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Let Us Give Thanks...

Oh, we thank Thee, God of mercy,
For the sweetness of Thy love;
For the glory of the heavens,
And the sunlight from above;
For the daylight and the darkness —
For the clouds that send us rain;
For the orchards and the meadows,
And the fields that yield our grain!

We Thank Thee,

God of Mercy

Oh, we thank Thee, God of mercy,
For the homes in which we live;
For our loved ones and our neighbors,
And the blessings which they give;
For our doctors and our nurses,
For our teachers of the truth;
For our fathers and our mothers,
And our fine and noble youth!



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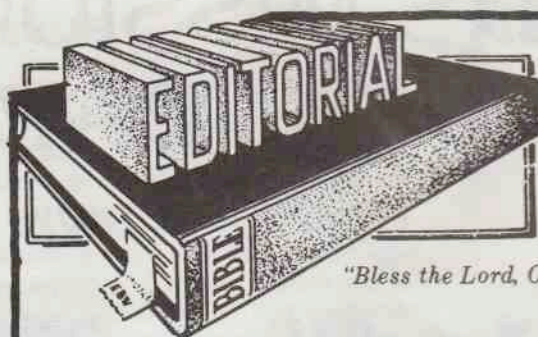
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A Thanksgiving Tally

"Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget
not all his benefits."

What a blessed people we are! How many are the
benefits which God daily pours out upon His people, indeed
upon this world both believing and unbelieving. Yet, there
are thousands of cynics who look out upon a bleak land-
scape and cry - "What is there to be thankful for, anyway?"
Listen to the poet-

Count all my blessings? I can't do it	I can never pause a moment
Though I've tried it o'er and o'er;	Till they're crowding everywhere.
Delving in the halls of memory	So I just keep saying, "Howdy"
Always I am finding more.	As they show their smiling face
Often tho' I think I've ransacked	And conclude I ne'er can fathom
Every nook and corner there	Half the wonders of God's grace.

I would like to enumerate just a few of the many
benefits for which I am grateful.

I am thankful for the Bible, God's inspired, infallible
Word. It does not merely contain the words of God; it is the
Word of God. In it we have the revelation of God's will for
man and the plan of salvation to accomplish that will. So
many times I've claimed one of its many promises to be
mine. Thanks be unto God for His Wonderful Word.

I thank God for the unspeakable gift of His Son, Jesus
Christ to the world. I am astounded at the Incarnation and
the depth of Christ's love for mankind. Through His
substitutionary death and victorious resurrection I have
the promise that I can be like Him, freed from every
vestige of sin's power and penalty, and eventually from its
presence.

I am grateful for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the
Paraclete - "one called alongside to help." I am thankful for
every office of the Holy Spirit, His convicting, convincing,
cleansing power; His guarding, guiding assistance. O, what
a difference in the heart and life when he is come! Thanks
be unto God for His Holy Spirit.

My heart says, "Thank God for the church." The
wonderful fellowship of the people of God - the blood-
washed, the sanctified - is a blessing to me. They have been
an encouragement when times were hard and the way dark
and dreary.

Then finally, though this is by no means an exhaustive
list, I am thankful for the Christian school. My three girls
have had the wonderful privilege of attending a school
where Christ is exalted, the Bible is the primary textbook
and the teachers are sensitive, spiritual, caring Christians.
My girls have learned of creation rather than evolution as
the proper explanation for origins. Their minds have been
trained to be sensitive to God's Word and will, and are
preparing for a life of service to Jesus Christ. Thank God
for the Christian school.

Thank God for present victory and a future that is
bright in anticipation of the return of Christ for the Bride.

Lord, help me to always exhibit a thankful attitude, for
ingratitude is a sin which robs Thee of the glory justly due
Thy name. Help me never to forget any of Thy many
benefits.

D.L.F.

GRATITUDE



I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee. Psalm 144:9

At Thanksgiving time we are especially reminded to take time to praise God. We have ten-stringed instruments with which to do it.

One night at a prayer meeting an old man prayed, "Lord, we will praise Thee with our instruments of ten strings." People in the service wondered what the ten strings were. He prayed on. "We will praise Thee with our eyes by looking only unto Thee. We will praise Thee with our ears by listening only to Thy voice. We will praise Thee with our hands by working in Thy service. We will praise Thee with our feet by running in the way of Thy commandments. We will praise Thee with our tongues by bearing testimony of Thy loving-kindness. We will praise Thee with our hearts by loving only Thee."

We can praise God best by placing our ten-stringed instruments in His hands and allowing Him to play His melody of life. First we are to praise Him with our eyes — we are to look to Him, focusing our eyes upon Him. "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2). Life has true meaning and purpose when our eyes are filled with the vision of Him. We praise Him with our ears by listening to His voice. Samuel said, "Speak; for thy servant heareth" (I Samuel 3:10). We praise Him with our hands by using them for Him. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10a). We praise Him with our feet by walking on errands for Him. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace" (Isaiah 52:7a). We praise Him with our tongues by telling others of Him. "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you" (I John 1:3a). We praise Him with our hearts by loving Him. "Whom having not seen, ye love" (I Peter 1:8a).

