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

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Save Them!

If your heart is burdened and ready to break for the salvation of souls and you feel willing to be anything, even a fool in the eyes of a God-dishonoring world and of a sleepy church, so that souls may be saved, then you are in a proper state of soul to begin to work for God. And if you have none of this yearning of heart for souls, alas! how are you anything better than a hireling shepherd?

To strengthen your desire for the salvation of the lost, look at the multitudes around you hurrying on to a dark perdition. How many thousands within the pale of the professing church who have nothing of religion but the

are moving through time to eternity in the midst of a vast mass of perishing souls. They surround you on every side.

Go out like Nehemiah by night and survey the desolations of the city. See the dens of infamy and the gambling houses and the many places of sinful amusement. Count, if you can, the number of their victims, or realize the amount of the evil which, unitedly, they produce. Death and damnation are moving to meet them. Look, my brother, at the whole mass of sinners, trampling under foot the redeeming blood of Christ and stealing their consciences against the Holy Ghost. See them shut their eyes. Yes! They are emphatically in

name! And how many who have renounced even the name? They never open a Bible. They never enter a church. They never bend a knee. They live as heathens live—as godless and as sensual as the sons of Athens and Rome in the olden time. How sad the thought! You

earnest to damn their bodies and souls for ever.

Look at them—*look at them*—LOOK AT THEM! Do you see them? Then you see them on a slippery hill, going down to hell! Think how they dishonor God. Think how they pierce the Saviour. Think how they grieve the Holy Spirit. Think how they damn the rising race. Think how they people the wide, burning pit! See how they push one another off the stage of life into perdition! See thousands of them have taken all but the last step, so that if you do not pluck them thence at once, the next step will be hell, with all its remorse and despair, its blackness and darkness, its weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, and that forever, and *forever* and FOREVER!

Oh, brother, all this is true! Will you not use the weapon which God has Himself placed in your hands, and go and wrestle with Him to save this people? Think of the value of their souls! Think of the eternal damnation they are going to! Think of the heaven of increasing glory they are all losing! Think of the influence they have in drawing millions after them to hell!

Think what glory it would bring to

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Editorial

So much religion, so little power. Rescue the perishing? Most have not even learned how to save themselves.

Someone in the world cannot be helped by someone with the world in them. And most of what is called Christianity today is stuffed full of a love for the world. As does the world, so do they.

A soul in trouble, sincerely wanting to escape "the corruption that is in the world through lust" needs more than a religious bandage applied to their gaping wounds. The true balm of Gilead is called for. Who can enter heaven and bring it back down to them? Who has such power with God?

Not the religious worldling! Not the self-indulgent, pleasure seeking "Sunday-go-to-church-bunch." I dare say, they do more damage than good to a soul that really wants to find God. Too many have "found religion" and have yet to find God. They are not even slightly healed. Tragic, tragic condition!

Oh, true people of the living God (yes, God does have a true people!), let us keep ourselves unspotted from this vain world, and in godly fear, pull souls out of the fire. By God's grace, may He increasingly enable us to learn how to deny ourselves and how to consecrate more deeply our short lives to His service. There is no higher calling. There is no greater task.

***** Invitation *****

If you are a sincere seeker of truth, you will not want to miss the upcoming international camp meeting of the church of God in West Milton, Ohio, which will be, Lord willing, May 27 through June 4.

Some of you have been reading The Gospel Trumpet publication. Come now and read the living epistles. Some of you have been listening to our singing and preaching on the Gospel Trumpet online radio. Come and experience it in person. Some of you have been hearing rumours about us. It is time to come and try the spirits for yourself.

If you are hungering and thirsting after righteousness, I believe you will not be disappointed, for our expectation is in God, who delights in His people, and He is pouring out of His Spirit in these last days.

"Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord...and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all." Jer 31:12.

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Set the Philippines on Fire

Dear saints of the most high God,

Peace be unto you! I thank the Lord for the wonderful privilege of being a part of the restoration work. Holy is our God who has called us in this high calling of serving God. I thank the Lord for the vision of His glorious church in Revelation chapter 21. I realized that the church must stand pure and holy, spotless and blameless to be accepted by Christ.

I thank the Lord for salvation and for the sanctifying grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I thank God for purging the root of sin in my heart that I can live a holy life. The desires for the world and its pleasures are long gone and I only seek to please the God of my salvation. There is in me now a perfect hatred of sin as much as I hate the devil. I am determined to build the walls of holy Jerusalem and to set the Philippines on fire.

