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

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## Love *at War*

**A**n inevitable conflict has begun. God is love, and for this very cause is the present clash. Divine love is the eternal source of the tenderest emotions and this in turn makes it the glorious fuel of the warfare that is now being waged. The fatherly love that melts in the heart divine constantly is the same love that rages with active vigor against all unrighteousness.

There is no wickedness that is exempt from the bold attack of love, though it be cloaked beneath a generic “Christian” wool.

Our God has so made the tender affections of mankind like His own that it is easy to understand the love-hate that flows in streams of good and ill will from His heart. The same mother who gently tucks her babe is the same that is an enemy to whatsoever would threaten her child. Creation is so made that all excuses are


vanquished, and men cannot help but see the rightness of the warfare of God since they themselves are like God in this respect.

But God does not war on the surface. A religious organization may denounce homosexuality, adultery, and like evils, but allow the root-sin-to thrive. Therefore, overall, the warfare is lost and such things continue in their congregations.

But true love lunges at sin. It attacks that power that lives in the unconverted soul and causes it to commit adultery. It attacks the very motivating spirits that are hidden beneath religion. It tears down the man-made walls of denominationalism and burns the several, unbiblical teachings that permeate deluded churchdom. It makes ash of all the “tribulation” fantasies that thicken the wallets of false teachers. It seeks to bereave all the money-leeches

called “preachers” of their undeserved cash intake.

It shoots flaming arrows of truth with the intention of saving as many as will be saved from sin and all of this world’s confusing religiousness.

It is no wonder that the Pharisees and religionists of Jesus’ day were reduced to murdering Him. They could fight the truth in no other way than to reduce themselves to the bloody acts of brute beasts. What shall the false prophets of our day be reduced to as the truth of God levels their sub-divine doctrines and exposes them for what they are? What shall the wicked of earth conceive in their hearts against God’s people as divine love condemns their dark delights? Whatever the beast-hearted may do, our God will rush onward until all that has been foretold of His glorious church be fulfilled. 

—Bro. Jason Hargrave

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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 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.

The Bible teaches:

Godly Sorrow and Repentance	Acts 3:19; 17:30, 2 Cor. 7:10
The New Birth—a Radical Conversion	John 3:3-7
Freedom from Sin/A Holy Life	1 Jn. 5:18, Lk. 1:73-75, Tit. 2:11-12
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Unity of God's People/One Church	John 17:21; Matt. 16:18
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Plain, Modest Dress	Dt. 22:5, 1 Tim. 2:9-10, 1 Cor. 11:14-15
Sanctity of Marriage	Mt. 19:5-6, Mk. 10:11-12, Lk. 16:18, Rom. 7:2-3
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## Editorial

Love at war? Yes, for “The Lord is a man of war.” Exo. 15:3a. Readers, behold the Jesus of the Bible: “And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness *he doth judge and make war*. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.” Rev. 19:11, 15.

The docile Jesus people are so accustomed to today is not the one of the Bible. This modern imposter, “another Jesus” as the Bible calls him, truly is a reed shaken in the wind, flopping to the pleasure of the ecumenical flow and caring not what doctrine one believes as long as he claims it is something loosely related to the Bible.

Where did people ever get the notion that it does not really matter to God who or what they believe and fellowship as long as it is something? That is basically the mindset among people today.

Jesus Christ has never been passive about any error or sin and never will be. He “put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak” when He came into this world to accomplish the great redemptive plan. Any spirit opposing or misrepresenting that plan and the truth established therein, He has a vengeance against.

Error damages the souls that Jesus died to save. Herein is the underlying factor why war must be waged. False doctrines, false preachers and false churches are leading literally multitudes astray. Can those with spiritual vision and understanding be expected to stand by in silence while Satan deceives the whole world? Love demands a response. *sm*

## Folding Machine

The Gospel Trumpet Publishing Co. recently purchased a much needed folding machine at a cost of \$9,000. This greatly alleviates the work load of the brethren who have been hand folding the papers up until this time. We are now printing over 23,000 papers each issue.

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# Testimonies & Letters

## The Lord Healed My Body

It is so wonderful to be in the church of God. It is truly a blessing and salvation to my soul. Great and marvelous is the Lord God Almighty. God is real and God is still the same today as He was yesterday. He still answers prayers for healing. He is the Healer of all healers.

We were in an accident and I was hurt. A sister asked me if I ever thought about being anointed. I said not really, but the longer I thought about it, the Lord laid it upon my heart that I should, so I did. As I went back and sat in my seat I cannot explain the glorious feeling I had in my soul as I actually felt the Lord heal my body just then. It was wonderful. I thank the Lord and pray to be ever faithful to Him.

Sis. Pam Callaway  
Indiana, USA

## Holiness is Absolutely Exciting

I am thrilled with the present restoration of God's church. I owe my life to her! God, in His mercy, miraculously rescued my soul from a so-called "church of God" which is a home of carnality and worldly pleasures.

I have found the place of holy ground (Exo. 3:5b). I love holiness with all of my heart! Holiness is absolutely exciting. The fire of God is burning in my soul, and is presently engulfing this globe in holy flames. Oh the joy of full salvation! Glory to His name!

Bro. Benjamin Tovstiga (22)  
Chihuahua, Mexico

## I Am Captivated

Praise the Lord! I am so thankful to be a holy young person in the church of God. I have been privileged to go to Kenya, Africa for the last two years. It has been a definite spiritual impact on me. I believe that I can say that it has changed my life.

I just want to say that this is my home. I have decided that the church of God is the one true church. I am not tempted with the world one bit. The

church of God is way too attractive. I have not been able to get my eye off of this place since I first came. I am captivated by the spirituality and seriousness of the young people. What has kept me here is that real. I have found that the young people are not interested in messing around, passing notes, dating, flirting, or anything like that. The good thing is that the young people will enforce that these things are not happening. This is my life, and with the Lord's help, if I live to be 95 years old, I will still be here.