Instruments of ten strings — our lives — in tune with God and available to Him for His use will bring praise to His name.

— Author Unknown.

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Ground Breaking Ceremony Held At Orange City, Florida

Ninety-nine degree weather accompanied many pilgrims to the ground breaking ceremony held at Orange City, Florida, Saturday, July 11th at 2:00 p.m.

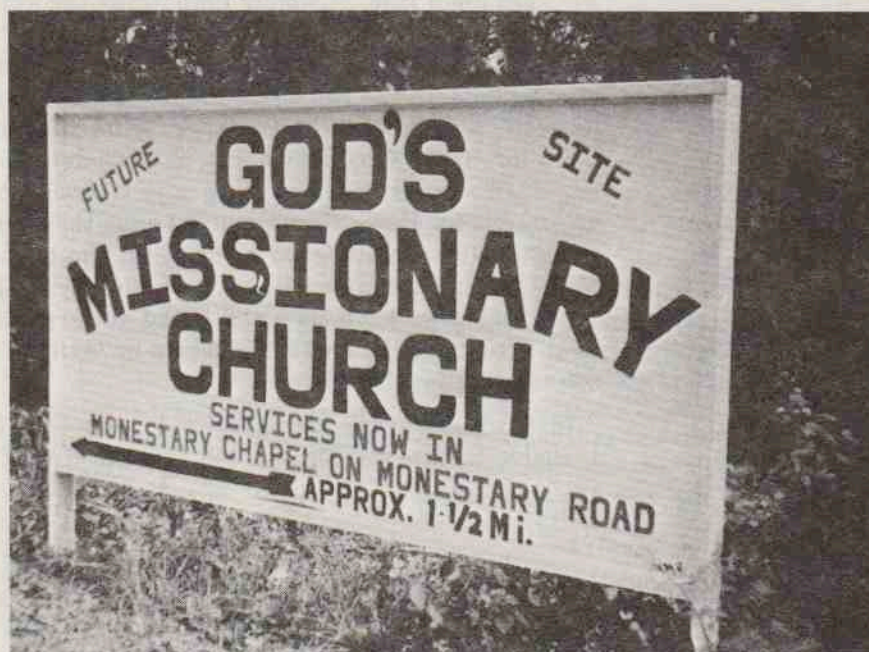
The site chosen for the ceremony was a wooded area, just purchased by the Florida district of the God's Missionary Church, for the new work at Orange City, which is pastored by Rev. James Cooper. A pick-up truck was loaded with a public address system and a small pulpit was set up for the service. Persons attended from Orange City, Kissimmee, Lakeland, Sarasota and Fort Myers.

Opening prayer was offered by Rev. James Cooper. Rev. Clifford Sarver led the congregation in singing "Rescue the Perishing." Brother and Sister Jack Ray sang a special song,

followed by Sister Cooper singing "How Great Thou Art." God's spirit was manifested as many of the saints gave testimony to His saving and keeping power over sin. Sister Thomas led in "There Are No Boundaries Nor Limits", the theme song for the Florida district.

Rev. Melvin Evans read a portion of scripture pertaining to the building of God's temple. Rev. Arthur Thomas, district superintendent, then delivered a stirring message, challenging the saints to believe God for greater things for the new work at Orange City, as well as for the entire district.

The service ended with the pastors and laymen breaking sod. A rich spirit of fellowship was enjoyed.



This freshly painted sign greeted those who attended the ground breaking ceremony at Orange City, July 11th, 1981. It is located at the entrance to the wooded area which will eventually contain the new campgrounds and headquarters for the Florida district of the God's Missionary Church.



Missionary Message

Has Anyone Seen My Daddy? — —

Tell him I can walk now and all is well because Mama gave her heart to Jesus.

My first encounter with this little boy's mother was some six years ago. As memory serves me, she never was a very happy individual even at that time, and little did she know of the sorrow that lay ahead of her and her family.

It all started some eighteen months ago when the body of a man was found in a garden near our little village out in the mountains here in Haiti. It seems that bad slander had been at least some of the reason for the death of this man because he was found with his tongue removed.

Two men were accused of the death of this man. One was caught and put in prison, and the other escaped. To this date his whereabouts are unknown, but he is expected to return as soon as his accused partner is released from prison.

And so it was that this woman, the little boy's mother, was suddenly left alone to take care of her three small children, for she is the wife of the escaped, accused man. Her sorrow became so great that it seemed she could never smile again. She was forced to leave her house and live in very crowded conditions with her only brother and family.

As the months of anticipations and fear wore on, her troubles mounted. Because of the lack of food and possibly a back injury, her youngest son was unable to walk or stand. When we missionaries became aware of the need, we invited her to come to our nutrition clinic, and she came. How well I remember week after week as she would come into the clinic. It seemed never did she smile and the little boy cried constantly.

This went on for months. Then one day she came in and what a change! She smiled as she told me, "it seems that my son will soon walk since he is now standing by himself." I was thrilled to hear the news and recorded it on his medical chart.



