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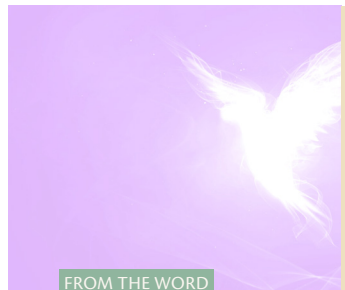
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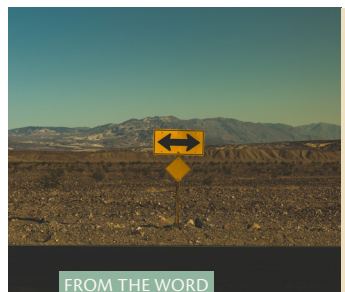
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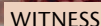
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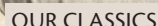
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To receive salvation from God,
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We believe in the divine inspiration of the Bible, and endorse all the teachings contained in it.



VIEWPOINT

By Darrel Lee, Superintendent General



AFTER 115 YEARS, THE PENTECOSTAL POWER THAT FELL IN 1906 IS STILL AVAILABLE.

One hundred fifteen years ago, on April 18, 1906, a devastating earthquake violently shook the San Francisco Bay area and caused significant damage along the entire California coastline. It remains one of the most damaging earthquakes in history. Nine days earlier and four hundred miles south, the power of the Holy Ghost had descended upon a group of holiness people who were praying together at 214 Bonnie Brae Street in Los Angeles. Over the years, many have noted how that prayer meeting soon shook the entire world.

As the prayer meetings grew, they were moved to Azusa Street. The Azusa Revival of 1906 was the start of the modern Pentecostal movement and it is referred to throughout this magazine. On page 18, Josephine McElveen notes that the leader, William Seymour, overcame extreme prejudice in order to learn of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. As noted on page 20, he arrived at the Bonnie Brae Street house after being locked out of a church that had rejected the doctrine he attempted to preach. He experienced his personal Pentecost three days after the initial outpouring.

The founder of our church, Florence Crawford, received the experiences of entire sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost at Azusa, and soon after, established this work in Portland, Oregon. She continued the ministry of publishing reports about what God was doing, distributing the news as far and wide as possible. In 1932,

one of those newspapers reached amateur boxer Richard Barney (see page 45) in the state of Florida. As a result, he was saved just before turning professional, and in 1934, he attended our Portland camp meeting with his wife and another couple. You will read that they left Florida with only \$100, a packed lunch, and some extra bread and jelly for the road. They arrived in Portland many days, three thousand miles, and several flat tires later. Despite the challenges, he deemed that the spiritual results were worth the effort. He returned to the South to share with others the Gospel message that he cherished, serving for decades as the pastor of our church in Anniston, Alabama, and the leader of our Southern churches.

Few today could say they have been impacted by the great San Francisco earthquake of 1906, but the nearby outpouring of the Holy Spirit has only grown in its impact. At the fortieth anniversary of the Azusa Revival, Jack Robbins preached about his firsthand experiences in 1907, telling how the Pentecostal power had changed his life forever. Then he extended an invitation for his listeners to “Come and See” for themselves (see page 41). Still today, at the 115th anniversary, we send out publications like this to let people know about the power of the Gospel to transform lives. The invitation to “Come and See” is still extended, and it is our prayer that all who read this magazine will seek and experience their personal Pentecost. ■

From
THE WORD

*And the next sabbath day came
almost the whole city together to hear the
word of God. – Acts 13:44*

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From a
sermon by
Darrel Lee

My wife and I have traveled to many places around the world, so she has heard my impressions about various locations a number of times. One that comes to mind is our first trip to Newfoundland, Canada. It took place in the winter, and after our arrival at the airport in Deer Lake, we drove for four or five hours through blizzard conditions to the city of Roddickton where our Canada headquarters church is located. During that drive, we saw a number of spectacular scenes that we will not soon forget. One was what I can only describe as frozen waves in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Picture stormy waves that break along any coastline—in Newfoundland in the winter, the waves freeze mid-crest. It was a stunning sight nearly as far as we could see. When we returned to Newfoundland in the spring on another trip, that time the countryside was a beautiful green. We saw moose and bear alongside the highway, and Debbie heard me say what I have said about many other locations, “I could live here!”

In Revelation chapter 7, we find a description of a place where we all *can* live some day. John the Revelator wrote, “After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb” (Revelation 7:9-10).

In Heaven, the beauty is not primarily in the landscape, although that will no doubt be spectacular. The chief beauty of Heaven centers on the presence of God and those who dwell there. When I read these words about the Lamb and the multitude clothed in white robes, the thought comes to mind: I could live there! You can live there as well, and we want to keep that eternal destination in view as we go through this life.

In the Book of the Revelation, we read that the Apostle John, who had been banished to the Isle of Patmos, was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day. The book begins with these words, “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass.” In verse 19 of that opening chapter, John was told to write to the seven churches “the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter.”

“The things which thou hast seen” was what the Apostle had been shown in the Revelation. He gave instruction concerning “the things which are” in his message to the seven churches in Revelation chapters 1 through 3, explaining how those he addressed were to conduct themselves in the present. Then, beginning with chapter 4, he related “the things which shall be hereafter,” describing our destination and events that will transpire in the future.



We have a reason to look toward the future. The world we live in is temporary but the hereafter is permanent, and that is why it is important to consider it. The revelation to John helps us do so. We are at a great advantage compared to those who did not have John's writings: we have his description of what was revealed to him, and that helps us visualize what we will experience in the future.



The chief beauty of Heaven centers on the presence of God and those who dwell there.

In chapter 4, following his message to the seven churches, John related, "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven." He heard a voice he likened to the sound of a trumpet that said, "Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter." Then the Apostle attempted to recount what he saw: "And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald."

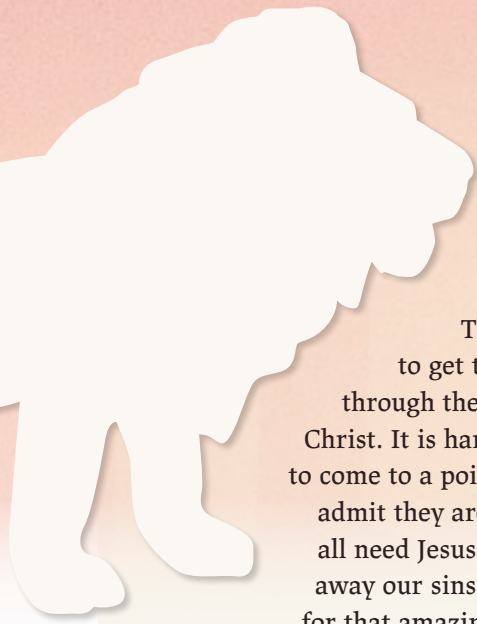
John did the best he could using earthly language to describe a heavenly scene, and that is the best we can do as well. He saw the glory of God in the form of brilliant,

shining colors, and a sea of crystal in front of a beautiful throne. He witnessed angels and heavenly beings and elders who fell down and worshipped, saying, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created" (Revelation 4:11). This is a preview of what *we* will see when we get to our destination!

The description continues in chapter 5, but in this chapter, John's attention shifted to the book sealed with seven seals, and held by the One seated on the throne. An angel asked the question, "Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?" John said he wept when no one was found worthy, but one of the elders told him, "Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof" (verse 5).

It is noteworthy that the elder alluded to Jesus as the Lion, but in the following verse, John described Him in the midst of the throne and the heavenly beings as "a Lamb as it had been slain." Jesus is the Lion in the sense that He is mighty and He conquers, but He is the Lamb in the sense that He yielded His life—He shed His blood as a sacrifice for you and for me. In fact, John noted that the marks of His sacrifice were still upon Him. He related that as the Lamb, Jesus came and took the book out of the right hand of Him that sat on the throne.

John went on to describe how the heavenly host fell before the Lamb and joined in worship, all having harps in their hands and vials of prayers that were released as they sang "a new song." He recorded the words of that song for us: "Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue,



and people, and nation" (verse 9).

Notice that the ones who sang were redeemed. There is no other way to get to Heaven except through the Atonement of Jesus Christ. It is hard for some people to come to a point where they will admit they are sinners, but we all need Jesus. Only He can wash away our sins and make us ready for that amazing place.

As the song was sung, John looked around and beheld the vast multitude about him, which he described as "ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands" (verse 11). We can picture a sea of individuals that seemed endless, stretching to the horizon. As John looked out over that vast host "which shall be hereafter," I wonder if he tried to recognize someone he knew. Maybe he saw you there in that great throng! John went on to recount that "every creature which is in heaven" was saying, "Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever" (verse 13).