Bro. D.J. Maurer (20)  
Indiana, USA

## Wonderful Songs of Zion

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

I would like to thank you for the wonderful music you have on your radio broadcast as well as your CD and this website. I have been truly blessed by it...

Thank you again for such wonderful songs of Zion. I have been greatly blessed.

Website

## Take Us Off

Please take us off your mailing list. We want literature for us and our children to read that teaches the truth of God's Word in full, not just the things you choose to follow. For example, I Cor. 11 teaches that the woman wear the covering to cover her hair. Her hair isn't the covering—if it were, then all the godly men would be dishonouring their Head, which is God. Read I Cor. 11 again. The Spirit of God does not reveal anything that does not agree with the Word of God. What spirit is leading you? Seek God's will, He will reveal the truth to you.

Nathan & Elsie Yoder  
Ohio, USA

*Editor's note: "But...her hair is given her for a covering." 1 Cor. 11:15.*

## Restored

I am thankful to God for saving me and giving me peace and liberty. Today I can feel joy in my soul.

I used to be a member of the

Pentecostal church, but I couldn't find there what I was searching for—a true church where they live what they preach. I saw how the world was mixed into the "church." I wanted to serve God faithfully there, but I couldn't. I saw their testimony was not true, which caused me to part from them completely. I wanted to seek God but did not want to go back to that church. I went from one religion to the other searching, but they were all the same. I just asked God to guide us to the true church, and today, God has put me in her! I thought, "If God brought us to this place [Ensenada], I do not believe He will allow us to be lost." Now I see what He had prepared for us. It was something I could never have imagined!

No matter what happens, I'm going on. One day my parents and my siblings turned me away because I chose to follow Jesus, but I don't feel alone because I have many more brothers and sisters now than before! I cannot explain what I feel inside, but I can say I have a full conviction of the truth and my spiritual life has been restored. I also thank my brethren who took time to seek us out and carry us to the fold of the Lord.

I also thank the Lord for healing me of a very contagious typhoid fever virus. If not caught in time, it attacks the system for forty days and forty nights. To be under medication is very rigorous and tiring to me. I did not want that. God is very great. I can never repay Him for what He has done for us. Thank God! I was anointed with oil as the Bible commands, and today I am well and very encouraged to go on in the joy of the Lord.

God bless the dear church of God. Please pray for me and also for my family, that they may be saved.

Sis. Socorro  
Baja California, Mexico

## Excitement and Devotion

Dear brothers & sisters,

My husband and I receive such encouragement by your publication *The Gospel Trumpet*. We enjoy the excitement and devotion expressed by the young people in Vol. 19 Issue

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4. We found many instances of confirmation within the publication that we too have felt God impress upon our hearts. It is reassuring to hear there are others who share our passion and love for God. It brings enthusiasm to our souls.

We often speak to one another about your dedication and fire for serving and worshiping our God. We also enjoy listening to your worship singers, and often admire God for showing us how we are a part of a very close spiritual family. He is so awesome to us all! We will continue to be prayerful for the movement of the church of God. God be praised and exalted forever!

T. Lustick  
Missouri, USA

## Gathering His People

I am thankful that God is once again gathering His people together in this end time. It is wonderful that in this time when there is so much darkness around us and people are sleeping in confusion, that God is once again gathering the righteous together. I thank my Lord that there were people who were willing to go through whatever opposed them so that God's church could be built. My soul rejoices that the Lord allowed me to be a part of this work. I thank Him for the glory that we see in His church. I am glad that I can rejoice in this glory while the world is sleeping in darkness. It is my desire to spread this glory.

Sis. Eva Dyck  
Chihuahua, Mexico

## I'm a Lot Happier

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." Psalm 27:14. I want to thank the Lord for all He has done for me. He has waited for many years for me to come to Him. I am so thankful for His mercy. I hope and pray that I am able to wait on the Lord to help me to make it to heaven. I never want to grow impatient on the Lord. There is nothing better than serving God. I desire that I will continue to grow closer to the Lord with

my whole life and that I would wait on Him to guide my every step, thought, and desire.

I am so thankful that the Lord brought me to the true church and among the saints. I'm looking forward to a new direction in my life. I do not know what lies ahead, but whatever it is, I just want to trust in God. I know my priorities and my desires are different since the Lord changed my heart now and I'm a lot happier with the way the Lord is leading since I turned everything over to Him. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31.

Bro. Richard Hershberger  
Indiana, USA

## The Lively Church

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

Would you please send us one of the music CDs described below. We have a recording from your Ohio camp meeting and our children call it the "Lively Church"! God bless you.

K. Friesen  
Wyoming, USA

## The Dangers of Calvinism

Dear editor,

I would like to receive *The Gospel Trumpet* by mail, if that is possible. I found your site online and I am encouraged by what I've read. I am glad you see the dangers of Calvinism. To me Calvinism is one of the most dangerous lies that has ever gotten a hold on the church. It is sad to see Calvinism is growing so quickly these last few years.

K. Gately  
Texas, USA

## The Uncompromised Word

I praise God to be a part of His holy bride in this end time! I am so unworthy, but most grateful to have found God's true body where my eternal bound soul is being fed. I get blessed to hear the uncompromised Word of God preached in the unction of the Holy Spirit. It is such a "breath

of fresh air" to be in meetings where the Holy Spirit leads and where there is life! I'll never get over the love of God, who so graciously extended His mercy to me and delivered my never dying soul from sin.

I have been actively praying and focusing on some areas of my life to gain some much needed spiritual ground. I am so thankful for a Holy Spirit filled ministry that can instruct us and help lead us in this holy way. I am happy to report victory in these endeavors and am much encouraged to "press the battle to the gate!" Bless His holy name! By the grace of God, I want to be found faithful when the Lord calls me to my eternal home.

Rejoicing in the one true body!  
Bro. Kenny Abbott  
Ohio, USA

## I Liked It

I greet you, dear friend. In the first few lines of my letter, I wish you health, luck and all the best. I got your magazine, read it and I thank you, for I liked it. I'm doing okay. I read the Bible every day. Good bye and God bless you.