The next time she came was the most thrilling of all. With a smile on her face she told me, "He is walking!" I literally clapped my hands in excitement. Last week, with no crying, he stood on the scales by himself, with his mother proudly smiling down at

him.

Something else had happened, too. Her brother, who is one of our young faithful church men, wanting to help his sorrowing sister to find God as her source of comfort, had told her he believed if she would serve God that her son would walk. She held off for some time, until one day she broke down and started toward Heaven, and God turned her brother's words into reality.

Now the road ahead of this mother and her little family may be long and lonely, always waiting for the return of a husband and father, but if they will walk with God, He has promised to be a Father to the fatherless.

Thank you for making it possible for us missionaries to be able to help this mother and her son.

**Yours for souls,
Beverly Wing**

Ground Breaking Ceremony — Orange City, Fla.



In spite of the 99 degree heat and high humidity, the saints still praised the Lord during the singing at the ground breaking ceremony. Pictured here is one side of the circle of believers.

THANKSGIVING — what is exactly its essential and practical significance? Someone has rightly defined it as "an acknowledging and confessing, with gladness, the benefits and mercies, which God bestows either upon ourselves or others." R. C. Trench discloses the source of thanksgiving when he writes:

*"A thousand blessings Thou dost impart;
We ask one blessing more: a thankful heart."*

Why is it so absolute a necessity that we should offer heartfelt thanks unto the Eternal God? The Apostle Paul puts forth a good, sound reason when he declares that thanksgiving is God's will for all His children who are sincerely striving to become more and more Christlike in spiritual character and increasingly advancing in their spiritual progress. "Be always joyful," he exhorts. "Pray continually, **give thanks whatever happens**, for this is what God in Christ wills for you" (I Thess. 5:16, 17). "Rejoice evermore, pray without ceasing." **"IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS"** — thankfulness is the fruit of joy and prayer. Another vital reason for genuine gratitude on our part to our Maker is voiced by the Psalmist who sings: "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation." (Psa. 68:19). And the Apostle James confirms this vital point when he declares, "All good giving and every perfect gift comes from above, from the Father" (James 1:17). Let us fervently offer to Him our own personal thanks.

*"We thank Thee, then, O Father,
For all things bright and good—
The seedtime and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
For all Thy love imparts,
And what Thou most desirest—
Our humble, thankful hearts."*

*"All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all His wondrous love!"*

Let us constantly remind ourselves that all our temporal mercies, our physical health, our spiritual well-being comes from the Almighty God and from Him alone; and this surely and reasonably calls for and merits our warmest unceasing and practical thanks to Him. As John Wesley commented: "His outward and inward blessings, the number and excellence of which cannot be uttered." Thanks

by unto God for His unspeakable GIFT — His only begotten Son, Christ Jesus, from whom come to us all gifts and graces, and the greatest of all, ETERNAL LIFE! Such a supreme Gift we can never adequately acknowledge with our choicest expressions of gratitude; for

*"Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my ALL!"*

Hence the revelance and importance of the Apostle's exhortation to us: "Give thanks to the Father who has made you fit to share the heritage of God's people in the realm of light." (Col. 1:12).

Not only God's greatest gift through Jesus our Savior, but also the superlative privilege of sharing in His service calls for continual thanksgiving from all of us whom He has chosen and called and equipped for service for Him. The Apostle Paul manifested this spirit of thanksgiving concerning himself. Overflowing with gratitude at God's matchless mercy in saving him and calling him, he testified with great joy: "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who enabled me, that he counted me faithful putting me in the ministry..." And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." Not

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only for his own high privilege of spiritual sonship and service, but also for all true believers he offers humble, but hearty thanks: "I am always thanking God for you. I thank him for all his grace given to you in Christ Jesus. I thank him for all the enrichment that has come to you in Christ Jesus. You possess full knowledge and you can give full expression to it . . . There is indeed no single gift you lack, while you wait expectantly for our Lord Jesus Christ to reveal himself" (I Cor. 1:4, 5). Let us emulate the Apostle's splendid example of profound thankfulness to God for all His manifold blessings given to us; also to offer praise and thanksgiving for all our brethren sharing the privilege of Christian service!

As sincere, faithful followers of Christ Jesus we shall offer genuine thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father at all times concerning all things — in prosperity and in adversity, as we accept that "all things work together for good to them that love God and to those who are the called according to his purpose." As we realize that our Heavenly Father's dearest desire and design is to promote our highest spiritual welfare we shall give thanks to God continually. Thus, on wings of

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praise and thanksgiving our souls will rise upward to God. Genuine gratitude is the consistent attitude and expression of the Christian who is fully conscious of God's unceasing providential care towards him, and supremely God's unspeakable Gift of Jesus as his personal Savior. "In the name of Jesus give thanks every day for everything to our God and Father" (Eph. 5:20).