As a watchman, I will blow the trumpet. I will fight the good fight of faith as a true soldier of Christ. I know I am not alone. I want to see eye to eye and to stand strong. I know that there are people who are counting on me and it is not only for my salvation that I need to be strong, but also for them who are following me. I am strong in the Lord, for I see Him King of kings and Lord of lords. I want to be ready on the Great Day of Judgment and to spend eternity in heaven. I want to bring glory and honour to God. To Him be praise forever. Looking on that blessed heaven,

Bro. Jon Jon Villanueva
Philippines

Listening to Your Web Radio

Hello. I have been listening to your web radio broadcasts and music from Sydney, Australia. How may I purchase CD copies of some of your beautiful music?
Website

Wonderful Salvation

Dear saints,

I praise the Lord for this wonderful salvation that He has given me. It is very wonderful to have saved parents and friends. The Lord sure has been working

to help me spiritually. I'm sure the Lord was very angry at me while I was still in sin.

Praise the Lord we found the truth and the truth found us. We have many unsaved loved ones that need salvation, and we need all the Lord's help to get them to the saints.

This past Wednesday we had a wonderful meeting. It was such a blessing to my soul. I am thankful that I have a testimony. I praise the Lord to be His. In Psalm 100:3 it says, "Know ye that the Lord he is God. It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture." Lord bless you and be with you forever.

Your brother in Christ,
Bro. Andrew Miller (Age 15)
Ohio, USA

The Singing is Beautiful

Hi there...I was just checking out your website. The singing is beautiful! You must have some very talented singers!

I think I've met some of your group on occasion before...The website is very well done!
Website

The Change in Our Home

I'm thankful to be saved and sanctified and in the one, true fold. This day finds me much encouraged in the Lord. What a privilege it is to serve the God who hears and answers the prayers of His children; the God that is able to save to the uttermost. I'm truly thankful for the mercies of God, for His patience and love towards us.

I praise His holy name for the change that has taken place in our home. I didn't know if I would live to see the day, but God be praised, He allowed me the privilege to see the day of my husband's salvation. For 14 years I prayed for this wonderful day to come and now it's here! Saints, let us be encouraged to pray on for our unsaved loved ones and the lost and dying around us. With God all things are possible, no matter how hopeless or impossible they may look to us at times. GOD - He is able! Those 14 years now seem dim with the joy I now have in seeing Bro. Danny freed from

the bondage of sin and death. I thank the Lord that He gave me the privilege to see those prayers answered.

Sis. Lisa Froese
Ontario, Canada

Never Disappointed Me

Dear readers,

I could never find words to describe what a wonderful God we serve and how thankful I am to be saved, sanctified, and a part of His church. I was once one of many poor souls trying to find freedom and satisfaction in the pleasures of this world but never finding them. The devil drew pictures for me, but never showed me their backside. He promised me a lot, but he never kept his promises. As God's Word says, there is no truth in him...for he is a liar, and the father of it (John 8:44).

But God has never disappointed me and that's why it is my desire to never disappoint Him, but to remain faithful until the end. He says, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." (Matt. 22:37). He deserves to be given the first place in our hearts and not to be given a half-hearted life which is an abomination before His face.

I gladly serve Him, especially in my young years, and love this way more each day. Serving God isn't wasted time!

Happy on this way,
Sis. Regina Scheling
Germany

Conservative Issues

Greetings,

We appreciate receiving the Gospel Trumpet and thanks for your conservative issues. Both my wife and I came out of denominations and enjoy this freedom of being members of His church through the new birth.

In His service,
George Ansell
Oklahoma, USA

Soul-Cleansing Salvation

Praise the Lord! I want to thank God for saving my soul! I had gotten to the place in life where I was so tired of trying to be good. We were never taught

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the meaning of true salvation. Join the “church,” be baptized and you will be alright, was what we were told. I did what they told me, but never had any peace in my soul. I tried to be a “Christian” and I might even do okay for a while, but it wasn’t long until I was back in the same place. I was ready to throw religion out the door, after all, it wasn’t helping me. I had decided to give myself completely up to whatever I felt like doing.

