the Gem pray that our church will grow, and that more people will come out and come to the Lord and be saved, and pray that people really become concerned about their souls salvation, before it is too late.

Mrs. Grace Sharp, Church Clerk.

Written by Mrs. J. W. Hollingsworth.

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## FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH ENCAMPMENT AND CHRISTIAN WORKERS INSTITUTE

will begin July 21st and continue until August 1st. We ask God's people everywhere to join with us in praying that this, our first session of our Youth Encampment, may rebound, in a great way, to the glory of God; and that all may know that this work is truly of the Lord.

Rev. R. B. Crawford and LaVern Miley will be the teachers in the Christian Workers Institute, with Sister Thora Arbogast instructor in the Daily Vacation Bible School. Those attending, who are over twelve years of age, will pay a registration

fee of two dollars. Those under twelve (6 to 11) in the Vacation Bible School, will not be charged any registration fee. Any one from twelve to one hundred years of age may enroll in Christian Workers Institute. All will be required to pay one dollar per day for meals, or fifty cents per single meal.

**WHAT TO BRING.** Each one will be expected to bring bed linen, blankets and pillows, and as far as possible bring your own mattress. Also bring your own toilet articles, note books, paper and pencils.

**HOW TO REACH THE CAMP.** Coming by train or bus, come to Niangua, Mo. Niangua is on the Frisco line, 35 miles east of Springfield. Those who drive should come on highway 66 to Niangua Junction, then take blacktop to Niangua (1 mile east). From Niangua take farm-to-market road to the Camp, one mile south and east.

We are doing our best to have every thing in readiness. There is much to do, and funds and material are needed; but we have faith in God, that He will impress hearts to supply these needs. I challenge those who read this, to pray and ask God what He would have you give. If each one will do this, then obey God, all needs will be supplied.

We expect to have cabin room to accommodate forty-eight people by the time of the Encampment. We have the promise of some small tents. Also several people of the community have offered to bed students in their homes, if necessary.

Will be looking for you at the Encampment, July 21 to August 1.

O. T. Allred.

### "DO THOU LIKEWISE"

Yes, Jesus spoke these words to the lawyer who asked Him, "And who is my neighbor?" Every needy person, that you can help, is your neighbor. The man who fell among thieves was a needy man, and the Samaritan proved to be a neighbor to him; so Jesus, after He had told the lawyer of the case, said unto him, "Go, and do thou likewise." Likewise every worthy enterprise of the Free Will Baptists is directly the responsibility of every Free Will Baptist, and also of every Free Will Baptist Church. The following shows what

can be done when people have a mind to work:

When Hazel Creek Union Church, located in the north part of the State, realized that the Gem paper was their responsibility, and needed their help, they did something about it. Together with Brother Buster their pastor, they made up a list of fifty (50) subscriptions to the Gem. This church has indeed been a good neighbor to our needy paper; and if your church has a vision for a bigger and better "Gem," going to thousands, instead of to only hundreds, YOU WILL do something about it; and we will be just as grateful to you as we are to Hazel Creek Union—we are truly thankful—"DO THOU LIKEWISE."

### CHURCH BUILDS A CABIN

The Merl's Chapel Church thought: What an advantage it would be to have a cabin, all our own, over on the Youth Encampment grounds! And believing that they could have it, the money was soon raised, the material was bought and the work was done, and the cabin is now ready for use. By the help and counsel of our good pastor, Bro. O. T. Allred, and the co-operation of our people, the cabin was built in record time. There is room for other cabins over there; and any church, or individual so minded, may build a cabin. Some day we'll have a real CAMP grounds, with plenty of cabins—a place to meet and worship the Lord, in sweet fellowship with each other.

### MAN THE LIFEBOATS!

Many years ago a liner was wrecked on a reef on the American coast. There were some young untrained men in the lifeboat crew, that was preparing to go out to the wrecked vessel.

One of these young men turned his white face to the old sailor who was captain of the lifeboat and said, "The wind's off shore and the tide's running out, but what's the use? Against the wind and tide we can't get back."

The old sailor looked at him, and said:

"Launch the boat! We have to go out, but we don't have to come back."

Such is the daring, adventuring valiant spirit the cause of Jesus Christ needs today.

—Christian Witness.

### SAMARITANS OBSERVE TRADITIONAL RITES

JERUSALEM (By Wireless to RNS)—The Samaritans, Jewish sect whose members claim to be descended from the Ten Tribes and to possess the orthodox religion of Moses, celebrated the traditional Passover sacrifice on Mount Gerizim. There were fewer participants than in previous years, because of political disturbances in Palestine.

