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“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet.” Isa. 58:1

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A divine call to the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ is the highest honor that could be conferred upon a human and is fraught with grave responsibilities. The eternal interests of the millions of earth’s inhabitants depend upon the faithfulness of God’s ambassadors.

The compromising preacher is one who does not declare the whole counsel of God, does not preach the full gospel, does not apply that gospel to the hearts of his hearers, and does not conform to it in his own life and character. Continued silence by a minister on questions of moral reformation made clear by the scriptures, characterizes him as a time-server, a compromiser, a coward. Preachers who profess piety and endorse iniquity are an abomination altogether too common for the good of the church and the well being of mankind.

Too many preachers are controlled by a base, man-pleasing spirit. They offer no rebuke to the tide of worldliness and formality that is sweeping thousands on to endless torment. Evidently they fear to “cry aloud and spare not” and show the people their sins.

## A *Compromising* Ministry

The drift worldward is alarming. The superficial religion of the times may have breadth and polish, but it lacks depth; it lacks enduring qualities. It is as the thin veneering that soon cracks and exposes the untouched roughness beneath.

The spirit of the world is destructive to thorough gospel work, and as preachers become intoxicated with that spirit, they are disqualified for the work of God. There is a false charity that allows looseness and worldliness and pride to go unreprieved. The pruning knife is left out of the pulpit, open violations of covenant obligations are winked at, and the preacher keeps well supplied with untempered mortar with which he does an endless amount of daubing in the most approved style, while his deluded admirers delight in honeyed words, smooth speeches, flowery compliments, hollow courtesies and pretended friendships. A joking, fun-

loving, ease-seeking, compromising ministry has never been known to take any chances on presenting unpopular truths from the pulpit. They cry, “peace, peace,” when the danger signal should be hoisted, and thus souls are permitted to go quietly down to the pit. What a record to meet in the great day!

Such a condition of things is but the natural result of tolerating a worldly spirit in the church. Aristocracy, pride, passion, idle gossiping, “foolish talking and jesting,” which form so conspicuous a part in social circles cannot be indulged in or countenanced by the clergy without serious consequences. If Satan can get a foothold in the form of suppers, parties, entertainments, games, theatrical

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This definite, radical, anti-sectarian holiness paper is published in the name of the Lord for the edification of the church of God. Its mission is to point all souls to full salvation through Christ and to expose the errors of spiritual Babylon (false religion). We desire this paper to be used as a sharp instrument in the hands of the Lord, breaking the spiritual silence in this time of restoration.

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## Editorial

Another year has swiftly gone by, and we look back upon it with much thanksgiving to see all that the Lord has done. He is blessing His church, giving His saints a mind to work and continually reaching out to new areas. Along with our many regularly scheduled meetings, there have been numbers of outreach meetings, many of which have not been reported in this publication. With all of this, there are still more calls for the saints to fill, and we are trusting the Lord of the harvest to continue to raise up more and more labourers.

Some have told us that people will not want this narrow way and that we will have to fit in more with the world in order to win them, but we are finding that there is no shortage out there of souls who long for the old-time, unadulterated gospel. They come from all walks of life, in all nations.

It is the gospel that is the power of God that will save mankind; not a modern rendition of it.

We receive letters at times from those who go to "church," yet say they are not hearing the Word of God, despite the fact that they listened to a "preacher." These dear ones leave "church" feeling emptier than when they came. Their souls are desperately hungry, yet the "preacher" and the "church" left them void of their help. What a pitiful condition!

They have, in fact, not been to church and have not heard a preacher. To such my heart goes out. They have not come in contact with the true gospel—it is a "modern rendition of it," which is no gospel. These dear ones have been victims to the multitudes of troulbers and perverters of the gospel, which are rampant today, doing untold damage to souls.

The Great Shepherd is burdened. And He is causing His church to feel more of the weight of His burden, that they might go out and find the lost and scattered sheep—the poor, the maimed, the halt and the blind. How shall they accomplish this? With the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ. —sm

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## Friends Need Magazine

Thank you for sending me your Gospel Trumpet magazine. I found it very interesting and my friends are in need of this same magazine. I wish to increase the number of my subscriptions from 1 to 10 copies, just to meet the demands in some quarters. May the good Lord strengthen your ministry.