Viktor Ditrichowitsh  
Ukraine

## Enjoyed the Last Issue

Dear Editor,

I am enclosing a small check for receiving *The Gospel Trumpet*.

I enjoyed the last issue very much. As you can see, I am elderly, 86 years old so I can't write very much.

The Lord is my life and I have been in the Church of God all of my life. The Lord has brought me through many hard times but He was faithful.

Blessings,  
Catherine Layne  
California, USA

## Come to India

Greetings to you in the most wonderful and highly exalted holy name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I came to know you and your precious services to the Lord through your beautiful website.

My heart's desire is to work with you. We need your spiritual fellowship. I know that you are godly co-workers in His vineyard. We humbly

accept your leadership and guidance in our ministry in India. India needs godly people like you for her salvation. You may have received so many mails like this, asking for financial help. I am prayerfully and humbly requesting you please come to India and visit our humble ministry and encourage us in His service.

Please don't think your valuable time is wasted. Please pray and come forward to help us as God leads you. Once again I whole-heartedly wish your leadership and guidance and your godly fellowship. I am praying for this.

I await your blessed, kind and encouraging mail prayerfully and hopefully.

Santhi Raju  
India

## **The Young Lions**

Bravo! Bravo!! Bravo!!! Excellent articles in the Young People's Issue of *The Gospel Trumpet*. I especially like the cover article by Bro. Sebastian, "The Price of Truth." Perhaps the "young lions" will be the majority of the remnant of the Lord's body...

P. Adams  
Texas

## **It Is Pathetic**

1st John 1:8, 9 & 10, If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the TRUTH is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him (the Lord) out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

Remove us from your mailing list immediately. It is pathetic that you are deceiving others and it grieves the Lord.

Ed Prodger  
Montana, USA

## **United with All Brethren**

Dear Bro. Daniel,

We thank God for you dear brother, for being so much a part of us, for being so mindful and loving, especially during the hard times we've gone through.

This letter, therefore, serves two fold purposes. 1) As our appreciation for your helping hand towards the

construction of our prayer house. 2) For being always prompt in responding to our letters and other related correspondences.

It is in this regard that we state the following: a) that we remain to serve with you in the church of our living God; b) that we shall remain faithful to serve even when the clouds seem dry without rains; c) that we shall uphold the doctrine of purity, holy living and be good epistles that the name of the church be not blamed due to our ignorance; d) to be united with all brethren all over the world with a common unity of purpose.

Enclosed, please find some of the photographs showing the Kitui Town prayer house. The size remains to be 22 x 35 feet wide and allows a sitting capacity of above 200 saints. The materials used are local wood and iron sheets...

Bros. Isaac and Mutisya  
for the Kitui Town congregation  
Kenya, Africa

## **Posting the Truth**

I have been scouring the internet for some good material regarding the debate of Calvinism and Arminianism and came across your article.

I must admit that I came with a little bias towards the Arminian viewpoint, and the article further confirmed my notions. Thank you for posting the truth of the matter, and so deftly explaining the dangers of believing the Calvinist method.

Grason, Website

## **Two Worthless Articles**

Please remove my name from your distribution list as I wish to stop receiving your publication. I am a pastor in a church in "Babylon," as you call it, and I am weary of the countless articles your publication turns out regarding all the "thou shalt nots" and other unimportant subjects. In the grand scheme of things, Christ-followers (I hesitate to use the term Christian and be confused with a group of people such as yours) must focus more on loving people and using real, lasting relationships with them to lead them into a relationship with Christ.

Your most recent publication included two worthless articles: one on two kinds of wine, and the other on "superficial altar workers." Is this for real? What are you teaching people about the ways of Christ in all of this? I'm not advocating the drinking of wine, and especially not being drunk with wine, but what lasting kingdom impact are you making with this type of rhetoric? Are you teaching people to build relationships with these sinners and then use that relationship to gently and lovingly lead them on the path to salvation? Do you spend more time in condemnation of people or more time loving them as Christ loved them? Being the salt of the earth means that we must combine with the "food" we are flavoring and preserving...

Finally, a letter to your editor called "Religious Nonsense" was particularly abhorrent to me. The gentleman used very harsh language in his hopes that God would "blast and bring to smoldering ruin every false doctrine." He states that he will "wield my sword, by God's help, and fight for truth." His closing sentiment, "With sword of doom in hand" is very revealing as to the true condition of his heart...

According to your legalistic and dogmatic doctrines, I am one of these "false prophets"...

Brian  
Ohio, USA

## **The Witches Were Angry**

Dear saints of God, this is a prayer request for Sukraman, a leader of a fellowship who was beaten badly and the church was destroyed by a furious crowd of witch doctors and others in Makwanpur simply because their followers were converted to Christianity. He preached Jesus to surrounding villages with fire and as a result many throng to the church and got saved, but the witches found no follower and they were angry at him, so they beat him and there are scars and bleeding all over his body. Please pray that he, his children, wife and the believers who are terrified would be filled with more courage to deliver the message of the cross.

Reuben  
Nepal

## The Great Whore

(Rev. 17:1-5 and Prov. 7:5-27)

She beckons and calls  
With lips like honey,  
Prodding and provoking  
The wayward man.

Promising life  
And peace aplenty,  
Delivering neither  
To whomever she can.

Her bed is made.  
Fragrant oil burns.  
A trap is set  
For all who yearn.

An empty embrace  
A moment shared,  
Her disease is spread  
With no one spared.

Her poison travels  
Into the soul;  
Slow and deliberate  
It reaches its goal.

Your energy spent  
For her desire,  
Extinguishing the flames  
Of holy fire.

Lust—spiritual not fleshly—  
She conceives,  
Until an empty shell  
Is all she leaves.

You ask her name  
Before you're gone.  
She simply replies,  
"Babylon."

—Bro. Scott Bacon

## The Church Aggressive

**W**e are trying to maintain in this place a church aggressive and revolutionary. Why build or maintain any other church in this City of Churches, where there are enough to accommodate all the people who are disposed to go to the house of God...and perhaps more than enough? If you have nothing particular, nothing unique, nothing different, then what a waste of bricks and brawn and brain.