Seven sheep were slaughtered for the midnight feast, presided over by the high priest, or ecclesiastical head of the sect, who is said to be descended from Uzziel, the younger son of Kohath, mentioned in Ex. 6:18. A special program of Samaritan music was broadcast from Jerusalem.

### LUTHERAN WOMEN PROTEST DUMPING OF POTATOES

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—(RNS)—Members of the Lutheran Women's League here protested the dumping of potatoes by the government because of a glutted market and called upon their representatives in Congress to investigate the matter.

The women asked their congressional representatives to "do all within your power to prevent such waste of food which a bountiful God has showered upon His children, especially at a time when millions are at the point of starvation in other lands, to say nothing of the thousands in our own country who are undernourished."

### COURT STREESES SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(RNS)—"Do you attend Sunday school?"

That's the first question William D. Becker, new trial commissioner of Juvenile Court here, has put to defendants brought before him in the seven weeks he has been in office.

Mr. Becker, who was attorney for Juvenile Court from 1928 to 1934, said he tries to get all those appearing before him interested in one of three institutions—the home, the school, and the Sunday school.

His new policy has resulted in a steadily dwindling number of children being confined in the Children's Center. He doesn't believe in keeping children behind bars, and uses the center only as a temporary shelter while they are awaiting transfer to homes or other institutions.

### OUR TROUBLES—YOURS?

We know not what your trouble might be, but we are satisfied that you do have trouble of some kind; but don't let it get you.

We have some trouble too just now (July 11, 1947); it is somewhat grievous, and very disappointing. Our press is disabled. The electricians (so called) have been trying all this week to put it in working order, but seem to be no nearer fixing it than when they first began; so all we can do is to be patient and wait till we can finish printing the Gem. We have eight pages printed, or nearly so, and the other eight pages all set up but a few lines.

We had hoped to have the paper out in time to send a few copies to the National Association, but we can't do that now. If your paper reaches you somewhat late this month, just lay it to the account of the (expert) electricians and our inability to do any better this time.

### PEACE AND SAFETY

"I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety."

I'd rather be the least of them, Who are the Lord's alone, Than wear a Royal Diadem, And sit upon a throne.

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soldier to have his "feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." Shoes, or greaves of brass, are used to defend the feet against sharp sticks, thorns, and stones which were laid in the way, to obstruct the marching. Having the feet protected prevents the foot from being wounded by rugged ways. If one's feet are materially wounded, a man can neither stand nor resist the foe. The apostle has "obedience to the Gospel" in view. Also a readiness to publish the Gospel. Rom. 10:15—"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!" The "preparation of the gospel of peace" is a prepared and resolved frame of heart, ready to adhere to the Gospel and abide by it. Through the "gospel of peace" one will not be easily provoked, not prone to quarrel; but will show all gentleness and long suffering to all men. "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

In the warfare of Christian believers, "Above all, take the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the devil."

Faith is the grace by which all other graces are preserved and rendered active, so it is properly represented here under the term of a shield, by which the whole body is covered and protected. The breastplate secures the vitals; but with the shield we turn every way. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4). We have need of faith in our Christian warfare because we have spiritual enemies we must fight against. It is faith which can quench any dart of Satan. The devil's temptations are called darts, because of their swift and undiscerned flight, and the deep wounds they give to the soul. Therefore, to avoid the darts of the evil one, we must be armed with the shield of faith.

Not only the loins girted with truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the feet shod, and the shield of faith; but the helmet of salvation is a necessity for a well armed soldier. This helmet of salvation is hope. 1 Thess 5:8—"And for an helmet, the hope of salvation." The helmet secures the head; a good hope of salvation will purify and keep the soul from being defiled by Satan.

Eph. 6:17—"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." The sword is a very necessary and useful part of a soldier's equipment. This is his main instrument with which to fight. So in our Christian warfare, we need the sword of the Spirit to fight against Satan and all his forces. Heb. 4:12—"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword." The "word of God" is the revelation which God has given of Himself, or what we call the Holy Scriptures. This is called the sword of the Spirit, because it comes from the Holy Spirit and receives its fulfillment in the soul through the operation of the Holy Spirit. The shield, faith, and the sword are the principal armour of the soul. If the Christian soldier is well armed, he will march forward unto victory through Christ Jesus. Remember that among the different pieces of the armour, there is none for the back; if we turn our back to the enemy, we lie exposed. To be a noble soldier, we must face the enemy and fight until he is defeated. The Lord is depending on us. May He depend on YOU?

The warrior's resource is found in prayer. Eph. 6:18—"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." Spiritual warriors must depend on the Captain of their salvation, and pray with all prayer. One should always be in the spirit of prayer, so that they should be ever ready for public or private prayer, always depending on HIM who alone can save, and who alone can destroy.