Oh, thank God, He came and sought me out and showed me that He could help me if I would let Him. He sent His saints to Texas just when I needed them the most. They preached the true Word of God and I was told for the first time about life-changing, soul-cleansing salvation. I am so thankful that Jesus saved my soul and He has kept me free and clean from sin for about three and a half years. I want to add that they have been the best years of my whole life.

Forever grateful,
Sis. Sara Friesen
Texas, USA

Send Print Edition

Greetings dear friends. Would it be possible to receive the print edition of The Gospel Trumpet? I make this request as my PC crashes whenever I tend to want to open a PDF file. Thanking you kindly.
Heathclyff, Australia

Lord Restored My Health

To the glory of God I want to testify what the Lord has done for me. I am thankful for the Physician of my soul and body.

Recently I became ill and had to go see a doctor because of workers’ compensation. The doctor told me that I was urgently in need of an operation; otherwise I might live only a few days.

By faith I was anointed, according to James 5:14 & 15, and the saints prayed for me. The final word belongs to the heavenly Physician and not to a man. The Lord restored my health. For this I thank my Saviour, for only He has the power to deliver us from death, spiritually as well as physically. He still reigns over death and life.

Later I was able to testify to the doctor who my real Physician is. I continually thank the Lord for what He did for my soul and body. Oh saints, we have many reasons to trust the Lord. “Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.” Psalm 37:5. It pays to trust the Lord! I am thankful for the prayers of the saints.

Bro. Robert Schall
Germany

Encouraged to Fight

Dear readers of The Gospel Trumpet,

I am so glad to be a part of God’s people. I see it as a wonderful privilege and don’t feel worthy of it.

Not long ago, I was meditating on different battles I had been through. Suddenly it came to my mind why the Lord saved me at all. Surely He saved me because He loved me, but that did not mean that He would save me from all the battles. No, He saved me so He would have somebody that He could use to win this world from the darkness. And to win this sinful world is not an easy job.

This gave me much courage and fire to be all I can for the work of the Lord. All that matters is that God would get out of me what He wants and that He would get the praise through my life that He looks for. If I would not have to battle and fight, that would surely mean I am not used by Him. His work is big and there is too much to do to look for comfort.

Please pray for me, dear saints, and let’s work together in this end time work. I am encouraged to fight the good fight of faith. Bro. Peter Hildebrandt
Baja California, Mexico

I Enjoy Your Publication

I enjoy your new (to me) publication. Please send a free subscription to my good friends...Thank you!

Kelly Logsdon,
Portland, Oregon

A Special Victory

“Hallelujah, what a thought! Jesus full salvation brought!” Praise His powerful name for evermore!

To the glory of God I would like to testify to a special victory that my Lord helped me to win. I had come under an oppressive force of the enemy through accusations along a particular line. As the weeks and months passed, this oppression had gripped me so strongly and continued for such a great length of time, that I felt locked in by this condition. I was like an ice-locked ship at sea. How was I to find a way out, or through? But, praise God for Christ, the BREAKER! (Micah 2:13). He went before me, broke up this oppression, opened the way, and led me OUT!

If it had not been for the Lord and His wonderful ministry to “execute righteousness and judgment” on my behalf, I am afraid that I would have been crushed by that deadly tormentor, the devil. Thanks be to God for His complete and glorious deliverance herein!

Rejoicing over my enemy,
Sis. Elfie Tovstiga
Ontario, Canada

Article Very Informative

I just wanted to complement Herbert Riggle on his article about the Sabbath and the Lord’s Day. I found the article very informative. His use of the Bible and church history proves the point that keeping the Sabbath Day is not required by the New Covenant. Blessing to him for his research. Website

Led Me to His Fold

I thank the Lord for His wonderful mercy to me each and every day. I love and appreciate each and every one of you. I am so glad that the Lord has led me to His fold. I’m no longer aimlessly wandering around, not knowing which way is the right way, where the truth is, or thinking “Am I being deceived?” I thank the Lord for how He is leading His people in a definite direction, and I want to keep pace—not lagging behind, or moving ahead, but I want to keep up with the restoration and move as it moves.

I am so glad that we don’t have to tiptoe around each other, but we can be a challenge one to another. My prayer is that we would never lose the sharp edge. Sometimes I read about the old

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reformers, and some of them were straight and to the point. I am glad that I don't have to say, "That is what we need," because this is what we have—a precious ministry and saints that love us enough to tell us the truth and tell it to us straight, no frills.