But we have an idea of a church. We have built this house of


God as a place where we mean to bombard iniquity. We want to smash sin, without any apology for smashing it. We have started in this line, and we mean to keep on and study to be as well pleased with curses as blessings from the people.

If there are any of you who do not like to go to a church which is assaulted of many newspapers

and of the outside world, who cannot understand its policies and its principles, stand clear of this church! We mean until the day of our death, and for a few days after, to keep society up by the discussion of themes vital to its interests, and vital to the interests of the immortal soul

During the past six months, theatrical people have been after us, and the Spiritualists have been after us, and the Unitarians have been after us, and the Universalists

have been after us—  
one of their

prominent men recently saying that he did not think there would be any hell except for one man, and that the pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle! But still we go on, as God gives us strength and health and spirit to do His will. We have only taken, as it were, the outside casement of this rampart of iniquity. On! on! "If God be for us who can be against us?" 

—Talmage

## Beware of All Honey

*From a letter by John Wesley to Joseph Cownley, an early Methodist preacher.*

I see a danger you are in, which, perhaps, you do not see yourself. Is it not most pleasing to me, as well as you, to be always preaching of the love of God? And is there not a time when we are peculiarly led thereto, and find a peculiar blessing therein? Without doubt, so it is. But yet it would be utterly wrong and unscriptural to preach of nothing else.

Let the law always prepare for the gospel. I scarce ever spoke more earnestly here [he was in Ireland at the time of writing] of the love of God in Christ than last night. But it was after I had been tearing the unawakened in pieces. Go thou and do likewise. It is true the love of God in Christ alone feeds His children. But even they are to be guided, as well as fed. Yes, and often physicked [doctored] too. And the bulk of our hearers must be purged before they are fed. Else we only feed the disease. Beware of all honey. It is the best extreme; but it is an extreme.

I am your affectionate brother,  
John Wesley

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An  
**Exclusive  
Christ**

D. S. Warner

*Jesus* is the King eternal over all heaven and earth, yea, throughout the vast universe. His kingdom therefore is an exclusive kingdom. It leaves no place for any other. It is the stone that breaks all other powers to pieces and fills the whole earth.

His church is likewise exclusive. It does not "live and let live" other institutions called churches. The word of truth acknowledges no other church but the one divine fold founded by the Saviour. He who discerns the sacred body of Christ is bound to discard everything else, and he who acknowledges the confused multitudes of men's creeds and party organisms as churches has never "discerned the body of Christ," which is the church. Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18, 24.

The Spirit of the God of the Bible is an exclusive Spirit. It repels and rejects every other spirit. God's children have all been "baptized into one body, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." 1 Cor. 12:13.

This all-searching and eternal Spirit in

the hearts of the redeemed of the Lord takes cognizance of what kind of spirits dwell in the hearts and bodies of others who claim to be the worshipers of God. If of opposite character, there is no fellowship. If all are in possession of the pure and gentle Spirit and nature of God, their hearts flow joyfully together, and this is fellowship, pure, heavenly, and the source of much happiness. Thus the Spirit of God endorses Himself and excludes all else.

The religion of Jesus Christ is exclusive in its nature. It compromises with no other. It justly assumes to be the only true religion and announces all others as of the devil. This very characteristic has chiefly elicited the persecutions that have befallen Christ and His church in all ages. Had Christ been willing to fuse with Jewry and endorse along side of His own laws the laws and traditions of the Jews, they would not have crucified Him. Had the apostles grafted the new faith upon that Old Testament code that was ready to die and vanish away, then, says Paul, would the "offence of the cross [have] ceased."

At one time under the great persecution inflicted upon the saints of God by pagan Rome, the pagans offered to spare the lives of the Christians and give them their religious liberty if they would but acknowledge their gods and their religion as being also genuine. But this they

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could not do even to save their lives.

Nay, only the system of divine worship that Christ founded is of God. It alone is the truth, and every other is a lie and a fraud. As it was then, so it is now: to confess any religion and creed but the New Testament is to deny Christ. To confess that there is any church but the one Jesus built is to make God a liar. To be honest in the sight of God and to stand upon the offensive foundation of the exclusive Christ and His exclu-

sive church, kingdom, and religion is what stirs hell today and calls out what little persecution saints have to endure in these last days which, however, may yet assume degrees of severity that will deserve the name of persecution. Oh, praise God! My soul says, let it come as the providence of God shall permit, and He will overrule it to His glory, to the more perfect purging of His sanctuary and to the spiritual improvement of His remnant.

The sects would have no objection to us accepting the Bible name *saints* if we would confess that they, in all their pride, tobacco filth, and abominable worldly conformity, are saints also. They would not care if we do use the title given by the mouth of the Lord, viz., "the church of the living God," if we would only confess that all the sects are likewise churches of God—sister churches. But this would be confessing a falsehood. The Lord owns no sisterhood of sects, but ascribes them to "mystery Babylon" and a family of harlot daughters. The Bible gives no place for a plurality of brotherhoods in Christ. But one is your Father, and all ye are brethren, one family in heaven and earth. Eph. 3:15. "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."

Rom. 12:4-5. Only "one body in Christ." As we discern that body and know

that God has inducted us into the same, it would be dishonesty in the sight of God, and a base, cowardly compromise to please men, to admit that several hundred other bodies are also in Christ. Yea, it would be making God a liar, since His Word says there is one body in Christ and only one.

God has raised up a people who fully discern the body of Christ. They have taken their stand upon the plat-

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# TELEVISION



*Taken from a message by Bro. Steve Hargrave*

**T**elevision has no place in a Christian's life. This is incomprehensible to the world, for they think anyone off the deep end if they don't watch TV. The world we live in is so confused that it is good to review what principles the Bible has regarding television.

## **It Leads into Temptation**

Eph. 4:27 says, "Neither give place to the devil." In all that a Christian would do, he is not to give room to the devil to work anywhere, at any time, or in any way. 1 Peter says, "The devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." This tells us not to give place to the lion that is seeking to devour us. What that means is, don't go to the jungle where the lion is and make it easy for it to get you.