"Stonewall Jackson," says E. M. Bounds in "Purpose in Prayer," "was a man of prayer. Said he, 'I have so fixed the habit of prayer in my mind that I never raise a glass of water to my lips without asking God's blessing, never seal a letter without putting a word of prayer under the seal, never take a letter from the post without a brief sending of my thought heavenward, never change my glasses in the lecture-room without a minute's petition for the cadets who go out, and for those who come in.' Oh, that Christian people might see the need of prayer and supplication in the Spirit! The

warrior's resource is found in prayer; so let's pray!

If a Spirit-filled believer is fully armed with the whole armour of God, he can "endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." We have enemies to fight against, a Captain to fight for, a banner to fight under, and certain rules of war by which we are governed. Let's march forward!

## Your Wings

*By the Editor*

### MAN A CREATOR

Thought is creative. Our place in God's program. Our responsibility. Everything first imagined. God's mind in nature. Sowing and reaping according to our thought force. Wrong conception hinders. Success not dependent on things possessed. The picture materialized. Genius ten per cent inspiration and ninety per cent perspiration.

Every one is a creator. We may be ignorant of this fact. It is possible that we have created conditions and things, and do not recognize them as own creations. We need to know that, if properly used and empowered, our thoughts are creative; and thought has caused practically everything that has happened or been accomplished in this world. We have heard the expression: "If there is a God, why do things happen as they do? The fact is, God created the world, and in creating man, He gave us creative power, making us in His "image and likeness." Then He left it in our hands to carry on; and every thing that has happened, every achievement, and every condition the world or individuals have gone thru, is the result of the creative ability in the mind of men. Every crime, every sin, every war, every depression, every calamity, every condition of unhappiness and poverty, were created by individual minds. Every machine, building, factory, business, railroad, steamship, airship, art, and all culture is the creation of individual minds.

God used His perfect power of thought to develop a picture in His imagination of this earth and heaven, its natural resources and inhabitants, and in His creative thought, said, "Let it be." And His mind, that fills

all space, carried the work to completion. God created man in His "image and likeness," thereby giving mankind creative power; a mind faculty that could contact the universal mind of God and use the creative force.

Man is a generic term, which includes male and female, as both are man; one sex was added to man, and the original meaning of woman is womb-man.

God's universal mind force not only created everything that was created, but sustains and carries on all creation. We usually call it "The law of nature." The Bible tells us what the law of nature is: "In Him we live and move and have our being." Use your thought empowered by your will force to cause things and conditions to come to pass. Yes, things that will benefit you and others in general and your reaping, even in this life, will be wonderful, and Christ

will also reward you in eternity.

Many say, 'I do not have the money, ability or popularity to do things.' That conception in your thinking keeps you from success. Your force properly channelled or concentrated with your whole heart in the endeavor, doubting not, will cause it to eventually happen. Remember the promise Christ gave, "Seek ye first the kingdom of heaven and HIS righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

I personally knew a man who, in his early life, was poor. He was plowing with an ox near a river; the river had an elbow and a high shoals, and a big cliff. He developed a picture in his imagination of a great factory with beautiful streets, houses and churches, and his picture materialized, and today that wilderness is a great factory town. Solomon truly said, "Man is wonderfully and fearfully made."

## The Hidden Man

By Rev. J. Frederick Rake, D. D.

**F**ORTY-FOUR YEARS ago I came to Moody Bible Institute. Little did I dream then of the effect this school would have on my life and on my service to the kingdom of God. If my life has meant anything to my day and generation, it is largely because of the years I spent here.

During my first year in the Institute, a man came from England to lecture for several weeks. He was a very practical man, and I, personally, benefitted greatly by his lectures. He suggested that we select a life text, around which our thinking, living and service would center.

I liked the idea, so I began to read, to pray and to think. One day I came across two words that impressed me most forcibly. They are found in I Kings 17:3, "*Hide thyself.*" These two words were to be my life text. I have never had a shadow of doubt about it. How well I have lived by the text is another matter.

The relation of these words to Elijah and to the circumstances of his day are most significant. Things were very bad in the kingdom of Israel. Ahab was a wicked king,

Jezebel, his wife, ruled more than he did, for she was a sort of Mrs. Jiggs woman. She had brought all her pagan gods and forms of worship with her and they had penetrated into the entire life of the kingdom. Elijah was sent of God to condemn the sin and to bring in a new day of pure worship of the true God. God had a great program for Elijah's life.