Gabriel Nwankwo  
Nigeria

## I'll Return to this Website

I have been saved for approximately one year and desperately wanting to be sanctified. I have received very little of the Word of God, but so often hear "messages" or "thoughts" that do nothing good for the spirit. I often leave church very frustrated and disappointed with all the entertainment that goes on each Sunday and the lack of hearing the Word of God.

I thank the Lord for leading me to this site. I find the messages to be the food to the soul that I have been needing.

Please pray for me that I may grow closer to the Lord, that I may be a more willing and perfect servant for the Lord.

I am so pleased to have found this source. I could go on, but I'll stop. I will return to this website often. What a blessing it is.

I need prayer so badly for my soul. Please pray for me. Website

## A City to Dwell In

Praise the Lord for His glorious church! We attended meetings of the church of God in March 2005. By this time I was extremely depressed and full of anxiety, to the point of physical pain most of the time. I knew we were in the world and I was very afraid for my children. If we continued as we were, they would be lost. I read large portions of scripture and the more I read, the more discouraged I became. What would become of us? There was absolutely nowhere to go for a safe place! I cried to the Lord and many times, as I knelt sobbing, all I could do was simply plead, "Lord, help me!!"

*And then the Lord* answered my prayers far above and beyond anything

I'd ever hoped, dreamed, imagined or thought possible. At that first meeting I touched the hem of His garment! The Lord was there! I was healed of depression, anxiety, and all pain was just gone. Here, in His perfect time, the Lord brought me hope. "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness." Psalm 107:8-9.

Then there were the doctrines I'd never heard of before. Oh, dear seeker, Jesus said in Matt. 7:20, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." Just as we can know false prophets by their fruits, so can we know the true children of God. They had peace. I most definitely did not. They had love, and joy was so evident on their faces. Never will I forget the radiant faces of the saints as they stood to testify! I could see they had been with God! And the children—I was so very encouraged by the children!

How I had hungered and thirsted for this as I wandered in the wilderness! Yes, here was a city to dwell in! And so I had to say, maybe *I was wrong!* We searched the scriptures, and thank God, He opened them up to us. It was all there. They were right! And the sweet rest in my soul since embracing the truth is worth every bit of opposition we've received for taking this blessed way. And to think there's heaven besides! I wouldn't trade an ounce of persecution for a ton of the praises of men!

Saints, be encouraged! Thank-you for being faithful to my soul. Keep praying and working and fighting to bring poor, lost, wandering souls out of Babylon and into this home to each soul of the children of God. I desire your prayers that I might remain faithful to the end. Sis. Rebecca Hochstetler

Wisconsin, USA

## Help Me to Learn

Dear brothers in Christ,

Praise the Lord. I am very happy to see your website. I am from India. I want to know more of God in my life and I want to learn more. Please will you help me to learn more about Christ. I am

a new, born again Christian. I will keep praying for you all. I will be waiting to hear from you. May God bless you abundantly. Website

## Enjoyed Looking at Website

Dear Gospel Trumpet,

Thanks for the literature you sent to me. I enjoyed looking at your website. Please accept this donation in the name of the Lord. Sis. Cheryl Mitchell

Ohio, USA

## Really Blessed by the Issue

Hello! We were just introduced to your magazine and were really blessed by the issue our friends gave us. Please add us to the mailing list. Thanks! Lord bless you.

B. Hartlieb  
Alaska, USA

## At Home Now

Dear saints and all that read the Gospel Trumpet,

I want to let you know that I love you with all my heart. The Lord loved me first so that I can love you now, even those that are not saved. The Lord loved me also before I was saved. "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace ye are saved." Eph. 2:4-5.

I'm glad that I can feel at home where we are now. The Lord has brought us home. There is only one home for our soul and that is the church of God. Even if you are saved, if you are not fellowshiping with the church of God, you don't feel at home and you are not at home where you are. I know that because I have experienced that.