*"Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today."*

As St. Augustine observed: "If God give prosperity, praise Him, and it shall be increased. If adversity, praise Him, and it shall be removed, or at least sanctified." "Rejoice evermore, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks!" Continuous rejoicing and ceaseless praying produce the fruit of thanksgiving. Indeed thankfulness and prayer are inseparable: they are essentially joined together. The believer who prays continually, continually feels and ex-

presses thanks, whether he is well or ill, both for his prosperity or adversity. George Matheson, stricken with blindness, was able gladly to thank God for his cross because of the resultant richness in his spiritual life. The trustful believer can thank his loving Heavenly Father for all things, for he can "bless the Lord at all times and not forget His benefits." He accepts what comes to him as either coming from God or being permitted by Him for the wise purpose of spiritual discipline and development. He receives them for Christ's sake, not choosing, not refusing, not liking or disliking anything only insofar as it accords with God's perfect will for him.

How can we offer adequate thanksgiving to our bountiful Heavenly Father? True thankfulness will find expressions as we "offer the sacrifice of praise continually to God, that is the fruit of our lips, making confession to his name." One of the most heartening promises in the New Testament which gladdens our hearts is the Apostle Paul's gem of truth: "The Lord is near, have no anxiety, but in everything make your requests known to God in prayer and petition **with thanksgiving**. Then the peace of God, which is beyond our utmost

understanding, will keep guard over your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6, 7). The sure promise of God's peace, giving release from stress and strain, and giving to us a calm spirit, is to all those who possess and display the spirit of thanksgiving. A Christian in great perplexity prayed earnestly but could not obtain relief in prayer. Looking up from where he knelt, his eyes alighted on a card, "TRY THANKSGIVING!" He did, and the Lord gave him immediate and adequate peace which banished all his fears.

*"Constant as Thy mercies are,
So my praise shall constant be;
Ev'ry day Thou'rt blessing me,
Ev'ry day will I bless Thee."*

With hearts and hands and voices.
Our thanks will be rendered to God from hearts overflowing with gratitude; hands fully dedicated and fully employed in Christ's service; and through lips singing praises to God and testifying to all around us of God's goodness and graciousness. Our attitude will be such as Thomas a Kempis voiced: "What shall I give Thee for all these thousands of benefits? I would I could serve Thee all the days of my life." Frances R. Havergal also expressed it thus:

*"Yea, let my whole life be
One anthem unto Thee!
And let the praise of lip and life
Outring all sin and strife."*

True thanksgiving will be expressed in **THANK OFFERING UNTO OUR LORD JESUS!** Our financial gifts, our time and talents — our **ALL**. As we recollect God's manifold mercies, His unfailing faithfulness, His unchanging love in our past life, we shall exclaim as the Psalmist did, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." As we do so, the transforming process of thanksgiving will completely change the whole of our outlook and life itself. Such a life of praise and thanksgiving will be an acceptable and adequate offering unto God.

When at least we reach the end of our pilgrimage, as we recall the various trials and triumphs that have been ours, we will rejoice with great joy that eventually through Jesus we have been more than conquerors. We have victory over every evil thing, victory in our severest trials, even our **death and hell**. "Now thanks be unto God which causeth us to triumph in Christ" (II Cor. 2:14.)

—in God's Revivalist.

THE HAPPY DONORS

By Paul S. Rees

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). And Moffatt makes the statement even briefer and keener! "It is happier to give than to get!"

I.

Consider the *immense fascination* this sentence has for us.

Paul says these were the words of the Lord Jesus. Yet we search in vain through the gospels for any verse where such words appear. If Paul had not given them to us, they would have been lost to the world. We know that for a period of years after Christ's earthly life closed, His teachings were passed along by word of mouth. And it was out of this oral reservoir that Paul, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, lifted this particular saying.

So the Prince of all givers assures us, out of the depths of His own experience of life, that it is a finer thing to *give* than to *get*. It is the same principle as that which underlies his recorded words, "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister" (Matt. 20:28).

Judas Iscariot ignored this eternally glorious principle when he asked the Pharisees, "What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you?" (Matt. 26:15). What followed was a double betrayal—of the principle and of the Person.

Peter, on the other hand, caught the premise that Jesus had laid down and held it fast. On his way to the Temple to pray he was implored by a lame beggar. Whereupon Peter replied, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee" (Acts 3:6). Here was a man so likeminded with His Lord as to be more concerned about *giving* than about *getting*.

II.

Consider, too, the *implied declaration* which the text makes.

Jesus acknowledged that it is blessed to receive. His words do not pronounce a blessing only on giving, as though a curse rests on receiving. All He claims is that a higher place is to be accorded the blessedness of giving than that which goes with the blessedness of getting.

Try to find a person who does not know the joy of getting. If anybody is skeptical about it, let his memory travel back to Christmas scenes of childhood. It was the presents you *got*, not those you *gave*, which provided you with the biggest thrills. And some people never grow up! Or, they are never changed—as only the power of divine love can change them. They remain on the level of native selfishness-gorgers instead of givers!

The craving to *get* may take extreme forms. When it does, you have those who are a menace to society, such as the thief, gambler, crooked politician, exploiting businessman. They are all bitten with the same bug—desire to get something for nothing.