Isaiah 1:21 reads, "How is the faithful city become an harlot? It was full of judgment..." I thank God for the judgments in the church of God (the faithful city). It has saved my soul and keeps me each and every day. Why would I squirm at my help? I say, "Keep it coming!" (The judgments).

Please pray for me, I want to appreciate the church of God more. If I could somehow repay the Lord for what He has done for me by being faithful, then amen, by His grace and help, that is what I will be. "For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend, to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end." I love thy church, oh God.
Sis Merlene Scott
Ohio, USA

Jesus is Lord in Our Life

Hello, Bro. Daniel Layne. I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We are saved. Jesus is Lord in our life. I am looking forward to preaching the gospel of Jesus.

Thank you for sending me the magazine. May God bless you so much.

Bro. Daniel, how are you there? I hope you are fine. Send my greeting to the church of God all over America. I love you and I miss you so much. I expect to hear more from you. Thank you.
Bro. Ezekiel Njiru Njuki
Maasai land area of Kenya

Go and Sin No More

Dear Sis Susan,

You did a fabulous job in refuting Mr. Thomas' stand for the "sin ye will, sin ye must doctrine." I know the glory goes to God and I know you take no credit, but it takes saints like you and others to fight the "good fight."

I have been preaching the sin-free life for 15 years. Where I live, it is still very dark concerning this wonderful salvation. My wife and I came out of

Lutheranism where we were taught that no one can be free from sin. When I was saved 16 years ago, I saw the passage of scripture where it said, "Go, and sin no more." John 8:11. Did you know I believed that instantly and I needed no persuasion whatsoever? I figured if it wasn't possible, our Lord would not have commanded it! My wife was a different story, she had a hard time with my new found belief, but one night before I went to work, we once again had a mild discussion about the issue. I told her, "When I go to work tonight, you read Romans chp. 6 and you will be convinced as well as I was." That same night that I came home from work, she believed we could be FREE from sin. I was so happy because my wife and I were on one accord concerning this all important doctrine!

Keep up the good work! God bless you, sister.
John

Light on the Hill Church of God

This is Exciting

I was reading the Gospel Trumpet online today and it is not boring. I always thought those sort of things were boring, but this is exciting. Some of the things I read reminded me of what I have been seeing in the churches. Please keep praying for me.
Website

Better than a Life of Sin

I am thankful to be saved, sanctified and in the true church. I am thankful that I can serve God while I am young and don't have to be of the world. It makes me sad when I see people that are unhappy and do not know that there is something better than a life of sin. I desire a greater burden for the unsaved, those that do not know this way. I will pray that they might be saved.

Sis. Aline Zielke (Age 15)

Germany

The Best Thing in this World

I am thankful for the wonderful privilege that I have to be saved and sanctified! I'm so thankful for how the Lord has been helping me to have victory over the temptations that the devil tries to put before me.

I'm so thankful that I have the best thing in this world that anybody can wish for. I don't want what the world has to offer me, for I have the peace and joy that salvation brings. Oh, how wonderful it is!

Please pray for me that I would be a bright light in this dark world.

Encouraged in this way,

Sis. Elaine Neufeld (Age 15)

Ontario, Canada

Seeing the Clear Light

Praise the Lord! Glory to God! I thank the Lord for He found the lost sheep. I was lost but now am found (Ezk. 34:11 -16). I have been wandering in many places "in the cloudy and dark day." I was raised in the Catholic religion, then, at my younger age, was a Pentecostal and I have been also in the "Jehovah's Witnesses," but none of these dead places satisfied my soul!

I realized that I'd been looking for something deeper—a good fold where the whole truth of holiness is preached and where my experience could deepen. I thank the Lord also for answering all my prayers. Truly God is our provider. I am seeing the clear light, the visible body, the one, true church of the living God. It is now my desire to serve the Lord. Please continue to pray for us here in the Philippines. I love the saints.

Lola Corazon Gatchola

Philippines

Enjoy it So Much

Dear Sis. Mutch,

Just finished reading the Gospel Trumpet. Really do enjoy it so much. I will be 88 on March 21, 06. My dear husband was an old-time church of God preacher. He will be gone 12 years in Nov. I really miss him. Thank God for His goodness to us all those years and for being so good to me in these last days of my life.