When Jesus said, "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold," He did not say they can stay where they are. He said, "Them also I must bring...and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." John 10:16. In John 11:51-52 it says He did not just come to save us, but also that He should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. In John 17:11, Jesus prays for His disciples that they may be one as He and the Father are one.

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And He goes on in verse 20 and 21, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they may be one as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." God does not want a second faith.

Some people we know are so afraid about a "second baptism," when after really getting converted we are baptized by immersion, declaring the prior sprinkling when becoming a member of a sect as unbiblical. Eph. 4:5 says there is "one Lord, one faith, one baptism." If you have the wrong Lord and the wrong faith, you also have the wrong baptism. If you get baptized to the wrong Lord and wrong faith before you really get saved from sin, you were lying to the world. And you need to get saved from that. Then if you get saved from that, you need to show the world the true baptism, showing that you got saved from your wrong profession and wrong baptism that you thought would bring you to heaven.

I'm also glad that we do not all have to be in Canada to be one, for God wants His church in all four winds of the earth.

Bro. Bergen  
Ontario, Canada

## Thank You for the Literature

Thank you for sending the literature pertaining to women in the ministry and the CD, "I'm Gonna Keep on Workin'." May the Lord continue to bless all that are working for the Lord.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,  
Charles Mix  
Tennessee, USA

## Thankful for Your Burden

I am so happy to hear your hearty words in Christ. I am so thankful for thy heart and burden in Christ. Yes, the Lord be with you in all your works. Yes, my beloved in Christ, wherever you may go, He is with you all. He is great to thy heart, amen.

I am so happy to pray for the success of your mission trips, even to our India. We love you so much in Christ, my wife and my child. Our staff conveyed their

heartfelt greetings to you all. They are so happy to see you next year. Please come in 2006. Please come in this month.

We are praying to God He should have control of everything for His will to be accomplished. Amen. We are praying for your trips, too. T. Babu  
India

## Please Send CD

Friends:

Please send one CD, "I'm Gonna Keep on Workin'" to the address below. Enclosed is a check to pay for the CD and to help with publishing The Gospel Trumpet.

Many thanks and blessings on your work. Dwight Grubbs  
Indiana, USA

## Enjoyed Listening

I have enjoyed listening to your radio today. Nice music. Such beautiful preaching sounds good, but is there a church these days that is what it seems? Are all preachers after money? What is really the truth? Website

## Appreciate Your Insight

May I put in a request to have my last name changed and my address changed as well? I am married now.

I thank you so much for your publication and I greatly appreciate your insight on scripture. I asked Christ to save me from my sins at a very early age, and while I am attending a Bible study with a group of believers, I am always asking the Lord to show me His truth so I can understand the Bible as best as the Lord would allow. When I receive your publication, I ask the Lord to reveal things to me that I might be blind of, and I read scripture to understand Him as best as I can.

Thank you so much for having me on your mailing list in the first place. I met one of your members at a car repair shop many years back, and she and I had the most wonderful conversation. It was she who added me to your mailing list with my enthusiastic permission. I even spoke to another one of your members a few summers back when your members were in downtown Dayton. I appreciate

your concern for man's spirit and soul and your commitment to leading the lost to Jesus Christ. Thank you so much!

Jamie Shivery  
Pennsylvania, USA

## The Gospel Trumpet is Light

Dear ones,

Thanks for The Gospel Trumpet. It is a blessing to me, especially the testimonies about victory over the world. There's so much darkness around but The Gospel Trumpet is a light...