But there is a way of getting that is altogether lawful—and altogether necessary. How many of life's riches, whether material or spiritual, are ours as a heritage: we did not create them, we only receive them. The first warm milk that nourished us, the first protecting garment that was wrapped about us, the first kiss of affection ever imprinted upon us—what were we but the fortunate receivers of these gifts and bounties? Now that we work with our mature hands and brains, are we any less indebted to God for the things we receive for soul and body?

Think too of all those finer, intangible values which have been handed on to us; friendship, love, encouragement, liberty and, above all, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. For these we should lift our spirits in grateful celebration.

There is an acknowledged blessedness in receiving. We are all debtors because we are all receivers.

III.

Besides its immense fascination and its implied declaration, our Lord's words hold for us an *important comparison*.

Giving puts fineness into our capacity for receiving. The wise man in the book of Proverbs said: "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself" (11:24, 25).

You have heard, I suspect, the story of the magic vest. According to this fable the possessor of the vest could wish for anything and get it. But the vest worked in such a way that if the wish were a selfish one, the magic garment shrunk. One man got hold of it and began wishing for this and that—always for himself. Each time the desire was granted, but each time the vest bound him more tightly. Finally it choked the breath out of him. The legend is absolutely true to life. Receive without giving, and soon you will lose the capacity to receive—at least in any fine, worthy fashion.

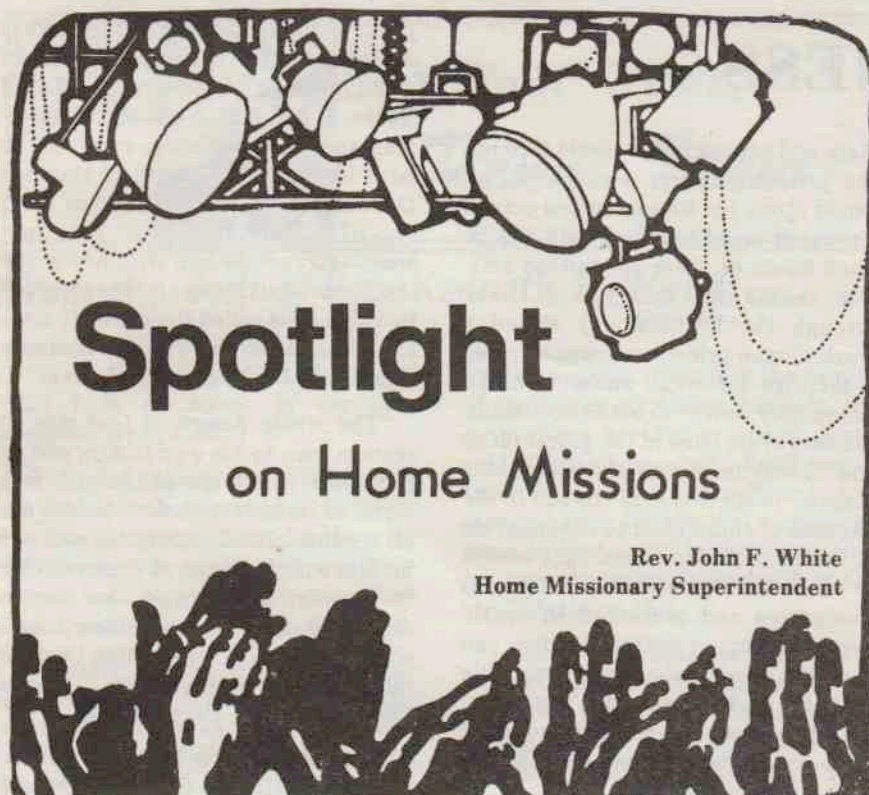
Or take the suggestion that giving, rather than receiving, furnishes a proof of our right to go on living.

Sometimes we see or hear the word "parasite." It is never a compliment. It is the odious name given to a creature who sucks his subsistence out of another's life, without handing back anything in return. It means, literally, to eat at another's table and never do anything to help furnish the bread. Jesus had something to say about this when he solemnly warned: "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it" (Matt. 10:39).

Can you and I justify our right to go on living as professing Christians unless we are generously and systematically on the giving side of things? I doubt it. Can we vindicate our right to go on receiving the ministries of Christ's Church and the immeasurable bounties of His grace unless we return to Him and to His Church at least one-tenth of our substance? I doubt it.

I am convinced that if we do not experience the blessedness of giving, we shall, soon or late, taste the curse of withholding.

— The Herald



Spotlight on Home Missions

Rev. John F. White
Home Missionary Superintendent

RUTH 2:12 ...THE LORD RECOMPENSE THY WORK AND A FULL REWARD BE GIVEN THEE OF THE LORD THY GOD.

Home missionary work often seems to be a labor without reward. The Devil would lead us to feel that America is gone too far to have a revival now. The Word of God teaches us to go forth weeping and if we faint not we will come again rejoicing bringing our sheaves with us. The writer in Ruth said the Lord will recompense our work and give us a full reward. We must never quit trying, reaching, pressing, for the Lord himself told us to occupy until he comes back again. Jesus' coming is soon and we must be on the job when he comes for in Matthew chapter 25 it tells us blessed is the servant whom his lord finds doing when he returns.