In Revelation 6, we read about the opening of the seals of the book, and with each seal, judgment came upon the earth. In view of the terrible events that occurred, the question was asked in Heaven, "Who shall be able to stand?" The answer is given in chapter 7: it is those who overcome.

Over the ages of time, a multitude of individuals have come one by one to the foot of the Cross and had the Blood of Jesus applied over their hearts and lives. Their sins were forgiven, and they lived victoriously subsequent to that experience of salvation until the end of their time on earth. They were persecuted and tested, but they came through victorious. By the grace of God, we want to be among those who face daunting circumstances with courage and Christian grace, believing that God will carry us through no matter what comes our way. If He did it for millions of others, He can surely do it for you and me.

We read later in the Revelation how these individuals overcame: it was through the Blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. God honors those who are uncompromising in their stand for Him. John observed that these overcoming individuals were clothed with white robes, the physical attire being symbolic of their spiritual condition. A holy, consecrated life that has been dedicated and set apart for God and made pure within is manifested outwardly. By the grace of God, we want to be among those who demonstrate the Christian graces that the Lord shed His Blood to provide for each of us.



"They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat."

John also described palms in the hands of the heavenly multitude. That detail makes us think of Palm Sunday and the jubilation that existed the day the disciples followed Jesus into Jerusalem. The people who participated in that joyous occasion over two thousand years ago thought Jesus was going to establish His kingdom immediately, but that was not God's plan. Jesus needed to provide for the atoning of our sins, and He did so a few short days later, on the Cross.

In John's revelation, the people with palms in their hands rejoiced for good reason, saying, "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." They were celebrating that God had delivered them from sin! We can be part of that joyful number. We do not have to languish in sin and defeat as we go through this life. Those who reach the goal will give God glory for salvation, and we can be counted among them.

In verses 11 and 12 of chapter 7, John again described the worship that took place in Heaven, relating that those present fell on their faces



before the throne. Of course, there is worship and celebration in Heaven! We are told that when a sinner repents, the angels of Heaven rejoice. If Heaven rejoices when someone prays through, think of the jubilation that will take place when all of the redeemed are gathered there together! No wonder there is a celebration and the words ring forth, "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever."

In verse 13, an elder asked two rhetorical questions of John: "What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?" John did not know, so he responded, "Sir, thou knowest." We have the elder's answer, which John recorded for us. It began, "These are they which came out of great tribulation, . . ." These were individuals who had triumphed over persecution and tests.

No one will drift easily through life into Heaven. Paul wrote to believers in Asia and exhorted them to continue in the faith, saying that we all "must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). In the United States, we have had it relatively easy so far, compared to the persecution believers have endured elsewhere in the world. However, we all will be tested, and we dare not faint when the testing comes. Our goal is to be among the victorious!

These white-robed individuals not only had triumphed over persecution, they had also "washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (verse 14). To those who have not experienced the transforming power of Jesus' Blood, it might seem a paradox to think that anything could be made white through blood. However, the Blood of Jesus is unlike any other; it is the means by which we obtain forgiveness and have our sins washed away. We are made clean through the Blood of Jesus, as clean as if we had never sinned. We are rendered innocent though we were guilty. The greatest injustice in history occurred when Jesus Christ gave His life for your sins and mine. No wonder we will spend eternity giving thanks to Him!

The elder in John's revelation went on to tell him, "Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them." The

presence of God is a wonderful blessing. We know the Spirit of God is always there when two or three gather in His name, but we have been present in church services over the years when the Spirit of God swept through the sanctuary in a mighty way and the whole audience became aware of His divine presence. When that happens, it feels like Heaven—it is a foretaste of what we will enjoy eternally over there. We thank God for those moments, but in the hereafter, the presence of God will be ceaseless.

In the final verses of this chapter, we find that those in Heaven enjoy sources of comfort and sustenance that will never be lacking, but always in surplus. "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat." Over there, our bodies will be brand new and immortal; they will never wear out. We will never feel pain, or be tired, stressed, or worried. We can hardly relate now to what shall be hereafter, but I like the idea that we can be part of the number who enjoy the blessings of Heaven. I want to join in the worship before the Lamb. I want to look out over that endless crystal sea and if I see faces, I want to see you there. I want to live there!

We can all live there. Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). The privilege of dwelling in Heaven forever simply requires having the Blood of Jesus applied to our hearts and then enduring the trials and tests we encounter in this life with courage and strength from above. May we all be challenged to keep our eyes fixed on the hereafter and our ears open for the sound of the Trumpet, as we anticipate the coming of Jesus. ■

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THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

Adapted from the Apostolic Faith doctrinal booklet “The Baptism of the Holy Ghost: Power for Service.”

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the experience of the Third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, coming into a person’s life to give power for God’s service. Thus, a study of this experience must begin with an exploration of the Person and nature of the Holy Spirit.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The terms *Holy Ghost* and *Holy Spirit* are interchangeable in Scripture; they are translated from the same Greek word. The Holy Spirit is not an abstract identity or a remote influence, but one of the three distinct persons of the Godhead: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Ghost influences and affects every believer. It is the Holy Spirit who regenerates the heart of man and sanctifies the heart of the believer.¹ However, the baptism of the Holy Ghost is a definite experience subsequent to salvation and sanctification.

Although the baptism of the Holy Spirit was typified in the Mosaic Law and alluded to by Old Testament prophets, it was not until after the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus that the Holy Ghost was poured out upon believers. When Jesus completed His work and returned to the Father, the Holy Spirit came among men as the promised Comforter.

WHAT IS THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST?

John the Baptist prophesied that Jesus, the One of whom he spoke, would baptize with the Holy

Ghost and with fire. He told those who came to him to be baptized in water, “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire” (Matthew 3:11).

The word translated *baptism* means “to be immersed; to be totally covered.” When a new believer comes to be baptized in water after salvation, he goes under the water and is completely immersed. When a sanctified believer receives the baptism of the Holy Ghost, he is totally immersed and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Jesus also used the word *baptism* in connection with the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, explaining to His disciples that just as John had baptized with water, they would be baptized with the Holy Ghost. The word *baptize* gave His followers an idea of what they were to expect—that they would be immersed in the Holy Spirit.

PROPHECY REGARDING THE OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT

Some eight hundred years before Christ, the prophet Joel wrote of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, prophesying of events that have been fulfilled within the past century. Joel 2:23, 28-29 exhorts, “Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain,

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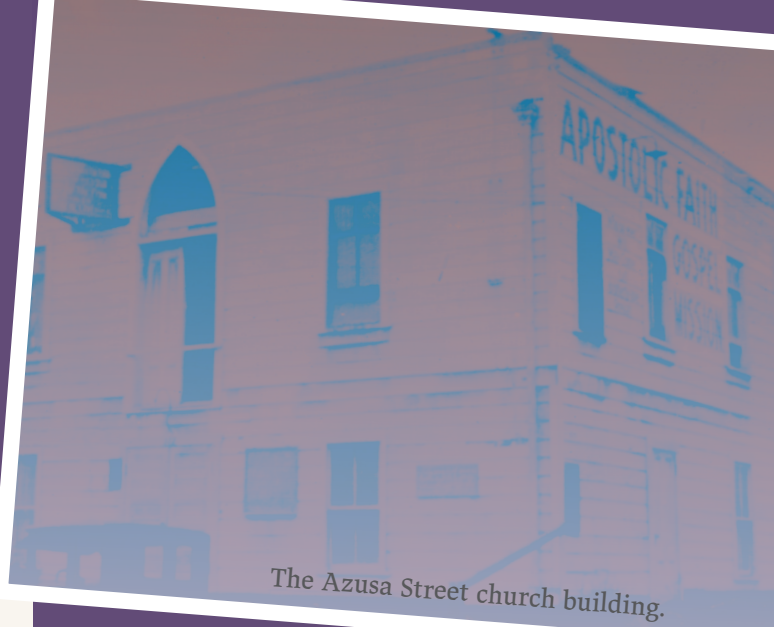
and the latter rain in the first month. . . . And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.”

Joel may not have fully understood the prophecy he gave, but God inspired these words to let His followers know that there would be an outpouring of the Spirit of God. The Former Rain pertained to the outpouring on the Day of Pentecost; the Latter Rain pertains to the outpouring of the Spirit that began in the early twentieth century. (See sidebar article about the history of the Latter Rain outpouring.)

THE OUTPOURING ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Just before Jesus ascended to Heaven, He told His disciples that the Holy Ghost would come. He instructed them to tarry in Jerusalem until they received the “promise of the Father,” which was the infilling of the Holy Spirit. In obedience, a group of 120 gathered in an upper room in the city of Jerusalem. They had one purpose in mind: to receive what the Lord had promised.