Please add the following to your mailing list. Thank you. R. Martin  
Maryland, USA

## Please Pray

Dear sir,

I greet you in the precious name of Jesus. Please pray for my family and especially for my spiritual life. Thank you very much. T. Ghalan  
Nepal

## I am Dwelling in His Church

I thank God I am dwelling in His church. Since He gave me the gift of full salvation, I have a new home; it is the church of God!—the one talked about throughout Eph. 2, especially verses 19 through 22: "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." The same church that is written about in 1 Tim. 3:15, "...that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

I am thankful to be here in His loving grace because of salvation; I have a changed heart and mind. I do not dwell on the things I used to think on. God has changed my desires through salvation. This past week I was able to spend some time alone. My family was away from

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the home most of the day. The enemy whispered that I should drift into doing the things I used to do when I was alone before salvation. Well thank God, when you dwell in His church, you are never alone. The Lord blessed my week. He gave me a vision of (Lord willing) what retirement would be like. I had more time to read and study the Word of God and the writings of those He has given the gift of interpretation of His holy Word. All my life I have not been a person who has had a desire to read, but salvation changed that and now I cannot get enough time to read.

I thank God for His church that gives me a resting place to lay my head and all my worries. I often times think, why did God choose me to be a fellow-citizen with the saints? I do not understand it, because I was not worthy, but I am glad He knows better than I.

I can honestly say as the song writer wrote, "How often I've pondered my struggles within, between the good spirit and indwelling sin, A foe in the temple not subject to God; *But now I am free thro' the wonderful blood.* I'll say the great word, yes, I'll say the great word; I'm all on the altar that sanctifies me: I'll tell it forever and honor my Lord: Yes glory to Jesus! I'll say the great word." What a wonderful place, this blessed church of God! Bro. Ernest Benion Sr.  
Indiana, USA

## Website Very Interesting

Dear church,

I find your website very interesting and would like to request any info you have to offer. Please send to the address mentioned below. Thank you.

T. Ramlal  
New York, USA

## The Old Paths

We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank the Lord for bringing us to the true body of believers. One year ago this past November, we attended the meeting in Oklahoma City. We were only at two of the services because we had already made plans to be out of town. We attended on Tuesday night then left and were gone until

Saturday. While we were away, we prayed and asked the Lord to show us what to do.

One morning in prayer the Lord spoke these words to me, "The old paths." I knew that was the answer. My husband came out of the room and was going to say something to me and I said, "Wait, let me tell you what the Lord told me." I then told him how the Lord said "the old paths" and he said, "That is exactly what the Lord told me." We knew the Lord had heard our cry and answered.

We appreciate how the Lord was leading Bro. Bourn and helping him to see the restoration message. At the time, none of us knew exactly what the saints were being taught, other than what we had read in the Gospel Trumpet.

I thank the Lord the saints visited the congregation we were attending and we had come in contact with the true saints. We thank the Lord that our pastor saw the truth and took his stand and three other families came out with him and his family. We have no regrets on having taken our stand out of the place we were in. We did not realize it was Babylon. Thank God for His tender mercy to us.

We attended a few days of the Ohio campmeeting and received such a blessing. We have attended other meetings since and it keeps getting better and better. It was a blessing to be a part of this year's November meeting in Oklahoma City.

I thank God for having mercy on us and also our daughter who came so close to being lost in Babylon. Thank God for all He has done. It is so good to be at home in Zion. Please remember us in prayer, that we will ever be what God would have us to be.

Bro. Paul and Sis. Sue Keller  
Oklahoma, USA

## Delighted with the Articles

Hello. I searched the internet to look for "Church of God" and I found your website. I am delighted with the articles and doctrines you have.

I would like to request for a subscription of your Gospel Trumpet magazine. Also I would [like] to know if

you have a church here...

May God bless you all in the church of God. Thank you very much.

Website  
Australia

## I Enjoy Holy Singing

Singing CD—I'm Gonna Keep on Workin'—I enjoy good, sound, holy singing! May His name be praised!!! Thanks!

By the blood of Christ,  
Your brother, Paul Jones  
Ohio, USA

## A Joyful Experience

Dear Gospel Trumpet Publishing,

I am a scout in the army in Kuwait, serving for three years. A born again Christian since my early teens and not really growing until my late teens, of which I thank the Lord for all my growing experiences that He has brought me through.

I found out about the church of God (the saints) just before I was deployed from Germany. After about two months I met the saints' church out here, of which was a real joyful experience, even though it was all in German. I still felt the fellowship and beauty of the Spirit in His holiness.