**A**T THIS POINT IN HIS LIFE, God told him to go down by the brook Cherith and hide himself. What could God mean by this strange command? First Elijah must have a refuge, a hiding place. It has always been true that when God's servant violently condemns or attacks some flagrant sin the devil tries to destroy him; to destroy his life, if possible, or at least to destroy his influence, and thereby destroy the force of the attack.

Immediately on Elijah's condemnation of idolatry as a personal and national sin, Ahab sought to kill him. And God said, "Elijah, you must have a hiding place. You must have a refuge. Go down by the brook and *hide thyself.*"

My friends, we too must have a

hiding place, if we are to escape the missiles of the devil. There is many a servant of God today shot through and through by the devil, because he has not taken refuge in God's hiding place. There are many today on the scrap heap of the world who might have been valiant servants of God had they taken refuge in God when the fiery darts of the wicked one fell thick and fast. But, alas, they fell before some cunning device, some cunning temptation like that presented in the Garden of Eden.

These are dangerous days in which we live, but when God hides His man, all the demons of hell cannot find him. Ahab sought Elijah throughout his entire kingdom but found him not. He went to every land about him, but he was not found, for God hid him. Are you hiding in Him?

**A**CAIN, ELIJAH NEEDS A LESSON in humility, so God said, "*Hide thyself.*" If you will turn to the Epistle of James, you will get a small picture of the human element in this man. He was a man of like passions with us. One of the universal and outstanding characteristics of our nature is pride. The spirit of man is proud. This man was proud, perhaps proud that God had such a big assignment for him, proud that he could condemn the king of Israel. In the work he was to do, God must have the glory, so God said, "You must get rid of self." God must be seen and not Elijah.

Many a man's ministry has utterly failed because of pride. No man has ever been used of God in any large way who has not first been humbled. Christ humbled Himself and became obedient unto death. Self must be hidden and God must be seen in us. John the Baptist said, "He must increase, but I must decrease." "For everyone that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

Elijah also had to have another lesson, if God's great program was to be carried out. He must learn a lesson of faith. "Go down by the brook and hide thyself, and I will send the ravens morning and evening. They will bring thee bread and flesh, and thou shalt drink of the brook." There was nothing like it in history or man's experience. He had nothing but the naked word of God. It was a test of his faith. He was to take no sup-

plies along, just wait for the ravens morning and evening, day by day.

Some unbelieving ministers try to tell us that it was the Arabs who were to feed him. I have never seen an Arab that resembled a raven or a raven that resembled an Arab. We have too many unbelievers in the pulpits today. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world.

**A**ND, FINALLY, Elijah had to have one more lesson, a lesson in prayer. Our Lord Jesus said, "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matt. 6:6). Elijah must know how to pray. He would learn it hidden in God's closet by the brook.

Prayer is the greatest agency God has put into man's hands to accomplish His purpose in our lives. How shamefully little we have used it! Here today is a world bruised, bleeding and dying at our feet. How impotent we are to bring help and healing

One day Elijah must go to Mount Carmel, there to determine by test who was the true God of Israel. What a momentous occasion. And the test was to be made by prayer. Four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal called upon their god from morning till midafternoon, but no answer came.

Now Elijah comes forth. He builds his altar, puts the sacrifice upon it, and then does a strange thing. He sends his servants for water, twelve barrels of it, and pours it on till the whole thing is waterlogged. See his faith? Now he prays, a simple prayer, that it might be known in all Israel that Jehovah is God, the true God. The fire came down, consumed the water, the sacrifice, the stones, and licked up the very dust of the earth.

God has a great program for you and for me. If we are to succeed, we must hide ourselves. We must have a refuge, a safe place from the enemies' attacks. We must be humbled. Let God be seen and not ourselves. We must not stagger at the promises of God, but have faith in Him. Prayer, believing prayer, must consume us. "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

—From *Moody Monthly*

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year. We are glad to tell you we have had the most marvelous season in the Ozarks this time. There are crops and fruits in abundance. In fact we have been blessed with a near perfect season so far. We certainly should not want for anything to eat. We have had plenty of rain; yet have not been flooded out. Crops have been kept clean, the grain is being saved in nice shape, and we have the promise of everything, and an abundance of it, in the way of all kinds of fruits common to this section of the country. Vegetables are the finest ever. Of course there could be some very hurtful dry weather yet during this summer; but much of our crops and eatables are far enough along that dry weather can't hurt too bad now. The greatest hurt now would be the corn. (We are blessed with grass and pasture more than the farmers know what to do with, therefore the cattle and hogs are fat and fine, so we will surely have plenty of Ozark beef and pork.