Matt. 4:5-7, "Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple and saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up... Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

We're not to tempt the Lord. We don't drink poison, then pray God will deliver us from its harm. One is supposed to have more sense than that and not to enter into the temptation. Prov. 27:12, "A prudent man forseeth the evil, and hideth himself;

but the simple pass on, and are punished." A Christian is to have foresight. Foresight means sight before. A prudent man—a careful man—is able to see something before it actually happens, because he discerns danger ahead. Then, in his foresight, he does not go the way of danger.

By the foregoing scriptures, it is clear that Christians are careful as to what they do. They want to be very clear in their soul and don't want anything to come between them and God. If something can harm them, they stay away from it. If somebody is careless with his soul, that is someone that is not a Christian. That is not Christian character.

## **Is It Reality?**

Some would argue, "It's the real world out there! It's not even reality to keep your children from those things on television, because they live in the world." Then they themselves rate some shows "Restricted" and restrict children from watching them. Listen to that hypocrisy. Why rate it "R"? Are they scared? This is the real world! Let the children watch it! Don't make distinctions, just let them grow up in the real world—That's what they tell us.

The church of God rates movies too, even without watching them, and the Bible rates them. They're rated "N." NONE! We watch none! We deem them all bad. "Won't that affect your children?" Yes! Our children don't know one bad song. This

is a miracle! They don't know who the most recent cartoon characters are. We have "ruined" our children—on purpose! We're being consistent. Our children abide by our ratings, and we also abide by them. It produces a wonderful harmony in the home. Our children are not being raised to be cool or to know who Spiderman is.

## **Television Corrupts**

1 Cor. 15:33, "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." Evil associations will corrupt the individual that is associated with them. Therefore, if there's something evil on television and you sit in front of it long enough, you will be corrupt. Watch corruption and you are going to be corrupt. Now, what amazes me is that people will watch corruption and let their children watch it, then try to discipline their children for being corrupt. That is not being fair to them and it's hypocrisy. If you let your children watch children disobeying on TV, then don't be surprised when they disobey. People are sacrificing their children to the devil. How can you hope to correct your children and have them live right while you allow them to learn that behavior from the box in the house? Evil communications corrupt good manners.

"What's wrong with the young people? Why all the drugs? Why all the immorality? What is happening?" It's because they've been filled up on a diet of TV. They've been watching videos all day. The videos taught them how to be violent. There are detailed accounts on the television of how to sin and association with it is corrupting good manners.

## **Television Desensitizes**

1 Tim. 4:2, "...having their conscience seared..." The manner in which God deals with someone is through his conscience in order to let him know he is in sin and needs a Saviour; to let him know there is more to life than what he is doing. The conscience can be desensitized by evil communications until it is

difficult for God to get through to the person, because he does not know what is right or wrong, good or bad. And he has been around wrong so much that it seems normal. Television is desensitizing people's consciences and producing a generation of children that don't know right from wrong. God wants to talk to these children about their need of salvation, and it will be more difficult for them the longer they are under the influence of the drug of television.

### Watch TV to the Glory of God?

Mark 9:43-47, "And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell..." This is a general Christian principle. If something stands in the way between you and loving God, whatever that something is, it has to go. Don't try to cut off part of it. Cut off the television. You say, "There are some good things on it. I've found one good channel out of one hundred and fifty." It's part of an evil system. Don't dig in the trash to find good food.

Rom. 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Present your bodies. That means present everything your eyes see, everything your ears hear, every place your feet walk, everything your hand touches. Your hand was never designed to touch a remote to turn from channel to channel to try to be entertained. I tell you, salvation satisfies! Jesus is better than direct TV.

Rom. 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." We can prove that the television is not acceptable by the renewing of our mind in salvation, yet we need a continual renewing of our minds. That is very difficult if you're

continually in front of the television. Some people that watch television say, "I don't watch it that much." They would be shocked how many hours per day they watch it.

Some need the drug of the television just to have the noise on. Some need the TV on to eat dinner! They can't have it quiet too long, because they might realize how miserable they are. You need to be quiet and think about the condition of your soul.

People turn on television to escape reality. But television *is not reality*. While you watch it, you take yourself out of your reality and put yourself into their reality, which is not reality. The reality of it all is that you need to be saved, but you're not



sensitive to that because you are watching the television.

### Television Promotes False Religion

"Well, I'll watch a show about Jesus." Please don't! Religious programming is a great hindrance to people getting saved, because most religion out there today is false religion. Col. 3:17 says, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." You're not allowed to watch any programs whatsoever unless you can do it in the character and the authority of Christ Jesus. You can only watch what Jesus would watch. Now, that's where religious programs are deceiving. "Another Jesus" would watch all manner of things, but that's

not the real Jesus.

Do you know there are paid preachers on TV that are slaves to what they're preaching? They preach what the people want to hear for the sake of their employment.

There is a reason why the actors are called actors. It's because they are acting, which means it's not real. We have new names for actors—non-realists, professional fakers, hypocrites. They're pretending to be something they're not. It's a promotion of hypocrisy. People love their favourite actors as they pretend they are somebody else. They love the pretense. Then they are upset at a saint of God for not watching television and say, "Why don't you live in the real world?" I am, that's why I turned off the ones that were acting!

### TV and Holiness Don't Mix

2 Tim. 3:1-5, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: *from such turn away.*" If any of these things are on the TV (and they all are), you must turn away from it.

2 Tim. 3:6, "For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts." Silly women and silly men are turning on all kinds of silly programs to satisfy bad cravings—watching people break up, vanity, hatred, pride, murder and all manner of sin. Children have a wrong notion of marriage because of what they've been watching on TV. They don't know what a right family is because the TV is not portraying a right family. Really, *the television inside any home*

only represents the lack of something else in that home, because if the glory of God is in that home, the glory of God will push the TV out. The glory of God and the television do not match. You say, "I just got saved and I have a TV." Well, soon the glory of God is going to push your TV out.