I would like to receive the Gospel Trumpet, for I believe the truth and growth of the Word is found in it, and also I benefited from Vol. 17, Iss.1 (Sinful Nations)...

I am thankful that my unit does not have to go to Iraq right now and maybe never, for we are on reserve status, and unless something big happens we will not be going to Iraq.

But if we do, I know that I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me...Since I joined the army, I found that there is nothing I cannot handle day by day in Christ, without worry. Currently, I am being challenged by the Spirit to be more of a witness for the Lord, and I pray that I will be bold in the Lord.

Thank you for sending the Gospel Trumpet paper. I will read it and grow in the Lord, for the Lord promises growth and blessing by obeying Him.

Pvt. Michael Paul, Kuwait

# Shame on Who?

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The following letter was received from one of our website viewers:

*Please preach the full gospel. I am very concerned that this website says we do not sin after we are born again. The Bible is clear there is always a battle with the flesh and not one is without sin. Shame on you for not teaching the full gospel. You have not included all His Word.*

*"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." 1 John 1:8.*

*"And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace, But it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work." Romans 11:6.*

Oh, shame on the false prophets for corrupting the Word of God and bringing "another gospel" (a sinning "gospel"),

which is deceiving multitudes of poor souls, such as this dear one. This writer says, "Please preach the full gospel." Amen. That is exactly our intent. God help us to know better how to get the message of the real gospel out to this deluded and sin-laden world.

It is certain the religious air is ill-climbed when the message of deliverance from sin through the power of the blood of Jesus Christ is causing professed born again Christians to be "very concerned" and to say, "Shame on you." Oh, Satan, you deceiver of souls! You perverter of the gospel of Jesus Christ!

Jesus died to give us something far superior to an Old Testament experience wherein sin could never be purged from the hearts. Jesus is not a minister of sin, but a destroyer of it—a Saviour from it. "But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, *is therefore Christ the minister*


*of sin?* God forbid!" Galatians 2:17.

The individual who wrote quoted 1 John 1:8 and Rom. 11:6 to try to uphold his sinning religion, as do most supporters of the sin-you-must heresy. Let us briefly look at these scriptures.

When the apostle John stated, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us," he was not referring to born-again Christians, but to the self-righteous unsaved who did not see themselves as sinful and in need of a Saviour. This same John clearly declared that Christians do not sin: "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him...He that committeth sin is of the devil...Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin..." 1 John 3:6, 8, 9.

In quoting Rom. 11:6, it seems that the individual that wrote thinks that for one to honour the efficacious work of the Saviour and testify to living free from sin, it is considered carnal works, void of the grace of God. But those who have been made holy through the blood of the Lamb are neither boasting nor resting in any works they have done, but attribute their victory to the very grace of God. Thereby the Saviour is exalted for His amazing grace, power and mercy. The redeemed sing and shout about what grace has done. "By the grace of God I am what I am," and by the grace of God we "have [our] fruit unto holiness."


We will not dishonour Jesus Christ and His holy, powerful gospel by dragging it in the mire of sin. Jesus *is* a Saviour who *can* save us from all sin—a Deliverer!

"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?" Rom. 6:1. Blinded sectarians may yet cry, "Yes, we must continue in sin." But all who truly know and believe in the true grace of God will declare with the apostle Paul, "God forbid!" 

—S. Mutch

## Spurious Christianity

**O**ne proof of the fall and degeneracy of men is their general enmity to the doctrine of holiness. They cannot bear the thought of being sanctified through, body, soul, and spirit, so as to perfect holiness in the fear of God.

A spurious kind of Christianity is gaining ground in the world. Weakness, doubtfulness, littleness of faith, consciousness of inward corruptions, and sinful infirmities of different kinds, are by some considered the highest proofs of a gracious state; whereas in the primitive church they would have been considered as evidences that the persons in question had received just light enough to show them their wretchedness and danger, but not the healing virtue of the blood of Christ.  Adam Clarke

# The Kind of Ministers God Needs

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.” Eph. 4:11.