Pray that God will help me to ever be true and pray for my dear family. When I can I will send a donation for The Gospel Trumpet Publication.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Mrs. Angle

Kansas, USA

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God if you could be the means of their conversion! Think deeply, earnestly and soberly that there is but one alternative—either a life of sin, or conversion to God—a conversion that will empower them also to become instrumental in the salvation of others. Think what Jesus has done and is willing to do for them! Think of what He has done for millions as bad as they, when they repented, forsook sin, and believed.

Think of what He did for bloody Manasseh, the murderer; mad Saul, wicked Magdalene, swearing Bunyan, the infidel Rochester, and millions of others—thieves, drunkards, and the very worst of sinners, on this side of the pit. Nay, think until your soul melts into pity or flames into burning charity. Then with your full,

love-stricken heart, enter your closet and bewail the sins of the people before the Lord.


Take up a deep lamentation, and bewail their lost condition and their aggravated sins. Feel for them and pray for them, as though you were in their almost lost condition. Do not cloak their sin. Like Moses, Daniel, Jeremiah, Paul, and other holy men, mourn over them. Recognize the infinite willingness of

the Redeemer to save them, and *plead with God to do it now*. Do not plead to make God willing to save them, for He is already infinitely willing. But plead because God answers the pleadings of bold, holy faith.

The success which has always attended such closet prayers sets it beyond all doubt. As you are pleading, imitate Moses. When God was about to

cut off guilty Israel, Moses pleaded His promise. He pleaded in faith even after God said, “Leave me alone.” Go thou and do likewise. Plead the power of God. Plead the love of God. Plead the mercy of God. Cast your strong-nerved arms of faith around sinners, and bring them to the cross of Calvary. Plead the shortness of time. Plead the length of endless eternity. Enter deeply and fully into their awful state.

I do not want you to be a mere happy, joyful

Christian, but one who drinks with Christ the bitter cup. Do all in faith with a single eye to the glory of God. If you plead in this way for hours, you will soon learn the grand secret of shaking any town and sending a wave of living water over the land. If, while you are pleading, you only believe, something great will be effected. Oh, for a few Pauls, Jeremiahs, or Moses’ to stand in the gap! 

—A. Sims

Boldness in the Gospel

Shall I, for fear of feeble men,
The Spirit’s course in me restrain?
Or undismayed in deed or word,
Be a true witness of my Lord?

Awed by a mortal’s frown, shall I,
Conceal the Word of God Most High?
How then before thee shall I dare
To stand, or how thine anger bear?

Shall I, to soothe the unholy throng,
Soften thy truth, or smooth my tongue,
To gain earth’s gilded toys, or flee
The cross endured, my Lord, by thee?

What then is he whose scorn I dread?
Whose wrath or hate makes me afraid?
A man! an heir of death, a slave
To sin! a bubble on the wave!

Yea, let men rage, since thou wilt spread
Thy shadowing wings around my head.
Since in all pain thy tender love
Will still my sure refreshment prove.

Give me thy strength, oh God of power,
Then let winds blow, or thunders roar,
Thy faithful witness will I be;
’Tis fixed I can do all through thee.

—J. Winkler

The Day of His Appearing


“But who may abide the day of his coming?” Mal. 3:2a.

His first coming was without external pomp or show of power, and yet in truth there were few who could abide its testing might. Herod and all Jerusalem with him were stirred at the news of the wondrous birth. Those who supposed themselves to be waiting for Him showed the fallacy of their professions by rejecting Him when He came. His life on earth was a winnowing fan, which tried the great heap of religious professions, and few enough could abide the process.

But what will His second advent be? What sinner can endure to think of it? When in His humiliation He did but say to the soldiers, “I am he,” they fell backward. What will be the terror of His enemies when He shall more fully reveal Himself as the “I am?” His death shook earth and darkened heaven, what shall be the dreadful splendour of that day in which as the living Saviour, He shall summon the quick and dead before Him?

Oh, that the terrors of the Lord would persuade men to forsake their sins and kiss the Son lest He be angry! Though a lamb, He is yet the lion of the tribe of Judah, rending the prey in pieces. None of His foes shall bear up before the tempest of His wrath or hide themselves from the sweeping hail of His indignation.

But His beloved, blood-washed people look for His appearing with joy, and hope to abide it without fear. To them, He sits as a refiner even now, and when He has tried them they shall come forth as gold.

Let us search ourselves and make our calling and election sure, so that the coming of the Lord may cause no dark forebodings in our mind. Oh, for grace to cast away all hypocrisy and to be found of Him sincere and without rebuke in the day of His appearing. 