Gal. 5:19-21, "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." They who do these


things or find pleasure in watching these things will not go to heaven.

Sports. While there is nothing wrong with throwing around a basketball with others out of clean fun, there is something wrong with professional, competitive sports and the emulation and sometimes even the violence and ill-will it promotes, not to mention making idols out of "sports stars." That's not Christian behavior.

What should you do with the TV, since watching it is absolutely not Christian behavior. "I know what I'll do. I'll sell it. They're worth a lot of money." Acts 19:18-19 shows us what the early Christians did with their ungodly possessions: "And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts

brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver." Back then they didn't have TV, but they had unrighteous books. People have just taken those books and put it on TV.

There is good liberty in Jesus Christ from the television. There is much more to life than watching TV. True life is in Jesus Christ. "He that hath the Son hath life." When you have that life you will not be bored or sad.

"Well, what will I do in my home without the TV?" Your home should be a blessing. There's a better home life than gathering around the TV and turning on drama. Just throw it out! 

## Who is to Blame?


A. Sims

Who is to blame for the shallow experience of many professing Christians? We reply, the men under whom they are professedly saved.

If deluded souls were taught the whole counsel of God by ministers, they would see their unsaved condition, and spurious religion would not spread so rapidly. As it is, a vast multitude are made to believe a lie under the teachings of these men.

Milk-and-water papers publish their testimonies. Many of the holiness journals are laden with just such shuffling testimonies. We have read them until we are perfectly disgusted with such

sham holiness. We ask, can one wonder at such hollow testimonies, when so many holiness (?) teachers are doing shoddy work? Like begets like.


These men say they let the Holy Ghost show the people in regard to dress, Masonry and tobacco, etc. Now, if it is right to leave to the Holy Ghost the work of showing the people these sins, it is equally right to let the Holy Ghost preach pardon and holiness. Paul says, 'I have not, shunned to declare unto you the whole counsel of God.' Both he and Peter did show the people in regard to pride in dress and many other popular sins. So will every true ambassador of the cross." 

## Prescription

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Should there be any "lovers of self" in the country who think of starting a holiness paper for their own glory and know not just how to compound it, the following may assist you. Having analyzed one of those wise productions we find it composed of the following ingredients:

- 20 Parts Finely minced chaff
- 5 Parts Soap foam
- 3 Parts Watered milk
- 4 Parts Effervescence of flattery
- 8 Parts Untempered Babylon mortar
- 15 Parts Say-and-do-not
- 3 Parts Vaporized holiness
- 6 Parts Spiritual whitewash
- 10 Parts Rev. puffs
- 6 Parts Expanded air
- 4 Parts Sugar and molasses
- 10 Parts Sin-opiate
- 10 Parts Sect-anodyne

The above, with a few columns of advertisement, is supposed to be just what people want and will take well. Of course in running such a paper you do not want to inquire for the will of God, for then there would be a great change in the plan, if not a positive veto of the project. 

## An Exclusive Christ

*Continued from Page 7*

### The Gospel Trumpet Paper

This prophecy our soul hath learned,  
A heavenly prediction,  
That these last days would scorch and  
burn—  
Behold the holy friction.

And from the midst of this dread scene  
Four unsinged sheets emerge,  
All folded thus to make sixteen  
Hot pages, burning words.

This fiery seed of truth divine  
God's little sowers drop,  
And sown upon some fertile mind  
Can give us precious crop.

But still these days are days that writhe,  
Dread days of Babylon's woes,  
When tongues evaporate and eyes  
Consume within their holes.

And Satan with a great delight  
Would love the Trumpet gone.  
But darkness cannot swallow light,  
The Trumpet shall blow on.

Truth's fire's on-line and in poems;  
Truth's flame shall never ebb.  
Truth's blaze is now in many homes  
And fire's on the web.

So wail, ye fire-fighting souls;  
Convene, ye sons of hell.  
The flames are out of your control  
And fire's in your mail.

—Bro. Jason Hargrave

form of "all truth," as it is in Christ Jesus. By the process of salvation, they have been taken into the one fold of Christ. John 10:9. The Lord Himself added them to His own body, the church. Acts 2:47. They teach and accept no other condition of membership in the church than those conditions found in the Word of God. And by a life of perfect obedience to the divine will, of faith toward and holiness unto the Lord, they have this witness that they please God and are abiding in the one and only church of God, which is the body of Christ and which includes all the saved in heaven and earth. They, with perfect consistency and loyalty to God, resist every other spirit but that which they have received of God, reject every other so-called church but that which Christ built upon the rock, and say to all honest disciples of Christ who have been falsely taught and taken by men into men's churches, "Come out of her."

"Come out from among them." And though this is the point of offense and persecutions, by the grace of God we will not compromise the truth to save our lives. All sects are associated together on a plane of sisterly non-exclusiveness. They dare not teach "one God," "one body," "one Lord," "one Spirit," "one way;" because no one of them dare set up the claim of having and being in that one God, Lord, body, Spirit, and way. None of them hold a divine charter for their existence, hence no one challenges the right and title of another. In other words, all are without foundation in the Word of God, therefore they agree not to question each other's foundation. All have a glass house, hence must not throw stones at one another.

But we repeat again, that in these last days God has raised up a people who believe the Word of God and act accordingly. Christ has but "one fold," one church, and knowing we are saved into this one fold, to be consistent before God and act out

His Word, we must ignore every other so-called fold or church.

With a view of destroying the work of God, the enemies of Ezra and Nehemiah proposed to join with them in building the temple and the wall. But they answered them, "The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build; but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem." Neh. 2:20.