Our times are leaving their mark on humanity, on the church, and on individuals—even on individual pastors or ministers. As materialism sweeps the world, not only are fewer men entering the ministry, but among those who do enter, the desire for temporal things frequently keeps them from developing into the kind of ministers whose ministry God can bless and honour; the kind whose qualities of character are so clearly set forth in the scripture.

According to Eph. 4:11, ministers are one of the special gifts of God to the church. In I Tim. 6:11 he is called a “man of God.” I do believe that not all believers are equally called to this ministry. God gave “some” pastors and not all pastors (ministers).

The minister’s office is a sacred trust and should be discharged with scrupulous care in the light of the Word. On this basis a true minister is:

**1.** One who has to be truly called of God to the office.

The man (or woman) who has studied for this office but was never called, who may have a few degrees but zero temperature, is the bane of the pulpit. In John 1:6 there was a man “sent from God.” Later another man was called as “an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God” (Eph. 1:1). The former was a prophet, the latter an apostle and they were different as to background, character, intellectual ability, etc., yet both had been divinely called to their work.

**2.** One who lives in close fellowship

with the Lord.

- Who constantly desires to be used of God (I Tim. 4:14; II Tim. 1:6).

- Whose personal conduct is beyond reproach (I Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:7).

- Who remains separate from the world (Gal. 6:14; I John 2:15-16).

- Who spends much time in prayer and study of the Word (II Tim. 2:15; 3:16; 1 Thess. 5:17; Eph. 6:18).

- Who cultivates true Christian graces (I Tim. 3:2-7; II Tim. 2:22-24; Titus 1:7-8; 2:7-8; 3:2).

Let God see in us “a man after my own heart, for he will obey me.”

**3.** One who is utterly dedicated to the Lord.

- Who will truly love his congregation and “gladly spend and be spent” for them even when it is not appreciated (II Cor. 12:15; Acts 20:31).

- Who has a heart for the lost (II Cor. 5:20; II Tim. 4:5).

- Who has the heart for the saved (Eph. 1:15-23; Phil. 1:4; Col. 1:9).

- Who will minister to his flock both publicly and personally, visiting them in their homes (Acts 20:20).

**4.** One who will “serve the Lord with all humility of mind” (Acts 20:19).

- Who will not set his heart on a fine church, a comfortable home, and a large salary, but will truly desire to only be in the place of God’s choosing.

- Who realizes that he must creep before he can walk.

- Who is always eager to learn; seek advice from those who are older and more experienced.

- Who will not be covetous of those who appear to fare better than he.

**5.** One who will show Christian leadership. “Instant in season and out of

season” (*i.e.* on his toes) (I Tim. 2:2; II Tim. 4:2; Titus 1:5).

**6.** One who will “give attendance to reading” the scriptures (I Tim. 4:13).

**7.** One who will “preach the word” and not be sidetracked into joining the crusades of unregenerated men, however good those crusades may be in themselves (II Tim. 2:15; 3:16; 4:2).

**8.** One who clearly recognizes the fact that God has committed to our trust the “preaching of Jesus Christ” (Rom. 16:25).

**9.** One who wishes to be known as “a servant of Christ, and a steward of the mysteries of God,” recognizing that a man must be found faithful (I Cor. 4:1, 2).

**10.** One who will not only stand faithfully for the gospel, but will proclaim it boldly (Eph. 6:18-20; Col. 4:2-4).

Therefore fellow ministers in the gospel of Jesus Christ, “endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ” (II Tim. 1:7-2:3). Finally we all shall say individually, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown...” (II Tim. 4:7-8).

How poorly the best of us ministers have filled our posts! But we can, by God’s grace, be faithful to our calling and it is faithfulness that God honours. 📖

*Bro. Edwin Njeru Kamweti  
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## A Compromising Ministry

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performances and such like, he will soon wedge his way in until the passion for fun and fashion will have supplanted the desire for class meetings, prayer meetings, and other means of grace designed to increase devotion and spirituality.