The Home Missionary Department needs your help in a special way. Finances have fallen off greatly, we need each church to send in their monthly offering, for many of you dear ones to send in special gifts of love and for all of you to join our Dollar Month Plan.

As your Home Missionary Superintendent we have several one week meetings planned in our home missionary churches. Lord willing we will be with Rev. Paul Martin at the York church the week of October 12 - 17th. Plan to come to this evangelistic outreach. Then in October the week of the 26th through the 30th we will

be with Bro. and Sis. Newton in Fairborn, Ohio. Please pray much for this meeting too. We are working the fields trying to see a revival begin that will sweep our entire beloved church. The Home Missionary board will travel to New York to visit the Hoskins and the Indian work on Thursday October 1st Lord permitting. I realize many of these dates will be over when you read this but you will know we are on the job. A Home Missionary Convention is being planned for the York Church with date and time will be announced in our next page of Home Missionary news.

We are busy working on some new fields at this time but have no announcements to make as of now. We have contacts with board meetings taking place that could yield great churches for us as the Lord leads. We face many problems in this department; the finances is one, then the need for preachers is another. Oh do pray with us that some of our people will feel the call to the service of the Lord. I know that when one compares church work with the world's work that the pay is small and cannot be compared. Yet remember our text, your work will never be in vain. God has a pay day in the eternal world to come. What a day that will be when we lay down our crowns at the Lord's feet. When we are rewarded for the battle scars, when each one is commissioned by the Father to enjoy the Kingdom forever. When Christ will say well done thou good and faithful

servant. God's work is an eternal investment. All money given, hours spent in this work have dividends that never end. Jesus himself at the age of just 12 years chose to be about his father's business. Oh that more of us would be so inclined.

The Home Missionary field does not have the glitter other works have but it has a real place in God's plan of salvation. Remember it takes more than to elect a Home Missionary board at the conference, it takes daily prayer, monthly support, and special efforts all the time. We work not in vain, we are not defeated, we are not cast down but the Lord is keeping the record and he is counting up the hours of toil and will have a wonderful pay day soon. The old song writer put it into words such as this. Must I be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease, while others fought to win the prize and sailed the bloody seas. Let us not go on empty handed. Let us not bring nothing but leaves to the master. Let us always remember that we must work for the night is coming when man's work is o'er.

The Snake That Poisons Everybody

It
topples
governments,
wrecks
marriages,
ruins
careers,
busts
reputations,
causes
heartaches,
nightmares,
indigestion,
spawns suspicion,
generates
grief,
dispatches
innocent
people
to cry in their
pillows.
Even its name
hisses.
It's called
gossip.
Office gossip,
Shop gossip,
Party gossip.
It makes
headlines
and headaches.
Before
you repeat
a story,

ask yourself:
Is it true?
Is it fair?
Is it necessary?
If not,
shut up.

HOLINESS

by Paul Miller —
Assistant General Superintendent

The busy summer is over, school has begun and the gracious camp meeting season has all but ended, so we settle back into fall and winter time activities. With this we return again to the series of articles on the subject of holiness.

In the last article we were discussing the sins of the spirit as the more likely traits evidenced in the believer who has not yet been made perfect in love. We had further established the presence of the principle of sin, Paul's term the law of sin and death, and this principle's presence still in the heart of the regenerated soul who is not yet experienced entire sanctification.

Paul recognized the presence of this sin and cried out, "Oh wretched man that I am, Who can deliver me from the body of this death? (Romans 7:24) That this nature was present was not denied, neither the sad truth that it was death (Rom. 8:6) but he thanks God that through Jesus Christ there is deliverance. (Rom. 8:1-4)

Jesus, gives convincing evidence of this truth in His High Priestly Prayer. (John 17:17) "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth". To see this in a much clearer light we should look at John 1:14, "And the Word became flesh and dwelled among us." John is here speaking of Jesus' natural birth but the truth that we need here is that the Word is not the spoken or written word but the **Word** is Jesus, Himself. Further proof of this is seen in His conversation with Pilate. When asked, "What is truth?" Jesus was clear in His statement that He was truth. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." We are sanctified by the Word and the Truth, and He is both of these therefore, Jesus is our sanctifier.

Paul verified this truth when he said, "What the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh." (Romans 8:3) A clear and concise look at this verse will help us to see more clearly what must be done for and within man. The Old Testament law could not do all that must be done. It could serve as a school master (Galatians 3:24) showing the sinfulness of our

state and man in return could through the priesthood offer a sacrifice that would atone for his committed acts of sin but it could not deal with the inward cause of these committed acts. The reason for this it was weak through the flesh, simply stated a weak human priest-hood was offering a sacrifice for weak sinful men. To adequately deal with both the committed acts of sin (sins in the plural form) and the principle of sin (sin in the singular form) God sent His son in the likeness of sinful flesh to condemn sin in the flesh. To condemn here means to condemn to death as a criminal is condemned and sentenced to death. Jesus Christ, our better sacrifice, can and does do what the law was not able to do for us, that is forgive the sins of the past and save us from the wrath of God, and to sanctify us or cleanse us from the law of sin.