As they tarried, something happened that those present had never seen or experienced before—the power of God descended upon them and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. We read, “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven



The Azusa Street church building.



History OF THE LATTER RAIN OUTPOURING

Throughout its history, the Church has experienced numerous reformation movements and revivals. One of the most significant of these was the Pentecostal Revival of the twentieth century—a revival that changed the world’s religious landscape and became a vibrant force for evangelization in following decades.

In periods prior to the twentieth century, God poured out His Spirit on individuals here and there. However, those were only “sprinklings” of the “latter rain” prophesied by Joel (see Joel 2:23, 28-29). The roots of the Pentecostal Revival in the United States are generally traced to a Bible school in Topeka, Kansas, which was started under the leadership of Charles Fox Parham.

In December of the year 1900, students at Parham’s school completed examinations on the subjects of repentance, conversion, consecration, sanctification, healing, and the soon coming of the Lord. During the Christmas break, Parham left on a mission trip after instructing his students to study Acts, chapter 2, during his absence. They were to determine by Scripture whether or not the Holy Ghost would still descend upon holy people, and if speaking in an unknown language was the evidence of the Spirit’s infilling.

At a New Year’s Eve watchnight service on December 31, 1900, a young student by the name of Agnes Ozman experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit with →



the accompanying witness of speaking in a language she had never learned. That sparked a deep hunger among the other students, and within a few days, about half the student body had received the Pentecostal experience, as did Parham after returning from his trip. In each case, the indisputable proof was that each spoke in an unlearned language.

tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:1-4).

The coming of the Spirit was accompanied by two manifestations: the sound of “a rushing mighty wind,” and the appearance of “cloven tongues like as of fire.” John the Baptist had foretold One who would baptize “with the Holy Ghost, and with fire” (Matthew 3:11, Luke 3:16), and these two physical manifestations were visible proof of the fulfillment of those prophetic words.

The evidence of this amazing event was that those who had been filled began to speak in “other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Those from faraway countries who were in the city for the Day of Pentecost were amazed to hear the believers speaking in languages they had never learned. We read that the onlookers were “confounded,” but Peter stood and declared that this was what had been prophesied by the prophet Joel—the Holy Ghost had descended. Peter’s sermon that day resulted in the salvation of three thousand souls. The Holy Ghost, or Pentecostal, dispensation began at that point in history, and continues until this present day.

OTHER RECIPIENTS RECORDED IN SCRIPTURE

In the years following the Day of Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Ghost continued to be poured out upon New Testament believers. The Spirit was given about eight years later to Gentiles in the household of Cornelius. Those who came with Peter immediately recognized that the believers gathered there had received the gift of the Holy Ghost, for they “heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God” (Acts 10:46). In Acts 19:6, we read of the Holy Ghost falling on a group of

believers at Ephesus, and when that occurred, “they spake with tongues, and prophesied.” In each case, the evidence that the Holy Ghost had descended was that the recipients spoke in other tongues—in previously unlearned, distinguishable languages.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR RECEIVING

In order to be filled with the Holy Ghost, essential steps must be taken. A person must first be justified by faith. Scripture is clear that the Holy Spirit is not given to the unconverted. We read in 1 Corinthians 2:14, “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

A second step, entire sanctification, occurs when the saved person goes deeper in consecration and God purges the heart. Believers are forgiven for committed acts of sin when they experience salvation, but they also need to be delivered from the inherited nature of sin through entire sanctification. The old sinful nature must be crucified so that the new nature of Christ can be fully expressed (Romans 8:2). Then the heart is ready to receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

The 120 who gathered in the upper room at the time of the initial outpouring were saved individuals; they were the close followers of Christ who were with Him just prior to His ascension, and were obviously committed to following His instructions. They had also been sanctified. When the Day of Pentecost came, ten days after Jesus’ ascension, those present in the upper room were all “with one accord, in one place.” Jesus had prayed for them to experience the unity described by that phrase. In John 17:17 and 22, we read His words, “Sanctify them

The news of what God was doing spread around the area, and then across the country. William Seymour, a young Black holiness preacher living in Texas, came in contact with Parham and learned of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Though Seymour had not yet experienced the infilling, he occasionally preached on the subject.

In early 1906, Seymour was invited to help pastor a holiness church in Los Angeles, California, where he continued to preach

through thy truth . . . that they may be one, even as we are one." This prayer was not for the lost but for those who were already His followers, for He said in verse 9, "I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me." He prayed for their sanctification, and at the time when the Spirit fell upon them, we find that those present were "one"—the evidence that they had been sanctified.

RECEIVING THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

When the heart and life is pure before God, the believer should then ask God for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It is God's desire and intention to give this gift to those who are prepared to receive it. In Luke 11:9-10 we read, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." The writer goes on to describe how earthly fathers give to their children, and then asks, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13).

Although consecrations are made when an individual seeks for sanctification, there may yet be something that God is requiring when that one seeks for the Spirit's infilling—a further submission of soul, mind, body, and spirit. He wants to control every thought and plan, and sometimes it takes fervent prayer to let Him completely direct in every area of life. Obedience goes hand in hand with submission: Peter proclaimed in Acts 5:32 that the Holy Ghost is given to those who are obedient.

Faith is a key ingredient in obtaining this experience, just as it is in receiving salvation and

about the baptism of the Holy Spirit, using Acts 2:4 as his text. When that church rejected his message and locked him out of the building, Seymour was invited to prayer meetings held in a home at 214 Bonnie Brae Street. The people meeting there were born-again Christians who subsequently had been sanctified. Their purpose was to seek for the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

At the end of March, Seymour suggested a ten-day tarrying meeting. On April 9, after ten days of prayer and fasting, several received the Holy Spirit. Like those who received on the Day of Pentecost, they spoke in other known languages as the Spirit gave utterance. On April 12, Seymour himself received the baptism.

Word spread quickly, and soon people began to gather in the street to hear Seymour preach from the front porch. Before long, the crowds became too large for the home on Bonnie Brae Street, so a search was made for a suitable building where revival meetings could continue. An old abandoned warehouse was located on Azusa Street. A small band of workers cleaned it, set up seating made from planks put on top of empty nail kegs, and made a pulpit out of old shipping crates. They named the building "The Apostolic Faith Mission," and held the first service there on April 14.

Soon, dramatic conversions and healings were taking place almost daily, and the revival broke out with such intensity that it knew no bounds. Within weeks, a steady stream of seekers was coming to the Azusa mission from every continent on earth, drawn by the news that the Holy Spirit's power was being poured out. Thousands received the baptism, and went back to their home locations bearing the news that the "latter rain" promised by the prophet Joel had indeed descended. ■

sanctification. When a sanctified believer comes to God and asks for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, he must believe that God's promise is true and then reach out in faith to accept the promised gift. Since it is clear that this gift is available (Acts 2:39), and that believers are commanded to receive Him (Ephesians 5:18), faith must simply rest on these promises and commands, and step forward to claim the blessing.

THE EVIDENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Speaking with other tongues is still the evidence that the Spirit has descended. That evidence is uniform and consistent among all Spirit-filled Christians in all cultures and languages. The *experience* of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is not about speaking in

tongues, but the *evidence* of receiving the baptism is that the recipient speaks in an unlearned language.

The expression, “speaking in tongues,” comes from a compound Greek word with *glossa* (tongue) and *lalia* (speaking). It refers to a language uttered by the human tongue, but through the power of the Holy Spirit. The words spoken through the anointing of the Holy Spirit will not be gibberish, but a definite language. When the power fell on the believers at Pentecost, those who heard them “were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language” (Acts 2:6).

THE PURPOSE OF THE BAPTISM

Scripture clearly indicates the purpose for the Holy Spirit being given. Acts 1:8 tells us, “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” That power was not provided for the disciples’ personal glorification, but for the benefit of others. It enabled them to be witnesses for Christ throughout all the world—to testify of Jesus’ resurrection. Power from the Holy Spirit provided the courage, boldness, confidence, insight, ability, and authority they needed in order to fulfill their commission from God.

Christians today have the same need, and the same provision is available. People are still receiving power in their lives through the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and it is still power for service. The one who receives the Holy Spirit will have anointing and ability to witness or testify of Christ most effectively.