Spiritual Power and How it is Lost

From Heart Searching Talks to Ministers

We do not mean physical or intellectual power, nor power to pray, exhort or preach eloquently. All of this can be mere human power. We mean Holy Ghost power—dynamite—for the words “power” and “dynamite” come from the same Greek root.

Jesus certainly meant something when He said, “Ye shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you.” (Marginal reading). In other words, ye shall receive the dynamite of the Holy Ghost coming upon you.

Have you received, and do you now possess this power; this unction from “on high?” Power to wrestle and prevail with God? Power to pray such conviction on souls that they tremble, turn pale, and lose sleep and appetite? Power not only to get them to the altar, but to lead them through to the kingdom? Power that makes you either a terror or a blessing to the workers of iniquity? Power not only

Do you wonder why you lack power with God and men when you rarely fast and practice real self-denial?

to “stir the devil” but power to cast him out?

Have you this power? If not, there is a reason, for God wants you to have it. Do you wonder why you lack power when you seldom, if ever, stay more than thirty minutes alone with God? This unction will create such an intense yearning for the lost

and love of communion with God, that one hour in secret will seem but a short time.

Do you wonder why you lack power with God and men when you rarely, if ever, fast and practice real self-denial? This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

Do you wonder why you cannot prevail for souls, when you are so familiar with those of the opposite sex? Do you wonder why you lack the mighty unction and then indulge yourself eating, sleeping, etc.?

Are not your prayers hindered many times because of your fleshly indulgences? You will get just what you live for.

How Spiritual Power is Lost

R. A. Torrey says, “Power is lost through self-indulgence. The one who would have God’s power must lead a life of self-denial. There are many things which are not sinful in the ordinary understanding of the word sin, but which hinder spirituality and rob men of power. I do not believe that any man can lead a luxurious

life, overindulge his natural appetites, indulge extensively in dainties, and enjoy the fulness of God’s power. The gratification of the flesh and the fulness of the Spirit do not go hand in hand. ‘For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other...’ Gal. 5:17. Paul wrote, ‘I keep under my

body, and bring it into subjection.’ I Cor. 9:27. Note also Eph. 5:18.


“We live in a day when the temptation of the indulgence of the flesh is very great.

Luxuries are common. Piety and prosperity seldom go hand in hand, and in many a case the

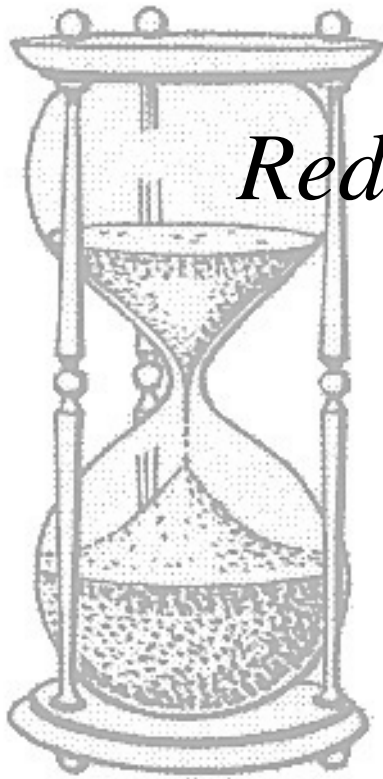
prosperity that piety and power have brought has been the ruin of the man to whom it has come. Not a few ministers of power have become popular and in demand. With the increasing popularity has come an increase of pay and of the comforts of life. Luxurious living has come in, and the power of the Spirit has gone out. It would not be difficult to cite specific instances of this sad truth.

“If we would know the continuance of the Spirit’s power, we need to be on guard to lead lives of simplicity, free from indulgence and surfeiting. Be ready to ‘endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.’ 2 Tim. 2:3.

“I frankly confess I am afraid of luxury; not as afraid of it as I am of sin, but it comes next as an object of dread. It is a very subtle, but a very potent enemy of power.

“There are devils today that go not out but by prayer and fasting.” 

Power is lost through self-indulgence. The one who would have God’s power must lead a life of self-denial.



Redeeming the TIME

Bro. Bill O'Shea

Although there may be vast differences in age, culture, and experience, every one of us has at least one thing in common. We are all limited, or can I say bound, by time. In His infinite wisdom, God has given to each and every one of us an allotment of time; an interval between our birth and our death within which God gives us the choice of where our destiny will be.