They were then an exclusive people unto the Lord, and their reformation at Jerusalem was a grand type of the present reformation in which God is restoring a pure church, the bride, the Lamb's wife. "As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak." It would be bigotry for one sect to say, "We are the church, and all the rest are frauds." But for God's true saints, who follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth and

belong only to Him and adhere only in "his body, which is the church," and which includes all saved men in heaven and earth, in or out of sect folds—for such to talk of other churches would be inconsistent and God-dishonoring, yea, confusion. Therefore, be sure you are right, then go ahead, in holiness of heart and life, and let earth and hell rage. "Noah condemned the whole world." One man mounted on eternal truth can safely defy all the devotees of human creeds and systems on earth. There is "one God." Amen. Then all others are idols. "One body." Amen. Then all sect bodies are excluded. "One Spirit." Then all spirits not in fellowship with the pure in heart are not of God. "One Christ" and all others are anti-Christ. Here we stand in defiance of hell and earth. Amen. 📖

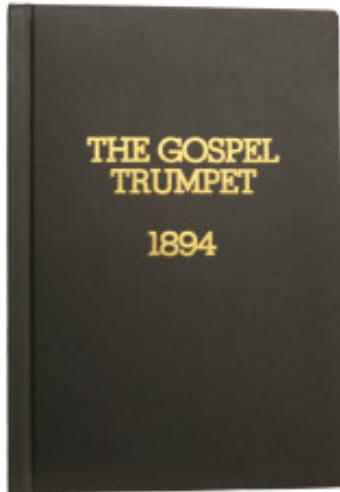
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no sisterhood  
of sects, but  
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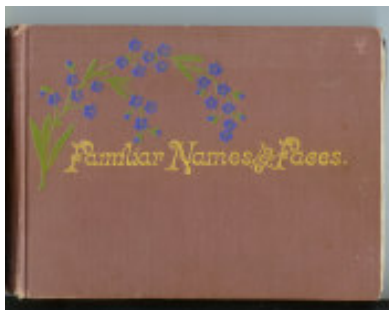
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**OBITUARIES**

*"For to me to live is Christ,  
and to die is gain." Phil. 1:21.*

Our dear sister in the Lord, Sis.  
Anna Wert, was born October 23,  
1938, and died unexpectedly on  
August 23, 2007. She did not leave  
life unprepared.

After she was saved in the church  
of God and was changed completely,  
God continually gave her more light  
and she made restitution wherever  
she knew. She also experienced the  
second work of grace and gave her  
life completely over to the Lord,  
resting in the strong arms of almighty  
God.

Her faith was always unwavering  
and she trusted the Lord, especially  
in her sicknesses. Her testimonies  
were always a blessing and she testi-  
fied about the determination that she  
had to serve the Lord. She often men-  
tioned how the Lord had freed her  
from a sinful life and had brought her  
into the light. She loved God above  
all. We will miss her, but also re-  
member her Christlike example.



Sis. Martha  
Bess was born Feb.  
13, 1936, and went  
to her eternal home  
on Sept. 13, 2007.

In January  
1955, God gave her  
peace and forgive-  
ness of sins through  
Jesus' blood and in

1961 she experienced entire sanctifi-  
cation. God led her to His church in  
1994, where she took a firm stand  
with great joy.

Sis. Martha was always an un-  
selfish and sacrificing example in  
life. She lived the biblical writing  
before our eyes: "But we are not of  
them who draw back unto perdition;  
but of them that believe to the saving  
of the soul." Hebrews 10:39.

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# MEETING REPORTS

**Steinbach, Manitoba:** *“When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing...The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.” Psalm 126:1-3.*

We are very thankful for what the Lord is doing here in Steinbach, and for the wonderful meeting we had July 2–8. About 120 saints gathered together from Canada, the U.S.A. and Germany. We were blessed to see a good number of visitors come in to hear the precious truth during the course of the meeting. Also some of the dear ones from Arborg came for the weekend, which we were very glad for.

The messages of truth went forth with much anointing and in the mighty power of God. Thank God for real preaching. Not only did God do a work in the adults, but He was doing a special work in a good number of the dear children, as well. We are very thrilled and thankful for the number of new people that the Lord has been adding here to the congregation and for how the meeting was a great help to them, too.

The Lord also blessed the singing in a wonderful way, giving much liberty and joy to the saints as the songs of Zion were sung. We thank God to report that the Spirit of God did a wonderful work here in the congregation through the meeting. We are so grateful for the true church of the living God. It is wonderful to see how the glorious gospel is prevailing against the powers of darkness. Thank God for this precious truth of the end-time.

Bro. Jacob Braun

**Santa Cruz, Bolivia:** Bro. Isaac Thiessen, along with a small gospel company, was burdened to go to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, and surrounding Mennonite colonies from July 9–17. As we had only a few contacts there,

the burden of the trip was to spread as much of the Word of God as possible during this time, either through singing, distributing literature and Bible story books for the children, or having Bible studies.

Three street meetings were held on a busy street corner in Santa Cruz, this being the place where many Mennonites from the surrounding colonies would meet. Crowds would gather to listen as the songs were sung in German and Spanish. After the singing, literature was distributed to whoever was willing to receive such. The precious, innocent children would eagerly reach out for the Bible story books and later were seen leafing through the books in groups on the sidewalks. It was easily recognized who wanted the gospel, as people approached to ask many honest questions. Others would in later days tell us how they had prayed during the night to hear such singing again, which the Lord graciously granted them.

We visited in various homes in six different Mennonite colonies. As we sang to the families, they sometimes wept to hear the gospel through songs. Encouragement would follow to prepare for the soon-coming of our Lord.

We met with a very honest family in Santa Cruz on Sunday and had a wonderful time together in singing, praying and studying the Bible.

We feel that many have been touched by the gospel and we look forward to returning to Bolivia sometime in the future. Please help us pray for the honest, hungry, dying souls in Bolivia.

Sis. Ellie Froese

**Honey Grove, Texas:** Our hearts overflow with gratitude to be a part of this end-time restoration. We are thankful to have had Bro. Patrick O’Shea Sr. with us for a meeting July 22–29.

The very first message stirred our hearts as our brother preached on true

Bible obedience. Only true obedience will keep us in God’s perfect will for our lives. Then followed messages that exposed the false prophets that are all around us deceiving souls by the multitudes, and how we are to follow our Lord’s example in agonizing in prayer for the lost. “Water the seed that has been sown with your tears.” We dare not be slack and allow souls to die lost because we did not do our part.