To put to death the old nature is not what we want to hear but the whole purpose of the coming of Jesus in the flesh was to fulfill the plan of God and to accomplish the desire of God for us. This plan was to bring man into a full relationship with Himself and must be and is a two fold work of Grace. Toplady expresses this design in the gracious old hymn, "Be of sin the double cure, save from wrath (Regeneration) and make me pure (Sanctification).

"Entire sanctification is that second definite instantaneous work of grace, subsequent to regeneration, wrought in the heart of the justified person through faith, by the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, whereby the heart of the believer is cleansed from all original sin, and purified by the filling of the Holy Ghost (Rom. 15:16) **Discipline of the God's Missionary Church**, P/ 9 Paragraph XII

"Entire Sanctification is that work of the Holy Spirit by which the child of God is cleansed from all inbred sin through faith in Jesus Christ. It is subsequent to regeneration, and is wrought when the believer presents himself a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God and is thus enabled through grace to love God with all his heart and to walk in His holy commandments blameless." **Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America**, P 17, Paragraph Xiv.

"Entire Sanctification is the baptism with the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:16 &

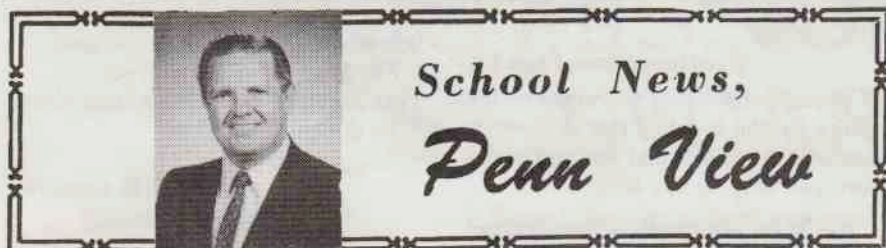
17; I Peter 1:2; Romans 15:16) which is subsequent to regeneration (John 17:9-17) is for all believers (Jn. 17:20; I Thess. 4: 3-7; 5:23 & 24) and is an instantaneous experience, received by faith (Acts 2:1-4; 15:8, 9) It cleanses the heart of the recipient from sin (I Jn. 1:7-9; Acts 15:8 & 9). Sets him apart and endows him with power for the successful accomplishment of all to which he is called (Luke 24:29; Acts 1:8)" **Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church**; P. 13 Paragraph 12

"The whole design of God was to restore man to his own image, and to raise him from ruin of the fall; in a word, to make him perfect; to blot out all his sins (plural), purify his soul and fill him with holiness, so that no unholy temper, evil desire, or impure desires or passions shall either lodge, or have any being within him; this and this only is true religion." **Clarks Theology**; P 184, Paragraph 2

"Sanctification, in the sense of entire consecration to God is a complete cleansing of the soul from all unrighteousness and is synonymous with Christian Perfection, which implies perfect love and the maturity of all grace of christian character." **Elements of Divinity**; Thomas N. Ralston DD, P 461, Paragraph 2 & 3

From **Christian Theology**; H. Orton Wiley S. T. D. we give the following quotations. "Holiness begins in regeneration, but it is completed as an instantaneous work of the Holy Spirit subsequent to regeneration." P 441 Volume II "Regeneration as we have seen it is the impartation of life that is holy in its nature; and concomitant with it. It is initial holiness or cleansing from guilt. Now this holiness already begun is to be perfected by the cleansing at a single stroke from inbred sin, and brings the soul to a constantly existing state of perfect holiness, this cleansing applies to the body as well as the soul." P 446 Volume II

The fore going quotations are all convincing evidence in cooperation with and compliance to the Holy Scriptures and presents three fundamental truths namely: **Firstly**, All men are born with original sin commonly called carnality. That this sin is the inward cause of all outward acts of sin. **Secondly**, that regeneration is the first work of grace where by man is forgiven of all past sins (Plural), is adopted into the family of God and is by divine birth the son of God. **Thirdly**, that sanctification is the second work (Continued on Page 12)



From the desk of Rev. Kenneth E. Walter --
President

"Jesus Himself testified, that a prophet hath no honor in his own country." John 4:44.

Jesus did not say that it is impossible for a prophet to receive honor in his own country neither did He infer that there was necessarily anything wrong with the prophet's life which should cause such a lack of confidence.

A study of the setting in which Jesus makes this statement in Matthew 13:57 indicates that the problem centered around the attitude of the hometown people. As those who knew Him best allowed prejudice based on preconceived ideas to influence their rejection of Jesus as the Messiah there seems to be an air of perplexity expressed. Why is it, a prophet is not without honor, save in His own country, and in His own house?

Truly we have seen evidence of this truth in the old proverb which says, "Familiarity breeds contempt." How often we have seen attitudes change toward one another as people become better acquainted with one another. The sad fact of the matter is that the change is almost always toward the negative pole rather than the positive.