We know that there is nothing on this earth that will last forever. The earth itself is going to be dissolved with a fervent heat. The only thing that will last forever is the human soul. Therefore, our greatest concern in this fleeting life should be for our never-dying souls. Nothing else will matter in the end.

James, in the gospel he wrote while under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, stated that our life is like a vapour that quickly vanishes away. How true this scripture is. One moment our life is here, the next, it is gone. We do not know when our vapour will vanish away. We do know that no vapour lasts forever. We have no promise of tomorrow.

Often times I have walked through


cemeteries and looked at the many different gravestones. Something that has never failed to be impressed upon me is a consideration of all the different ages represented in that great gathering place. You can observe the gravestones of young children who have died in their springtime innocence, impressionable youth who have been so careless and thoughtless about their souls. The middle-aged who cannot find the time for their souls. The elderly who have become hardened from long resistance. All are people whose time has run out. Most were not expecting to die. Many fought death with all their power to the bitter end. Yet, those solemn words were uttered in tones of judgment— “It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”

Without exception we will meet this appointment. Even as you are reading this it is drawing nigh. It is almost upon you. The death angel is on your trail. Every moment brings him closer. Someday, sometime, he will catch up. The grave is reaching for you with its arms outstretched. Will you be caught off guard, or will you be ready? Your every move counts. Now is the time—today is the day of salvation.

You may have already chosen God. You may have been saved through His blood. Yet, there are things in your life that God is dealing with you about. There are some areas of your life that need to be changed. You have some weaknesses that you have been battling for a long time. In Ephesians, Paul says to redeem the time because the days are evil. I believe that it would not be doing

violence to this scripture to interpret it as simply saying, “Get busy. Get to work.” We have not been given time to dawdle. We don't have time to second guess God. When God in His mercy tells us to measure, we need to measure. It is so easy, if we lose a proper vision of the shortness of time, to deal with God in a casual way. Not realizing how short our time is, is the cause of much of the lukewarmness and indifference that is all around us.

God, when He created us and gave us the breath of life, had a plan and a purpose for our lives. There were some things that He wanted us to accomplish. Most people are not where they need to be. They are still babes when they should be teachers. Hebrews 12:13 says, “And make straight paths for your feet.” God is looking for a people who will make straight paths. Many people are walking in circles in their spiritual lives. They never get past some things. They fight the same battles; have the same problems year after year. That is not redeeming the time.

God desires a people who know where they are going. A people with a direction and a purpose. God has entrusted us as stewards of the time He has given us. We will have to give an account of how we spend it. May the Lord help us to be found blameless and without fault. 

Our greatest concern in this fleeting life should be for our never-dying soul.

Obituary

People of the Living God

“I have sinned against heaven.” Luke 15:18

People of the living God,
I have sought the world around;
Paths of sin and sorrow trod,
Peace and comfort nowhere found.
Now to you my spirit turns—
Turns a fugitive unblest.
Brethren, where your altar burns,
Oh, receive me into rest.

Lonely I no longer roam
Like the cloud, the wind, the wave.
Where you dwell shall be my home,
Where you die shall be my grave.
Mine the God whom you adore;
Your Redeemer shall be mine;
Earth can fill my soul no more—
Every idol I resign.

Tell me not of gain and loss,
Ease, enjoyment, pomp, and pow'r;
Welcome poverty and cross,
Shame reproach, affliction's hour.
“Follow Me”—I know thy voice;
Jesus, Lord, thy steps I see;
Now I take thy yoke by choice,
Light thy burden now to me.

—James Montgomery



As the morning of April 1, 2006 dawned, our dear Bro. David Hildebrandt peacefully took his last breath on this mortal soil. His soul took flight to its eternal abode of heavenly comfort and unspeakable bliss. At last, his wish to see Jesus, face to face, was granted. We that remain, grieve his loss from our midst, but rejoice in the knowledge that he has attained what we still are striving for—our eternal home in heaven.

Bro. David was born on February 18, 1969, in Chihuahua, Mexico, and was born again in 1989. He never wavered in his faith in God after this point, although he was faced with many difficult trials. In February 1991, Bro. David and his wife attended a meeting of the church of God in Aylmer, Ontario, and he was gloriously sanctified. He took a solid stand for the truth and his love for it never ceased.