The commission Christ gave His disciples is the same commission given to the followers of Christ today—the responsibility to tell the world that Jesus is the Son of God, that He gave His life as a sacrifice for mankind, that He has risen from the dead, and that He can change lives today. The experiences of salvation, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost are not meant to be kept private. The command is to be witnesses of what one has experienced and seen, and God has promised to send the power that is needed—the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

THE DIVINE INFLUENCE OF THE SPIRIT

The word translated *Comforter* is *Parakleitos*, which means “Helper” or “Companion.” When the Holy Spirit fills a person with His fullness, He is present

within to accomplish His ministry of enlightening, guiding, empowering, anointing, and teaching.

The Holy Spirit guides into all truth. There will be times when Christians need to gain a deeper grasp of some truth of God’s Word, or what God’s will is for their lives. The Holy Ghost will lead to the correct understanding.

There will be times when Christians need to accomplish a task for the Lord but human ability is insufficient. The word *power* in the original language could also have been translated *ability*. Christ’s followers will receive ability and strength when they are filled with the Holy Ghost. As soon as an individual begins a Christian walk, God is with him, but after that one has been baptized with the Holy Ghost, the Spirit will be *within* him.

The Holy Spirit will bring to remembrance all things “whatsoever I have said unto you.” He will direct and provide the words to speak, and will provide opportunities and help so His followers can be clear and effective witnesses of the truth.

The Holy Spirit also gives boldness. The religious leaders in the time of the Apostles marveled at the speaking of Peter, John, and the others, because they had not received the customary or prescribed training for leaders. Peter and John were deemed “unlearned and ignorant men,” but they had been taught by the Holy Ghost and so were able to speak with authority.

FOR BELIEVERS TODAY

God baptizes today with the Holy Ghost just as He did in the times of the Early Church. In Acts 2:39, we find Peter’s words after he received this experience: “For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.” If you are saved and sanctified today, the baptism of the Holy Spirit is for you. God is not selective in His promise; He has this experience for every person who will meet His requirements. Seek and receive this experience in your life! ■

¹ See John 3:3-5; Titus 3:5 and Romans 15:16;

1 Corinthians 6:11.

WHERE WILL YOUR CHOICES LEAD YOU?

WE CAN LEARN FROM THE DECISIONS MADE BY ABRAHAM AND LOT.



From a sermon by Wayne Butler



Have you ever made a decision that you later regretted? It has been said that we make thousands of decisions or choices each day. That is a lot! Most of these are inconsequential, but there are sure to be some that have lasting impact, good or bad.

No one wants to suffer the consequences of a bad decision, yet most people can probably remember making a decision they regretted later, myself included. Shortly after I finished high school, I wanted to buy a car, and a Triumph TR-7 caught my eye. It was a white, sporty two-seater, and it looked good. It was in my price range, too. The first sign that I should have run from it was when the dealer had a hard time starting it. However, I was relieved when he finally got it going. The second sign that I should have fled was when the car occasionally backfired and then misfired during the test drive. It looked good, though, and I thought I looked good in it. So much so that I didn't even negotiate the price. We signed a few "as is" papers, money exchanged hands, and it was mine.

I wish I could look back on that purchase and say that slowly the reality of my poor choice sank in, but it did not happen that way. From the first day, the engine was hard to start in the mornings,

and the backfires and misfires continued. It was not very long before the car would not start at all, and then for a couple of years, it just sat parked in front of the house. Reflecting on my decision to buy the car, I wonder how I could have ignored so many warning signs.

Buying the wrong car is an inconvenience to be sure, but the consequences usually are not lasting. Other wrong choices, on the other hand, can cause so much harm that they ruin a person's life, or worse, direct that person toward a lost eternity. It is important, therefore, that we heed the Lord's warnings and base all our decisions, even small ones, on His leading.

LOOK TO GOD'S LEADING

The Bible gives the account in Genesis 13 of a man who made a poor choice with lasting spiritual consequences. It tells us that "Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom" (verses 11-12).

Prior to this, Abram and his nephew Lot were dwelling side-by-side in the land of Canaan, and both were prospering. Together, they had

so many flocks and herds that there wasn't enough land for the cattle to graze. Their herdsmen, probably competing for the best ground to please their masters, began to bicker. Abram did not like what he was hearing, so he told his nephew, "Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren." He gave Lot first choice of the land, telling him, "If you go one way, I will go the other." With that opportunity, Lot looked up and "beheld all the plain of Jordan," which was "well watered every where," and made his choice.

The plain of Jordan looked good to the eye. It was green and fertile, and a good investment financially. To the farmer or herdsman, it would have looked beautiful—exactly what one would have wanted. However, there was another aspect to the plain of Jordan; it was near the city of Sodom. In verse 13, we read that "the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly." This was known to Lot, so no doubt there was something down inside his heart that gave a little warning like a "backfire" or a "misfire" telling him that he should run the other way. He did not run, though. Maybe he thought, I know the condition of the men in that city, but it won't affect me. I know right from wrong, and I will filter out the bad influences and keep the good. I am spiritually strong; I will stay in control of the situation. Whatever the reason, he ignored the warning signs, choosing instead what looked good to the eye, and "pitched his tent toward Sodom."

In contrast, when Moses was leading the Israelites through the wilderness, they pitched their tents toward the Tabernacle. God had let them know how they were to camp, and He had been very specific. They were to camp by tribe, encircling the Tabernacle, and with their tents facing it. The first thing any of them saw when they stepped out of their tents in the morning was the pillar of smoke. If one got up in the middle of the night and left his tent, he saw the pillar of fire; it was right there in front of him. We read in Exodus 33:10 that "all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door." The first thing anyone saw upon leaving his dwelling was God's leading.

In what direction do we want our tents to be pitched? I want to see the Lord! When I look out of my spiritual tent, I want to cast my eye towards Him. I want to see His leading in my life. That is not what Lot saw. Little by little, he kept moving his tent closer to Sodom until he was in a place where he should not have been: living in the city and sitting at the gate. What he saw in Sodom grieved Lot. We read in 2 Peter 2:7-8 that he was called "just Lot" and he was "vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked . . . and with their unlawful deeds." Lot loved the Lord, but he was pulled in by the things of the world. All the while, he was probably thinking, I am still in control. I've got this. There must have come a time when he realized he was not in control. Maybe he didn't know how to get back to where he needed to be. However, the Lord knew, and sent help. The answer was to flee from Sodom, leaving everything behind, and pitch his tent toward the Lord once again.

ALIGN TO GOD'S WILL

It is important that our spiritual decisions, no matter how small, align with God's will. As they add up one at a time, they have the potential to take us closer to the Lord or pull us away. I am a commercial fisherman, and our crew fishes between ingoing and outgoing freighter lines. There is a safety zone in the middle where those ships are not supposed to enter, so that is where we fish. When the work day is over, we run a couple hours out beyond those freighter lines and then let the boat drift while we sleep. Staying on the ocean overnight saves a lot of time traveling in and out of the harbor. On one of these nights, I woke up and looked out to see the lights of a freighter about a half a mile away. Out there on the water, with that ship all lit up, it looked like it was right on top of us. That got ahold of me! I wondered how we could have drifted so far without realizing it, but it had happened a little at a time. Slowly and steadily we had drifted from a place of safety to where we did not want to be.

In the same way that our boat drifted out on the ocean, Lot moved away from God: a little at a time, so that it was hardly noticeable. In the end he probably wondered, How did this happen? How

did I get to this point? His whole life had become entangled in Sodom. So much so that when he knew God's judgment was coming on the city, he lingered there. It was hard for him to leave, because he had made attachments—the choices he had made were holding him to a place he should not have been.

This can happen to us too if we are not careful that all our decisions take us in the direction of God. Even tiny compromises, single steps back in consecrations, or slight shifts in priorities can add up over time. Maybe some of us are keeping the Lord at the top of our priority lists right now, but are letting other interests take up more and more of our attention. Before we realize it, those things can overtake our devotion to the Lord, and we could find ourselves in a place where we do not want to be. We must be diligent in seeking God's will in all of our decisions.

HEED GOD'S WARNINGS

The plain of Jordan was green, and it looked good. We can all look around and see things in this life that appeal to us, but would lead us away from the path to Heaven. However, the Lord is faithful to warn against those things and lead us in the right direction. Isaiah 30:21 tells us, "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." It is not difficult to know in which direction the Lord is leading. He is faithful to make His will known to us. He blesses along the way as we follow His leading, and sends warning checks to our hearts when we are headed in the wrong direction toward danger.

When we feel a check to the heart that warns against a decision, we need to stop and consider what the latter end will be if we disobey. Lot dismissed the Lord's warnings when he was making decisions. But what did he think about them later when fleeing the city of Sodom before its destruction? Or when he saw his wife turned to a pillar of salt for looking back at the city with longing? Likely, those well-watered plains of Jordan did not look as good to him as they once had.

RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING

While Lot had been moving further from the Lord, something different was happening in his uncle's life. Abram had been making decisions that took him closer to the Lord. Because he made the right choices, he was able to receive the blessings that were in store for him. Genesis 15:1-2 records that God appeared to him in a vision one day saying, "Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding

great reward." Abram responded, "What wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless?"

God was pleased with Abram and poured out His blessing upon him. He changed his name to Abraham, which means "father of a multitude." He also made a covenant with him, promising a son, descendants as numerous as the stars, and the land of Canaan.

In choosing to follow God, Abraham gained so much more than a well-watered plain.

The Lord wants us to experience the abundance of His blessings as well. He wants to make a covenant with each of us. This is possible when we start making choices that draw us toward God. The first choice that will take us in the right direction is to repent of our sins and be forgiven. Oh, what a blessing salvation brings! The Blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin, the peace and love of God floods our souls, and our names are written in the Book of Life in Heaven.

The blessings don't stop there. Matthew 6:33 tells us to "seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." As we align our lives to God's will, yielding ourselves fully to Him, and letting Him be our Guide in making decisions, He will provide for all our needs.

It is clear from the comparison of the lives of Abraham and Lot that going the Lord's way is the best choice. When we heed God's warning signs, pitch our spiritual tents in the direction of His leading, and align our decisions to His will, His blessing will be on our lives. ■

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CONQUERORS THROUGH CHRIST

IF WE KEEP OUR FOCUS ON GOD AND NOT ON LIFE'S TRIALS,
WE WILL BE CONQUERORS THROUGH CHRIST.



From a sermon by Josephine McElveen

Romans 8:37 declares, “We are more than conquerors through him that loved us.” This is a bold statement because Christians do not always feel like “conquerors.” At times, the trials of life press us and we feel burdened. Perhaps people have oppressed us because we do not look or act like them. Maybe we have been weighed down with concerns brought on by the coronavirus pandemic. Society may be trying to put us in a box and label us based on their opinions, and we feel it is not right. If we are not careful, we can lose our focus on God and become discouraged to the point that the words in Romans 8:37 seem foreign to us.

At the time Paul wrote his epistle to the Romans, the church in Rome was facing severe persecution. Paul alluded to this in verse 18 of chapter 8 when he said, “For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” Paul had endured many hardships himself, so he knew what he was writing about. He understood their struggles, and God inspired him with a message that would help the saints in Rome as well as us today.

WHAT SHALL WE THEN SAY TO THESE THINGS?

In the latter half of chapter 8, Paul asked the Roman church a series of rhetorical questions. We get the sense that the Romans must have lost their spiritual focus to a degree, perhaps because of the trials they were experiencing, and Paul

wanted to remind them what their perspective ought to be in times of trial. First, he let them know in verse 28 that “all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” Then came his opening question: “What shall we then say to these things?” His question addressed a seeming contradiction—if God is working all things for our good, why are “these things” happening to us? The subsequent questions would help realign the believers’ perspective to see their trials from God’s viewpoint.

Verse 31: “If God be for us, who can be against us?” Every once in a while, we have to remind ourselves of who God really is. We might tend to think of God as a man at times, but we have to realize that our God made the universe! Everything in existence was made by Him. God is so much greater than our finite minds can comprehend; this invisible God is always fully in control. When we face opposition, we have One on our side who can fight and win our battles.

To be sure, Paul did not say that no one would ever be against us. Perhaps some of us have a hard time accepting the fact that not everybody is going to like us. This can be the case even when we do everything in our power to show them love. However, God is for us! And when we know that God is on our side, we begin to have a holy boldness despite any opposition. Not that we are trying to diminish anyone else, but neither will we be particularly concerned about getting them to like us. Our warfare is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, and the rulers of the darkness of this world (see Ephesians 6:12). Trying to convince someone that we are worthy of love is an unnecessary battle because only God can cause the change of heart that makes one turn from having disdain to having love for us. We just need to make sure that

our own actions are right and that our hearts are pure, and God will take care of the rest.

Verse 32: “He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?” With this question, we have the sense that Paul is trying to get the attention of some downtrodden Romans. It is as if he is saying, “Wait a minute! Don’t be discouraged; God cares so much for us that He would do anything for us!” God even gave His only begotten Son, and His Son willingly laid down His life to save us. If we ever doubt whether God is concerned with our situation or whether He will

help when we cry out to Him, we need only take time and meditate on what Christ did for us at Calvary. God has already demonstrated that He would do anything for us.

Verse 33: “Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect?” Paul answered this question himself by saying, “It is God that justifieth.”

If God has chosen us to do something, we do not need to prove that to others. If we have been falsely accused or misrepresented

in some way, we may never be able to convince anyone of our true motives, but we do not have to—that is God’s job. Trying to do God’s job for Him will only lead to frustration. Instead, if we purpose to remain faithful to what God has called us to do, we can then rest in the knowledge that He is the One who justifies.

Verse 34: “Who is he that condemneth?” Paul answered this question as well: “It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.” Christ alone is our Judge. Recognizing that truth gives us confidence and freedom to worship Him and to let our focus be only on the Savior. We need not be concerned about condemnation from anyone else.



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Romans 8:38-39

Verse 35: “Who shall separate us from the love of God?” In considering this question, Paul proceeded to name possibilities that might separate us from God’s love: tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, and sword. These are not hypothetical scenarios; these are real trials and they do come to believers. Recalling Paul’s first question—“What shall we then say to these things?”—the ultimate answer is found in verses 36-37: “As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.” What will we say when we go through “these things”? By God’s grace we will say that we are more than conquerors! Not in our own strength, but through Him that loved us.

Verse 38: “For I am persuaded . . .” Sometimes we have to go through a trial to be able to appreciate what we have had all along. Paul experienced many hardships, and afterward he could say, “I am

persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Hallelujah! Even though “these things” come, we do not have to be overwhelmed by them. We can know that nothing is able to separate us from God’s love.

TWENTIETH-CENTURY OVERCOMERS

God knows the end from the beginning, and He places us where we are prior to our trials, knowing what is to come. This is nothing new; we see in Scripture that God often called His servants to do things that were far out of their comfort zones. He led them to situations where the odds were stacked against them, and then accomplished feats through them in ways that seemed impossible.

In more recent history, too, we have powerful testimonies of men and women who were willing to go through whatever God allowed, and they were conquerors through Christ. One of these was William Seymour. After he received salvation, he had a desire to study the Word of God in depth at a Bible school. However, he lived in a time when a black man was not permitted by the law to sit in a classroom with those of another race. Despite that, he did not give up. He would not be made a victim of circumstance, nor did he let bitterness overtake him. Instead, he humbled himself and decided to simply accept whatever he could receive. Although the law said he could not be in the classroom, it did not prohibit him from sitting in the hallway, so he pulled up a chair and did just that. That man was focused! “These things” that were happening to him did not deter him because he sought something greater, and God honored his commitment.

After Brother Seymour sat in on those classes, he traveled to California in 1906 to tell people about the baptism of the Holy Ghost. A series of humble cottage meetings turned into what we now call the Azusa Revival—that great outpouring of the Holy Ghost! It led to the founding of our own church, and to millions of people around the world hearing the Latter Rain Gospel. And to think that it started with somebody who was willing to humble himself and let God fight his battles!

Through Brother Seymour's experience, we see that when God works, He does not have to use society's conventions. He can override gender and ethnic alliances, classes, and political persuasions. Those whom the Holy Spirit drew at the Azusa Revival were from all sectors of society—rich and poor, black and white, men and women—whoever was willing could come, and praise God, they did.

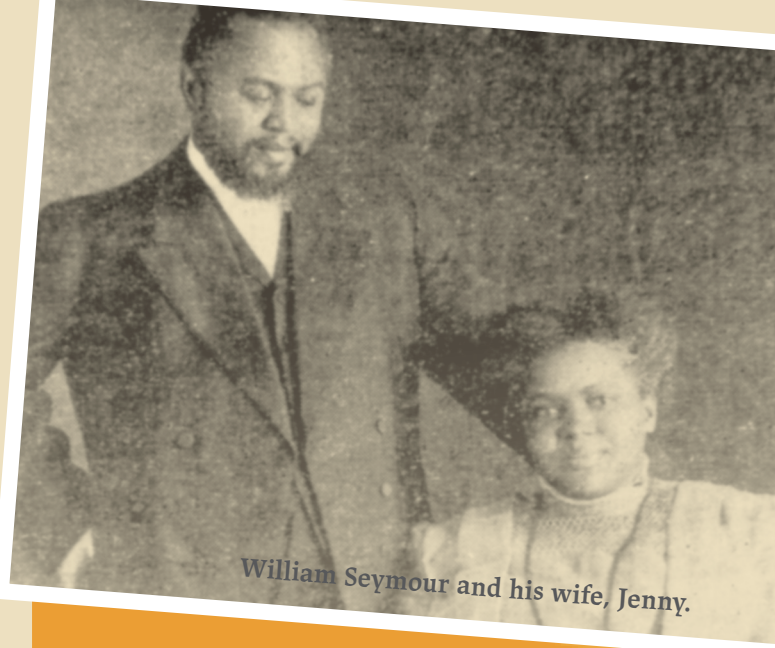
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The founder of our church, Florence Crawford, was drawn to Azusa Street as well. She had been raised an atheist, but God transformed her life and she purposed to serve Him.