One thing we are compelled to ask of all of you is that you will please take a liberal offering in your church for State entertainment, and get it into the treasury as soon as possible, to help us prepare in a financial way. You know the cost of entertaining the State Association is tremendous, and we will have to have help financially. We know you will not fail us on that. Now the proper way to get your offering to us is to send it to the State Treasurer, Marie Hyatt, Certoview, Mo., designated for the entertainment fund, and she in turn will send it to our finance committee here. All this should be done as soon as possible. We wish we were able to do this without even asking you to help us; but we people down here in the Ozarks do not have too much of this stuff called money, you know so we feel that we will just have to have some financial help. We will try to make up for the difference in southern hospitality and old fashioned brotherly love. So begin now to set your stakes toward Macedonia Church and be with us on Monday night following the second Sunday in September for a great week in the Lord. We don't care how many comes. You know the old saying, "There is always room for one more." We are now getting our committees appointed and

things organized as I write this on the 30th day June. We ask your prayers for us as we continue to make the necessary preparation. With anticipation of seeing you in September.

Yours to serve,

Winford Davis.

## CENTRAL AVENUE F. W. B. CHURCH REPORT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Greetings in the Lord:

We are happy to report great progress in war against sin and the Devil. Recently we have gone on the air with a 30 minute program, over station K L P R, featuring Melvin Bingham and his Gospel Singers. Letters are pouring in from all over the state, and even a few letters and cards have been received from bordering states.

We are certainly grateful for the response given to our broadcast, and we welcome a letter or a card from YOU. If you, as a fellow church, are happy to have the voice of the Free Will Baptists on the air, then let us know by writing us. Address all correspondence to Rev. Melvin Bingham and his Gospel Singers, % Station K L P R, Capital Hill Station, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Offerings and prayers for the program's continued success are greatly appreciated.

Station K L P R has a power of 1000 watts, and a frequency of 1140 k. c., and the time of our broadcast is 3:00 to 3:30 p. m. Sundays.

Our Sunday School is growing steadily, with an average attendance of one hundred. The Spirit is very much in evidence in every service, with saints of God shouting His praises.

We are very happy that Brother Bingham is to be our pastor for another year. We feel that there is a definite work here for him to do. There is a definite need for "A voice" to be heard crying here in this wilderness of sin and worldliness. Pray with us, that we may reach out into this wilderness and rescue, by the Word of God, the lost and straying sheep. As Bro. Bingham said in his broadcast last evening, "Help us to keep on keeping on."

Rev. Melvin Bingham, Pastor.

Fred Porter, Corr. Secretary.

## GEM SEMINARY

By the Editor

### COMPLETE IN CHRIST

"Beware lest any man spoil you through PHILOSOPHY and vain deceit, after the TRADITION of men, and after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are COMPLETE IN HIM, which is the head of all principality and power; in whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ"

—Colossians 2:8-11.

### I. INTRODUCTION

A. The most prevalent error of organized Christianity, is not accepting Jesus Christ as God's salvation for us.

1—"When Mary brought Jesus to the Temple, Simeon took Him in his arms, and said: "Now let thy servant depart in peace . . . ; for mine eyes have seen thy SALVATION."

### II. FALSE FOUNDATIONS.

A. Self Merit

1—"That no flesh shall glory in His sight."

2—"Where is boasting? It is excluded."

3—"Not of works, lest any man should boast."

4—"They went about trying to establish their own righteousness, not submitting themselves to the righteousness of God which is by faith."

B. If God recognized our merit, He would nullify the death of Christ for our salvation.

### III. TRUE FOUNDATION

A. "That I may be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is of the law, but the righteousness of God, which is by faith."

B. "He is made unto us: Wisdom, righteousness consecration, and redemption."

1—When we claim any of these on self merit, we are fallen from grace.

2—The only time falling from grace is mentioned in the Bible, it was speaking to people who were legalists, and not depend-

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ing on the Lord.

3—Jesus said, "It is finished."

a). Our part is to believe on Him as our personal Savior.

b). "But the free gift of God is eternal life."

C. A millionaire gave Chapman a book of signed checks to fill in as he needed money to travel to the Holy Land.

1—Chapman had all the money he needed, yet he couldn't say it was his money. We have everything in Christ, but it is God's salvation.

### IV. COMPLETE IN CHRIST

A. "For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, and

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you are complete in Him."

1—The Godhead bodily consists of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

2—When you receive Christ into your heart, you receive all three.

B. You cannot drink all the ocean, but you can drink all you can hold.

1—You cannot contain all the air, but you can have the quality of all the air when you breathe it.

2—"If you have not the Spirit (Holy Spirit) of Christ, you are none of His."

3—"God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into their hearts, crying, Abba Father."

C. We are complete IN HIM—only in Him.