Bro. David felt a call to the ministry and faithfully laboured to the end.

In January 2006, it was discovered that Bro. David had terminal cancer. For years he had preached about being steadfast and now the Lord had chosen him to put this to the test. Through his sickness, he continually spoke of the peace and happiness in his soul, and he was filled with joy to think of his soon crossing to the glory world. To the end, he preached to family and friends, admonishing all to follow him to heaven. His enduring motto throughout his last two weeks was that we will not prevail without being fully obedient to

God's will in our lives. It was a tremendous blessing to see his unwavering faith and bold courage. While he was victorious in life, God's grace was upon Him in a particularly special and remarkable way throughout the closing weeks of his life, for which we give God the glory.

He is survived by his wife Judy, two sons, Steven and Andy, his father David, six brothers, and many beloved nieces and nephews. He will be missed by all the saints, especially the local congregation in Steinbach.

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.” Psa. 116:15.


They Murder the Souls of Men

How terrible is this when the ambassadors of God turn agents for the devil!—when they who [profess to be] commissioned to teach men the way to heaven, do in fact teach the way to hell.

If ever asked, “Why, who does this?” I answer, ten thousand “wise

and honourable men.” Even all of those, of whatever denomination, who encourage the proud, the trifler, the passionate, the lover of the world, the man of pleasure, the unjust or unkind, the easy, careless, harmless, useless creatures, the man who suffers no persecution for righteousness' sake, to imagine he is in the way to heaven.

These are false prophets in the highest sense of the word. These are traitors both to God and man. These are no other than the firstborn of Satan; the eldest son of Apollyon, the destroyer.

These are far above the rank of ordinary cut-throats, for they murder the *souls* of men. They are continually peopling the realms of night and whenever they follow the poor souls they have destroyed, “hell shall be moved from beneath to meet them at their coming.”  —John Wesley

Meeting Reports

Manitoba, Canada: We praise God and are very thankful for what God is doing in Winkler, Manitoba. For many weeks now, the Steinbach congregation has been going there every Saturday evening and it has not been in vain. Good results are coming out of these meetings. In most services there have been twenty or more visitors. They love to hear the saints sing the songs of Zion, for which we are thankful. We have great hope that the Lord will raise up a work in that area for His own glory. Most of them seem to come step by step closer to the truth as it is in Jesus.

One lady was saved in the first meeting we had and she is encouraged. Her oldest daughter has since been saved. She brings all her children to the meeting. She has had much opposition from her husband, but the Lord has also been dealing with him. Pray for that family.

Recently, the Lord blessed in a very special way as Bro. David Hildebrandt preached on "The Grace of God." The Lord had His hand on him as he preached about the prodigal son and talked about his own experience with tears. Most of the audience was in tears and during altar call, people were under conviction of sin.

We believe that there are a number of people, including young people, in that area who are counting the cost to go all the way with the Lord and take their stand for the truth. Please pray that the Lord would do a deep work in the hearts and lives of the people in Winkler.

Bro. Jacob Braun

California: Greetings to all the precious saints of God everywhere. We rejoice with you concerning all that God is doing now. We are seeing so much advancement of the church of God in these days as God is calling His precious ones HOME from every division.

God blessed us in many wonderful ways during this encampment of His holy people. We had preaching sent from heaven to help us to measure more to the divine pattern. A good number of ministers were present to exercise in various ways. The Lord sent wonderful times of refreshing and many were the shouts and tears of the people as God came down and needs were met. It was the largest camp we have ever had in California and it was one of the best spiritually.

There were a large number of visitors. Many of them returned for multiple meetings and expressed their joy to be among God's people. The Lord is greatly blessing His work in California as we minister to new ones among us and many new contacts and continue to have regular street meetings in Hollywood (Hollywood Blvd.) and in Los Angeles ("skid-row"), as well as singing in apartment complexes (Pomona, CA) from door to door. These outreach meetings are held Friday and Saturday of every week. We had such meetings when the saints were here for the camp and they were much owned and blessed of God. Thousands of pieces of gospel literature are going out here in California and multitudes are being personally spoken to of this great salvation. God is

blessing His people as we are aggressive spiritually in helping Him to save the lost and get the truth to all the world.

God bless this mighty work is our prayer. May we ever be faithful and uncompromising in our stand for Him and His wonderful salvation.

Bro. Daniel Layne

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