Imagine that woman, living in a time when the law did not even allow women to vote, and she started an international mission. The Holy Ghost overrules all of “these things.” If we give Him a chance, He will work it out for His glory.

We know many believers since then have faced similar barriers. I grew up in the South in the 1960s, so I have experienced a few things myself. But salvation did something in me so that when I look at others, I don't see classes, races, and genders; I just see souls. I do not know how they view me, but I see them as brothers and sisters. When our focus is on what God has called us to do, He will override any obstacle that stands in our way.

As humans, we face many limitations, but the Spirit of God does not. To fulfill God's call for our lives on



William Seymour and his wife, Jenny.

our own would be impossible, but through Him we are more than conquerors.

FOCUSED ON GOD

When “these things” come, will they steal our spiritual focus? We need to be men and women of God who know in Whom we believe. We need to know that God is for us, and that we are not standing in our own strength. We need to know who we are—we are more than conquerors! The battle is not ours but it is the Lord's, and He will fight it on His own terms. If we do not have these matters settled in our hearts, then when tribulation comes, our focus will be on the persecutor. But by keeping our focus on God, He will prepare our hearts before trouble comes, just as He did for the Apostles. They gave their very lives for the Gospel, and they did not die cursing the Romans. They were able to be martyred as witnesses to the Romans, glorifying God in a mighty way, and they counted it a privilege.

We do not know what sacrifices we will be asked to make, but whatever we go through, we are not meant to be overcome by our trials. There is victory for us in Christ. Whatever may be holding us back, God can override at any time. He understands our struggles and He knows how much we can take. Rather than see our circumstances as an instrument of the enemy, we can seek to understand how the Lord is using them for good, and we can rejoice and praise Him for it. The Holy Spirit will help us as we pray and seek the will of God in our lives, for our nation, and for this world. ■

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WITNESS

And all bore him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son? – Luke 4:22

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LEARNING AND LEARNING

GOD USED A TIME OF DEEP SADNESS TO DRAW LINDA AND HER HUSBAND CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND TO HIM.

By Linda Zetter



Above: Linda in 2021.

Below: Linda (standing, center) with her parents and siblings in 1960.

My Christian heritage started before I was even born. Most of my grandparents were Christians, and my parents grew up in homes where the Word of God was read and they saw answers to prayer. My parents were both saved on the same day in March of 1948. Later, they married and in a few years I came into their lives. They took me to Sunday school and church from as far back as I can remember. I watched the lives of my Sunday school teachers and knew they had the same thing my parents and grandparents had. They were living examples of what Christians should be.

As a child, I was rebellious. If my parents told me to do something, I wanted to do just the opposite. I remember thinking that I could do whatever I wanted, and no doubt this caused my parents much heartache. Although I was always too scared to go deep into sin, I knew there was sin in my heart, and I was unhappy. I wanted a life like my school friends, but I also wanted a life like my Christian friends. The Spirit of God would speak to my heart, but my rebellion kept me from yielding to the Lord. However, one day, the conviction was so strong that I surrendered to Him and was saved.



When I was twenty years old, I married Mark, who was also a Christian. We started our life together looking to the future, buying our first home, and wanting a child. Little did we know what the Lord had in store for us. Soon we found out that we were going to have a baby. What joy I felt in my heart when I thought about being a mother!

On April 9, 1973, Angela Sue Zetter was born. To me she looked healthy, but as soon as the doctors saw her, they knew something was wrong. The nurse allowed me to look at her for a few minutes, and then they took her away. I really didn't realize what was going on. The doctors were working on me because my blood pressure was extremely high, and they thought that I could have a stroke.

My husband and mother-in-law were with Angela as she was transferred to Doernbecher hospital. Mark was able to be with our baby throughout the day. I was so sick that the doctors would not allow anyone to see me except family, and my parents came to stay with me.



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At the end of the day, Mark returned heavy-hearted to tell me what the doctors had reported. When I saw him, I knew that he didn't have good news. I remember thinking, Is our baby going to die? Mark began to tell me about her birth defects. The doctors said they could do surgery, but could not promise that she would make it through the surgery. If she lived, there would need to be many more surgeries and she would endure much pain, and she still would not be able to have a normal life. We had to decide whether to have the first surgery or not.

We knew that God could heal our baby if it was His will, but we also realized that might not be His plan. If God did not intervene and we chose the surgery, our hearts ached to think about the daughter we loved suffering so much. As we prayed and then made the decision not to have the surgery, a peace came over us.

After Mark left that night, I was alone with my thoughts. I realized that even though I had become a Christian when I was young, my walk with God had grown cold. I knew that the Lord wanted to be my Comfort and Friend, but I had chosen to lessen my communication with Him. Alone in my hospital room, I asked the Lord to take full control of my life and renew my first love for Him. He came down and wrapped His arms around me and carried me through.

Angela only lived three days, but her brief life helped to get my life back on track with the Lord. God was with us as we went through the graveside service. He sent wonderful people into our lives. Our parents took care of many things, offering their love, support, and prayers. My aunt and uncle donated a cemetery plot. One of our ministers, Lowell Montgomery, was right there for us with

Scriptures and prayer. Many people were praying for us, and we could feel those prayers. The experience brought Mark and me much closer together. We found out how strong our love was for each other, and our walk with the Lord became stronger.

Over the years since that time, I have been called to hospitals to talk with other young mothers whose children were sick or dying. Each time I've asked the Lord to go before me and lead me in the right words to say. He truly has given me the strength to do it.

The summer after losing Angela, I was asked to go to our church youth camp as a counselor. When we arrived at the camp, there were plenty of counselors, so I was allowed to participate as one of the students. God was having His way in that too. He had sanctified me earlier, and I knew that I needed my baptism. At the very first chapel meeting, there was a great hunger in my heart. The chapel services were being held in a tent in the middle of a field. Under that big white tent, God's Spirit surrounded me and He baptized me with the Holy Ghost.

Some months later, God blessed Mark and me with a healthy baby girl, and two years after that we had a son. Over the years, God has answered numerous prayers. Many times, He healed our children. Our daughter was very sick when she was about six months old. A series of special church services was going on at the time, and Mark offered to stay home with her so I could attend church. We put a request in at the prayer time before service, asking that the Lord would heal her. Mark had laid her on the bed and was praying too at the time the prayer requests were read. All of a sudden, her still body began to move in an excited manner and she started kicking her feet in the air. Mark knew that God had touched her. When I returned home, both of them were on the bed playing. She was happy and looked well. I asked Mark when she began getting better. He said around 7:30 she sat up on the bed and started to play. We knew that the Lord had heard our request that was made before the meeting and had answered that prayer.

Another time when our son was about six weeks old, he suddenly passed out while his uncle was holding him. It was very scary. However, his uncle just dropped to his knees in the hallway of our

home and began to pray. We all gathered around and prayed as well. God heard our prayers and touched our son right away.

God has taught me lessons along the way. Reading was a love of my life from the time I was a child. My parents used to limit my reading to five books a week! After Mark and I were married,



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I continued to read. For most people, reading isn't a bad thing. However, it kept me from cleaning my house and taking care of my husband and children, because when I was reading, I ignored my family's needs. I read up to two books a day. One camp meeting during a Bible study, the minister spoke about reading material that is edifying. He mentioned that romance novels were not something good to occupy the mind with. Our daughter, who was about five years old, said in a very loud voice, "Mommy, you read those crummy romance books." It was as if a knife went right through my heart. The Lord showed me that she was watching me. Through much prayer, God helped me give those books to Him. Now I am very

***Left: Mark and Linda's wedding photo in 1972.
Above: Mark's military portrait from his service during the Vietnam War.***

careful about what I read and limit myself to small intervals of time.