There are those who will travel far and wide to hear certain evangelists and pull every string possible to persuade him to come pastor their church only to discover after they have him for a while that he is a human being just like everyone else, having areas of weakness which show up in faults and failures.

It is just a matter of time until they are again looking for a new pastor because they have never felt the impact of the truth which says fervent charity among the brethren shall cover a multitude of shortcomings.

My concern in this area does not only apply to the way we treat the pastor, as I am equally concerned about the way we treat our fellowmen when there are differences of opinion concerning our religious beliefs. I fear the dangers of compromising Biblical

convictions, but I also fear the danger of casting a stumbling block in the path of my brother or sister. Jesus said, "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." Matthew 18:6.

I fear that we holiness people have a serious problem in that we become extremely dogmatic in some areas and totally ignore others. Why do we not take scriptures like Matthew 7:1 more seriously, "Judge not, that ye be not judged," or Romans 14:10, "But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ," or Romans 14:13, "Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way," or James 4:11 and 12, "Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but is thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?"

Yes, I know we can explain all these away as not applicable to us because of our motives in contending for the faith, but if that be so why have we fallen so far short of accomplishing our purpose set forth in Ephesians 4:11-16?

We are called not merely to keep our conscience clear by taking our stand and letting the chips fly where they may, but we are called for the work of the ministry which is, "To perfect the saints, to edify the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of god, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

This does not even hint at having a back door revival. If we have not

enough of the Spirit of Christ to help the sheep we have to grow to spiritual maturity, how can God trust us with any new lambs? Perhaps this is why we see so few sinners coming to our churches and campmeetings anymore. There are no people on the earth in more danger of being carried away in self-righteousness than we conservative holiness people, therefore, I believe it is high time we take a good honest look at some of our own shortcomings.

I have known individuals who have zealously declared they couldn't support a preacher because of something they didn't approve of in his life and would turn around and support one who had even more questionable things in his life. They would lift him up to high honor simply because they didn't know him like the hometown folk. Why do we allow such inconsistency to plague the holiness movement? I believe because of the same problem that existed in Christ's day. Basically due to preference and prejudice we scrutinize one another through our preconceived ideas until confidence is lost and criticism builds the walls of division.

How many there are who flounder in such folly because of a subtle self-righteous attitude and a censorious spirit. They strain at a gnat and swallow a camel while the cause of Christ suffers disgrace and precious souls are driven to bitterness and despair. What a fearful thing to realize that the blood of such souls is going to be one our hands.

Steadfastness in the faith is not determined by dictatorial demands; it is evidenced by devotion to Jesus Christ whereby the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts with patience, compassion and understanding.

Of all the benefits the church would gain by a genuine heart searching in this area I would like to mention just two. We would see a deepening in the spirituality of the church and a binding of our hearts in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

Under such conditions we could not help but develop some sound Biblical principles and generate some loyalty to the cause of Christ which in turn would give us a sense of responsibility toward that which we are associated with. I never have given church loyalty priority over loyalty to Christ, but I fear we have too many people who use that as an escape from responsibility.

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SCHOOL NEWS

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It is far more glamorous to jump on the bandwagon of some flamboyant personality and lend your support to that which feeds your ego with earthly praise and honor than to stand by your responsibility when the going is tough and burdensome. As I evaluate my observations in these areas, I am convinced that much of our giving and other forms or moral support is based upon our emotions, which are highly affected by various personalities, rather than under the control of our own inner principles and convictions.

I trust that in spite of our failures and shortcomings God will help you to realize that God has His hand upon this school. He is helping us to prepare young people for His service in the whitenend harvest fields. While you may be highly impressed with other programs that seem to be setting the world on fire, don't forget that this is a school of His divine planning and someone must be willing to bear the responsibility of keeping the doors open and the bills paid.

Will you accept your share of responsibility today? We truly need your prayers and a generous contribution at this time.

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of grace, subsequent to regeneration where by the heart of the believer is cleansed from original sin and made pure and holy by the Holy Ghost.

But How shall such a regenerated person who is still unsanctified approach God? By what process can a man so defiled receive this cleansing unto holiness? What does sanctification really mean? We shall try by the help of the Holy Ghost to answer all these questions in the next months installment.

P.M.

A Meditation

Must I be thankful once a year,
And only for a day,
While blessings all my life appear
Illumining my way?

Unnumbered mercies, rich and free,
On me have been bestowed,
Though oft it ne'er occurred to me
From whom these mercies flowed.

For food and raiment, health and strength,
We thank the God of grace,
Such bounty never has been meant
To make our service less.

But most of all we thank our God
For grace so rich and free,
That brought our Saviour from above
To die on Calvary.

— A. H. Cameron



TRUST

I cannot understand
The why and wherefore
of a thousand things;
The crosses, the annoyances,
the daily stings,

I cannot understand—
But I can trust;
For perfect trusting
perfect comfort brings.

I cannot see the end,
The hidden meaning of each trial sent,
The pattern into which
each tangled thread is bent,

I cannot see the end—
But I can trust;
And in God's changeless love
I am content.

— Anon.

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