At many religious gatherings, the very atmosphere seems charged with the spirit of worldliness and compromise. Preachers convert the pulpit into a stage for putting on airs and enacting dramatic scenes. Mere politeness is passed off for religion, and a compound of scientific discussions and philosophical speculations, flavored with a thin solution of "higher criticism," is substituted for the gospel of Jesus Christ. As a result, multitudes who are in darkness and indifferent to their spiritual interests will be eternally lost, unless by some means they can be aroused from the stupor that has settled over them as a result of sitting under the preaching of an adulterated gospel.

A superficial religion is in too general demand. Pure gospel truth is too searching, too exacting for the times.

The ancient cry of a rebellious nation is being reiterated today: "...Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits." Isa. 30:10.

But where is the remedy? It is an easy matter to detect the weakness and formality of a compromising ministry, but not so easy to apply an effectual remedy. There is a source of life and power and spiritual energy with which the ministry must, through some means, be brought in contact. This cannot be realized simply by "greater activity" on church lines; not alone by "increasing the gifts already attained;" not merely by becoming "more enthusiastic" in church work.

1. There must be deep humiliation before the Lord; worldly alliances must be renounced; inconsistent lives must be corrected. Men are needed for the ministry whose whole souls are in the work; men who are willing to make any sacrifices necessary for the upbuilding of the Redeemer's kingdom.

2. Ministers of the apostolic type are needed—ministers who are clear in the experience of holiness and fear not to

preach it, who abide under the anointing and inspiration of the Holy Spirit and are ready for the toils and stripes and hardships that such a ministry may involve. The sickly sentimentalism of the modern pulpit is exceedingly wearying to the spiritually enlightened mind. Truth, pure and scriptural, unmixed with human speculations, is the channel through which God operates.

3. The great need of the age is more preachers who keep revival fires burning, who value souls above dollars or fame, who do not discount the emotional in religion, who "set faces of steel" against demoralizing worldly amusements, and keep up the "line fence" between the church and the world. No preacher can afford to give his influence, his time,


labors or means to support any type of religion that does not bear the gospel

*Continued silence by a minister on questions made clear by the scriptures, characterizes him as a time-server, a compromiser, a coward.*

brand of simplicity and purity. Pious dissemblers, exercised by a resistless ambition for power and promotion, may, for a time, make a show of strength and devotion, may gather their admirers around them, enlist sympathy and support, but their race is usually short, and the counterfeit when exposed is the more contemptible.

4. From want of proper leadership, many "churches" are utterly powerless to grapple with the swelling tide of worldliness by which they are well nigh deluged. The stupidity of the clergy is astounding. Every preacher should be free indeed—free from sin, free from worldly defilement, free from the love of honor, fame or praise, free to follow the will of the Lord in all things. Against even "little departures" the ministry must carefully guard.

Brethren in the ministry, if you would confuse the enemy and defeat his schemes, pay no attention to his satanic suggestions and enticements, but go forward faithfully preaching the full, uncompromising gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is an ever-increasing need of such laborers. The ripening harvest demands them. The Lord of the harvest calls for them. Who will respond? 

—B. R. Jones

## Arise and Build!

C.T. Studd

Too long have we been waiting for one another to begin! The time for waiting is past! The hour of God has struck! War is declared! In God's holy name let us arise and build! "The God of heaven, He will fight for us," as we for Him.

We will not build on the sand, but on the bedrock of the sayings of Christ, and the gates and minions of hell shall not prevail against us.

Should such men as we fear? Before the whole world, aye, before the sleepy, lukewarm, faithless, namby-pamby Christian world, we

will dare to trust our God. We will venture our all for Him. We will live, and we will die for Him, and we will do it with His joy unspeakable singing aloud in our hearts. We will a thousand times sooner die trusting only in our God, than live trusting in man. And when we come to this position, the battle is already won, and the end of the glorious campaign in sight.

We will have the real holiness of God, not the sickly stuff of talk and dainty words and pretty thoughts. We will have a masculine holiness; one of daring faith and works for Jesus Christ.