The resurrection, discipline of the church, the fire of the Lord, and a very fitting and fervent message on family training were preached with Holy Ghost anointing and many sought and received help at an altar of prayer. The last message challenged each one present to run this race with all the power God so freely gives us. We were exhorted to remember that every moment is our eternal moment.

During the course of the week a street meeting was held in downtown Paris. Songs of Zion were sung and many invitations were handed out. Several visitors came to meeting and we ask all the saints to pray that the seed sown will flourish and bring forth fruit.

Sis. Sara Friesen

**Chihuahua, Mexico:** We are so thankful for the blessings of the Lord upon the meeting here in Chihuahua, Mexico, August 5–12. Besides the state of Chihuahua, the Mexican states of Durango, Zacatecas, Sinaloa, Baja California, and Puebla were represented in meeting. Numerous saints from Canada and the U.S. attended the meeting as well. It was the largest meeting ever held in this area.

We praise God for rending the heavens and coming down, the results of which were the convicting and saving of souls, as well as the upbuilding of God’s children. Once again, the songs of Zion thrilled our souls, and the anointed preaching evoked fervent seeking of God and

His fulness. During all-night prayer voices and hearts were raised in hot supplication to God. It was wonderful to hear the sound of prayer, as the night air bore it a long way. Many visitors attended the meetings.

A street meeting was held in the local town of Alvaro Obregon, which allowed many to hear the songs of Zion and receive literature. Once again, a group of over 60 saints went to the prison in the city of Cuauhtemoc, where the inmates were ministered to by testimony, songs, and literature. It was with joy that we partook of the ordinances of footwashing and the Lord's supper. Also, 9 saints bare witness to newness of life in Christ by descending into the watery grave while observing the ordinance of baptism. We were especially blessed by the presence of the children and missionaries of The Shepherd's Fold children's home in Baja California, Mexico. It was glorious to feel the bond of perfectness binding together in sweet unity the holy in heart, regardless of race, culture, color, or language.

We ask you to continue to pray for the work of God in this area.

Bro. Benjamin Tovstiga

**Zacatecas, Mexico:** Saints from Canada, as well as Durango, and Chihuahua, met together in La Honda, Zacatecas, August 16–19. Once again, the Lord was faithful to open His hand and fill the desire of His people, (Psalm 145:16). We were highly privileged to experience the presence of the Lord in the songs, testimonies, and preached messages. A number of visitors attended the meetings. We trust God will continue to deal with their souls.

One night after service, numerous saints rode on a pickup truck and open trailer, and joyfully sang songs of salvation to those who listened from their houses and yards, as the saints slowly drove through the community. Also, the saints held a street meeting in the city of Juan Aldama, thus proclaiming the gospel to the many onlookers by means of song and literature. We are looking to the Lord to continue the good work He

has begun in Zacatecas. Let us pray that more souls here might receive their desperately needed salvation.

Bro. Benjamin Tovstiga

**California:** We are thankful for the anointed meeting the Lord blessed us with, held by Bros. Stephen Hargrave and Ray Tinsman from Aug. 15–26, 2007. It was a very profitable meeting as the Lord faithfully dealt with both the saved and the unsaved.

All night prayer and fasting were held in preparation for the meeting. Many flyers were handed out and the young people handed out invitations and tracts at the local street market on Thursday nights. Several souls came out and enjoyed the services and the fellowship of the saints.

Sinners were able to see their serious condition as soul-searching messages were preached. Several bowed at an altar of prayer and prayed through to victory. The saints rejoiced as these souls had been on their hearts for some time. The saints were challenged to press for higher ground. Messages along the lines of spiritual maturity, spiritual balance, unity of spirit and bride and daily living were preached. Much help was received and we look forward to seeing the ripple affect this meeting will have in the local congregation, the surrounding cities and throughout the whole world.

Bro. Rick Wiebe

**Seminole, Texas:** "A sower went forth to sow..." Matthew 13:3.

Truly the saints of God are going forth in these last days sowing the precious seed of God's Word. The weekend of August 24–26 found saints from the Texas and Oklahoma congregations in Seminole, Texas. God promised to gather His children from all corners of the earth and truly there are honest souls in Seminole that desire to find real deliverance from every chain of the enemy and find the true home of their soul.

The Lord used Bros. Johnny Friesen and Robert Bourn to bring forth messages of "Breaking the Cycle," "Seeking Whom Your Soul Loves," "Trying the Spirits," "Counterfeit Christianity," and "Breaking

the Middle Wall of Partition." Each message brought forth the need for a real, know-so salvation experience.

Flyers for the meeting had been posted in area businesses, handed out individually, and personal visitations were made. Visitors were present at every service, with one soul returning for every service. On Sunday morning, during the song service, this dear soul made her way to the prayer bench and prayed until she knew all her sins had been forgiven and she was now a child of God. The saints in Texas had been praying for her for a good while. We thank God for answered prayer. The last service of the meeting there were 12 visitors present, including children.

Please pray for the seed that was sown, for souls to be delivered from the religious confusion that abounds in Seminole, and for us as we plan to make trips back to this area.

Sis. Sara Friesen

**Wisconsin:** We thank the Lord for a wonderful meeting in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, Aug. 30–Sept. 3. It was said that this meeting was the best shortest meeting that they have ever attended. Praise the Lord! The Lord was present in a mighty way as the saints gathered from across the United States and Canada. The Spirit anointed the preaching.

The atmosphere was definitely stirred in Wisconsin as the saints were out and about Sheboygan. There were questions about who we were and where we were from.

Friday we had street meeting at Marquette University; it was a wonderful blessing to the people who heard the singing and the witness of the saints in Milwaukee. Saturday's street meeting in Sheboygan brought another blessing to the community as the saints were out in force singing and witnessing.

A number of visitors did attend and contacts were made for further opportunities to reach a lost and dying world. Please keep the Sheboygan, Green Bay, Milwaukee, and Chicago areas in your prayers as the Word of God goes out and touches the hearts of the people.

Bro. Jeff Moser

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