About eight years ago, Mark woke up in the night with horrible pain. A few months before, he had signed up with the Veterans Administration for medical treatments, so we took him that night to the VA hospital. I went home with a heavy heart, praying that the Lord would be with him. Mark called me early the next morning telling me he was going to have to have surgery. The doctors had discovered that he had two carcinoid tumors, and they removed twenty-six inches of his bowel that day. Both tumors were cancerous. God was with our children and me as we waited



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at the hospital during the surgery. At one point, a gentleman came up to me and put a wooden cross in my hand, and said, “You need this more than I do.” I still carry that cross in my purse today as a reminder.

Mark was in the hospital for ten days, and we could feel the prayers of our church family at that time. Mark started to worry about the hospital bill, so I went down to the billing department to see how much we would owe. The young man behind the desk looked up Mark’s account on the computer and said to me, “You will not owe anything except \$8.00 for your prescriptions.” I knew we could have been facing a huge hospital bill, but the Lord had stepped in and performed a miracle. Mark was overjoyed.

During the time he was in treatment following the surgery, Mark was diagnosed with Post Traumatic

Stress Disorder (PTSD)

from his time serving as an infantryman in Vietnam before we were married. Over the years he had struggled with the memories of all he had experienced during the war, but managed to deal with it on his own for the most part. A doctor explained to us that it’s common for PTSD to become severe following another traumatic experience, such as the sudden cancer surgery Mark had just undergone.

We went through a very hard time not knowing what to expect. We did not know when the debilitating flashbacks would happen or how long they would last. God helped us along the way to look to Him, and rather than being defeated by the situation, we learned to depend more on God. When Mark would go through a particularly difficult period, we would ask our church family to pray. What a comfort to know the people of God can go to prayer, and the Lord hears and answers those prayers. Looking back, we can see how God had His hand even in allowing the cancer, because that is what led to the PTSD diagnosis and to us learning the tools that would help overcome it. God has been so good, and today I am so grateful that Mark has been cancer free for eight years.

Often I wonder what my life would have been like if I hadn’t given my heart to the Lord. Mark and I are grandparents now. There have been some dark times, but God has always been there. He is a great source of strength, comfort, and healing. I can truly say that I love the Lord with all my heart. ■

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FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE IN CHRIST

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE HELPED FERNAN REALIZE THAT HE WAS WASTING HIS LIFE.

By Fernan Fiegalan

Many of my early memories are of being filled with fear and anger. Our family relationships were chaotic.

Most of the time, my parents were fighting. Family celebrations such as birthdays, Christmas, and other holidays were not joyful because each gathering ended up with disputes and arguments. My father was always in trouble due to his ungodly associations, and for that reason my mother wanted to leave him. At times, I questioned my very existence here on earth. I was angry about what I lacked and very fearful of what I would become.

During my earliest years, we lived in the suburbs of Metro Manila. However, just before I started first grade, my mother was laid off from her job, my father had no secure source of income, and I became sickly. I was diagnosed with primary complex (a form of tuberculosis in children) and the recommended treatment was very intensive. About the same time, our ancestral home in the province of Tarlac burned to the ground. Without a secure source of income in

the city, no home in the province to return to, and with a very sickly boy, our family was really in a desperate condition.



We had nowhere to go, so my maternal grandfather suggested that we temporarily occupy a small storage house used to stock paddy rice grains in the province of Nueva Ecija. We moved there and started over with only a piece of agricultural land and that small storage house. This was not easy for any of us. By that time, my sickness had become severe despite the medications that I was taking. My parents' relationship was steadily going downhill, aggravated by my father's drunkenness.

One day, my mother's cousin informed my father of a job opportunity, but one of the requirements of the employer at that time was that employees attend services at the Apostolic Faith Church. That opportunity not only gave us a glimmer of hope but also opened a way for us to meet our Great Provider. After consistently attending the church meetings, my father surrendered his heart to the Lord and became a Christian. My mother was not yet attending the

Apostolic Faith gatherings, so I would go to those services on Sunday mornings with my father and then accompany my mother to the church she had been going to on Sunday afternoons.



One evening, I opened my heart once again to the Lord, and the God who had answered my childhood petitions met me.

Despite improvement in our other circumstances, my health remained unstable and treatment was just as intensive as before. However, one night when my father arrived home from a church meeting, he told my mother of his faith in Jesus, prayed for me, and got rid of all of my medications and every graven image in our house. God honored the faith of my father that day, and I was totally healed. Soon, my mother joined us in attending services at the Apostolic Faith Church and was saved. God is gracious to those whose trust is in Him!

Not long after that, I surrendered my heart to the Lord. I was just ten years old, but I prayed for forgiveness of my sinful thoughts and deeds. God touched my heart and cleansed me with His precious Blood. I became a member of the church children's choir and continued serving the Lord for a number of years.

When I became a college student, I insisted on studying far away from home despite the fact that there was a university in our vicinity. I wanted to pursue my studies somewhere else and experience a life of independence. I also turned my back on my childhood faith.

The things that were supposed to give me happiness during my independence brought me into a place of darkness. As I dissociated myself from godly

people, I became associated with a group of ungodly people. As a result, I did not finish my college degree and instead found myself hanging around with drunkards and wayward people. I was unwanted and the people around me treated me as such.

In the midst of my predicament, I was deeply touched by the compassion of a lovely lady who I happened to meet. I pursued her and she soon became my wife. Marriage did not change my worldly way of living; I continued in my sin. However, through God's steadfast love, one day He made me realize that I was not only wasting my own life but also the life of my beloved wife. Though I heard no words of pleading from her, God helped me know the language of her eyes as she looked at me and tried to understand my desperate situation.

One evening, I opened my heart once again to the Lord, and the God who had answered my childhood petitions met me. I poured out all my fears and brokenness, and surrendered my heartaches, rebellion, hatred, and pride. I humbled myself and asked Him to forgive all my foolishness and sins. Once again, I felt His forgiving grace, pardoning all my transgressions.

The next morning, a new life began. My wife and I started to attend church services, and that was the beginning of the restoration of the long-lost fellowship with godly people in the church. As I continued to walk with the Lord, He showered His marvelous graces on me and my family. He cleansed my heart and filled me with His Holy Spirit. He later called me to serve as an Apostolic Faith Church pastor. The Lord also helped me to finish my studies and become a university professor.

I thank God with all of my heart for all of the undeserved blessings that I now have. My wife and I, together with our three children, are serving the Lord. Through His sustaining grace and love, I will serve Him until the day I dwell in that city "whose builder and maker is God." ■

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Previous: Fernan with his wife Lea and their children. Above: Fernan preaching at camp meeting in Portland, Oregon.

WHAT CAN I DO?



**HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED
WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR
GOD? HERE'S HELP!**

By Bobbi Downey

Taking a sewing class while I was in junior high only confirmed what I had already suspected.

Unlike my mother and sister, who are very talented seamstresses, I do not have the “gift” for sewing. While I did successfully make a skirt and vest in that class, I had help. Lots of help. I did not realize at the time that there are many other crafting talents a person might have, but a few years later I began to discover some that I could do with better results.

Have you ever wondered, “What can I do for God? What gifts or talents do I have?” When we are saved, we have a natural desire to serve God and help others to find the peace and joy that we have found. Yet, we may feel we don’t have any abilities that could be useful in winning souls

for Jesus. Don’t despair; God has a job just for you!

We all have different personalities, hobbies, interests, and talents, many of which can be used for the Lord once we are saved. Paul alluded to this in Romans 12:5-8 saying, “So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.” It is important not to look at what others are doing and

say, “I can’t do what they do, so God can’t use me.” God has many ways He uses people for His purposes.

Perhaps we are unsure what gifts we have. Here are a few thoughts that might help us discover what they are and how to use them for the Lord.

WHAT IS A GIFT?

Webster defines a “gift” as “a notable capacity, talent, or endowment.” At first, we might think of gifts that can be used for the Lord as only being *spiritual* talents, but there are many types of gifts that God can use for the benefit of His kingdom. One key is doing what we can with a willing and loving heart.

Everyone has gifts, regardless of their age, education, or station in life. We may discover different ones throughout our lives, and opportunities to use them may come and go over the years. For instance, I’m not a young person, but I learned to play the ukulele just a few years ago and have been able to play in a serenaders’ group at church on occasion. On the other hand, I sang in our church choir for most of my life until a few years ago when I started having trouble with my voice. Now, my choir days are over (at least for now). Seasons of life will come and go, but if we are willing to work for the Lord in whatever ways we can, He will use us.

HOW TO DISCOVER YOUR GIFTS

PRAYER. Once we are saved, it is good to look to God for His direction in how we can work for Him. He has a plan for our lives, and that plan includes helping others make it to Heaven. When we are in tune with Him, He will lead us to areas where we can be useful.