**Philippines:** “Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.” I Cor. 1:3.

In considering our recent trip to the Philippines for mission work, November 4th - 14th, we felt the hand of the Lord working throughout concerning the wonderful people that we met. We saw a people hungering and thirsting for more of God and His truth and many beautiful children, very joyous to be in the meetings.

Bro. John Strizu and Bro. Bill O’Shea had for weeks labored in the San Jose community before Bro. Ray Tinsman, Sis. Crystal Burr, Sis. Elisabeth Strizu and myself arrived. Meetings were good and very well attended in San Jose City. We had to rent a larger hall to accommodate the congregation. Our local pastor, Bro. Severino Villanueva and his wife were very active and involved.

At the close of the meeting in San Jose City, we travelled to Manilla where we were privileged to meet with Bro. Jesus Granil, his family, and congregation. We appreciated their loving care and fellowship. We anticipate missionaries going back soon to labor and intend by God’s grace to help make a major effort in the Philippines. We are looking for God to help and propagate this restoration message throughout all the earth.

The love of God and communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Bro. Daniel Layne



*“Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel.”*



*“The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.”*

*Bro. Severino Villanueva Jr. and Family*



# Kenya

To the saints in light, called together for fellowship by the Holy Ghost in the evening time. We are so thankful to be able to make this mission report of the tenth consecutive campmeeting of the restoration work in Kenya. This year saw a tremendous increase, well over double the number, from any previous campmeeting. We had over 360 in attendance. Sixty-four ministers were present from thirteen districts. One has to remember with these statistics that it's impossible for numbers of the poor from the congregations to travel. Therefore, they represent just a fraction of the people in the congregations. Thankfully, these ministers were able to be there to gain instruction and will be able to take that home to their pulpits.

The mission company this year consisted of Bro. Ray Tinsman, Bro. Isaac Thiessen, Sis. Diane Ewing, Bro. and Sis. Hale, Bro. David (DJ) Maurer, Sis. Melissa Loftis and myself. There were a number of new and very promising ministers introduced to the work this year. We saw dedication to duty and desire to learn and promote the truth. We're very encouraged with the overall progress of the work.

After the campmeeting, we were able to visit four different congregations briefly and meet the people. Most of our people there are totally impoverished and suffer from lack of food and we had numbers of requests to help orphans among the saints. Two of the ministers, Bro. Simon and Bro. Bonface, have each taken two orphans into their homes. When parents die in Kenya, there is no government program to help the children. They are dependent on the mercy and benevolence of whoever will help them.

We were again able to go out on the streets and feed the street children and indeed many of the poor received nourishing food and relief in their troubled situation.

We were able to have visitors from the Maasai tribe out to services. They proved to be a sensitive and earnest people and we look forward to laboring with them.

We trust to see our work in Kenya grow deeper in truth. We want to say that we appreciate all the offerings the saints contributed to this work and want you to know you are being a blessing to those who are in need of your help.

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May the Lord get glory to His name in the church throughout all ages. Amen.

Bro. Daniel Layne



*Some of the Gospel Company with Members of the Maasai Tribe*



*Feeding the Street Children in Africa*

**OKLAHOMA:** For many years, we have been having annual meetings in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. God has blessed these gatherings richly and we are seeing continual growth from year to year. There were numbers of new faces of dear saints in the congregation of about 550, making this the largest attendance to date for this meeting. God is gathering together His people and as they come home to Zion, our joy intermingles, sometimes expressed with shouts, sometimes with glad tears, as we stand in awe to see what God is doing in this end-time.

That God is presently restoring His church is undeniable. Though Sanballat's relatives may mock and try to hinder, the walls are swiftly being raised and fortified, to the glory of God. "...I will work, and who shall let it?" Isa. 43:13.

"Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; Even every one that is called by my name...Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled..." Isa. 43:5-9.

We were privileged to hear anointed preaching as deep messages came forth from God's messengers. Though there is a famine in the land for the hearing of the true Word, we, at Father's house, are feasting on the unadulterated gospel.

Through the course of the week, about 100 visitors attended. May God bless each one through the things they saw and heard. We look forward to the continual growth of God's work in the Oklahoma area. —Sis. Mutch

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