Prayer itself is a gift everyone has. We can all pray! It is a privilege and a responsibility. Even if we never discover any other gift, this one is essential. My great-grandmother found this to be her greatest calling in life. As she prayed for her baptism and consecrated all to God, He let her know that her mission field was praying for her family. She did so faithfully through the years and her descendants became pastors, ministers, musicians, Sunday school teachers, and the list goes on. Her prayers made a difference!

WILLINGNESS. Some tasks don’t require a special talent, but just a willing heart. In some cases, we may not feel we have much of a gift in a particular area, but if we are willing, God can provide what we need. For instance, a song sung from the heart with the Spirit of God upon it can touch others even if the soloist is not an experienced musician with a professionally trained voice. Of course, talent and training can be beneficial, but God’s Spirit is what truly makes the difference. When we are in tune with God and willing to do what we can, He will bless our efforts.

SELF-EXAMINATION. Asking ourselves the right questions can help us discover areas where we have gifts that can be used for God. Don’t limit yourself—He can use our abilities in surprising ways! When we consecrate our lives fully to Him, He will lead us to opportunities that we may not even have known existed.

Get a pen and paper, or make a mental list, answering the following questions. This list is just a start to get the ideas flowing. You might be surprised at how God uses your answers for His purposes if you are open to His leading. You may find you have gifts and talents you never knew you had!

- + *What are my skills?* For instance, are you good at math, history, or writing? Do you have a good understanding of computer programs? Are you a natural at personal relations or even mediating?
- + *What are my hobbies and interests?* Do you enjoy being physically active? Are you creative or artistic? Do you love photography, reading, building things, or have some other special interest?
- + *What is my personality?* Are you outgoing? Friendly? Have the gift of gab? Are you a good listener? Patient? Tactful? A natural leader? Good at organizing?
- + *What is my financial situation?* Are you fiscally responsible? Do you have more than enough?
- + *What is my schedule like?* Do you have available free time, or a flexible schedule?
- + *What am I passionate about?* Do you love children, young people, or the elderly? Do you

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have a passion for the unborn, the less fortunate, or people in general?

- ✦ *What is a need that I notice around me?* Do you feel the burden of the destitute? Do you see people in your church who look lonely? Do you think often about those who are not able to get out due to age or health?

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR GIFTS

To be used of God, of course we must first be saved. That immediately qualifies us to do many things in His service. But to be *most* effective for Him and prepared for whatever He would have us do, it is important to receive our deeper experiences. A fully consecrated, Spirit-filled person is one God can use best.

Some gifts can be improved upon. Consider the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25, when the servants were given resources and were expected to use and increase what they had been given. Applying that thought to our gifts, we might increase what God has given us through education and practice. These are ways to make sure we are doing our best for God.

USING YOUR GIFTS

The gifts God gives us can be used in many ways, including in church services and activities, in helping family and friends, and assisting those around us in our communities. Here are some examples:

AT CHURCH. There are many needs in the church, some more noticeable than others. Each service has many visible participants, including those who provide the music, testimonies, and sermon. Then there are those who run the sound system, project the words for the songs, usher, and greet visitors. In addition to service times, there are those who take care of the church grounds, garden, clean, keep the accounts, organize events, take pictures at events . . . the list could go on and on. Each of these tasks require different abilities, yet all are important.

Now, compare the list that you made earlier to some of these opportunities. You may find there is more than one slot you could fill. Here are a few



examples of people who have used their talents for the Lord in our church.

- ✦ Skilled carpenters have built shelving, tract racks, and other items for the church and office.
- ✦ Artistic people have created lovely Sunday school bulletin boards, as well as contributed to our Sunday school curriculum for children.
- ✦ Mothers with children in school, as well as retired saints, have helped clean the church each week.
- ✦ Many are prayer warriors. Every church needs prayer warriors and there can never be too many. In fact, if every member were a prayer warrior, imagine what God could do!
- ✦ A woman took calligraphy classes out of interest in that art, and later had the opportunity to use it in making visuals for her pastor.
- ✦ Men with construction skills have helped various churches with building and repair.

Some gifts and opportunities come with a specific calling. We may feel the Lord truly impressing upon our heart His desire for us to do a particular task. God's Spirit will reinforce this to others around us, especially to our spiritual leaders. If you are longing to do something for the Lord, talk to your pastor and share your desire.

One example is when I was asked to work for the church headquarters office. I was between jobs and had been volunteering at the office, just doing whatever was needed. Then I was asked to come aboard officially. Driving to work one day, the Lord impressed upon my heart in a special way that this was where He wanted me. Since then, I have enjoyed working in various departments and loved



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doing it. It has been a special privilege and blessing to work here ever since. The things God calls us to do may not seem big or important, and may not be noticeable to others, but He will bless us if we are faithful to His calling.

AMONG FAMILY AND FRIENDS. Sometimes our talents can be used in encouraging one another. God is pleased when His children lift up each other, and it is also a testimony to the world. John 13:35 says, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Here are some examples:

- ✦ One older lady, in her last years, would read to another with poor eyesight over the phone.
- ✦ A man with artistic talent draws beautiful greeting cards and sends them to various people, to encourage them. Other people have bought cards and sent them to church members during the pandemic.
- ✦ A lady organized and helped cook meals to be delivered to older saints and shut-ins.
- ✦ A "young at heart" lady in our church who has a magnetic personality is a friend to the young people. Even those who have left the Lord still keep in contact with her, and she is faithful to remind them of His love.

IN THE COMMUNITY. Getting involved in our communities can be a way to share the Gospel, whether we have a chance to verbally share our testimonies, or just shine our lights in small ways. Here is how some of our saints have done this:

- ✦ When a wildfire in Southern Oregon caused many to evacuate, a family went to the evacuation

center and asked people what they needed and then went shopping for those items.

- ✦ One young woman has worked at a center for children who have been impacted by suicide.
- ✦ Another woman used her talents at a center for pregnant women who lack resources.
- ✦ An older couple spent every Thanksgiving of their later years serving meals at a homeless mission.
- ✦ Another young person met regularly with immigrants to help them improve their English skills.
- ✦ Others have reached out personally via phone calls, texts, and social media to encourage people during the Covid crisis.
- ✦ An older man used to pray every day for an opportunity to share Jesus, then leave his house with tracts in his pocket. God brought many people his way and he shared the Good News.

BE FAITHFUL

We may never see an opportunity to use certain gifts directly for God's kingdom. But are we using them faithfully where we can? Just doing that can be a testimony to those around us. When we use our skills to the best of our ability at work, our employers and coworkers will notice. Even just keeping our households in order can be a good example to others. Colossians 3:23 instructs, "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord." One young mother says as she vacuums behind the doors in her house she thinks of that Scripture and it inspires her to do her best. Even if no one notices, it is a good practice to always do our best for the Lord.

Whatever God asks us to do, let's be faithful. Whether we have one talent or many, let's do our best. Whatever we can do for the Lord, let's do it cheerfully and willingly. If we are faithful in one opportunity, the Lord may bless us with others. We want to enter Heaven and hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21). ■

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EVIDENCE

PERSONAL TESTIMONIES OF VICTORY!



ANGEL
BECERRA-
GONZALES

Chimbarongo, Chile

Growing up, my parents were Christians and taught me that I should give my life to God. However, I was a very disobedient child, doing naughty things from the time I was small. As I grew up, my behavior grew worse.

Around age twelve, my father had an accident and became quadriplegic. It was a difficult time for me, but I didn't let anyone know how it impacted me. Shortly after the accident, I felt the presence of the Lord for the first time in my life, and in that moment all my burdens were lifted. Yet, I made a bad decision to distance myself from church and from God. I started partying, drinking, smoking, and even stealing. My heart was very far from God. My grandfather was a well-known pastor in our town and I remember people telling me, "You're not Pastor Mario's grandson!" It hurt me to hear that.

One Saturday evening when I was planning to go out with my friends, I first went to my little brother's

birthday party. While there, I saw a bookmark with Psalm 1 written on it. The words of the psalm spoke deeply to my heart. In that moment, I remembered what I had felt the year before when my burdens had been lifted, and then realized what I had become by leaving God. Partying with friends did not fulfill me and I thought, *My parents are Christians, and what am I doing?* That night, I went to my room and prayed, and God saved me.

While I prayed, I asked God not to allow my friends to come looking for me again. We all got along really well, and spent almost every day together having a good time. But they did not come looking for me that night, nor the next morning on Sunday, and that day I started going back to church instead of partying with them.

A few years later, one of my aunts became very sick with cancer. I also had an injured back, but whenever I fasted and prayed, it was always for her to be healed. Sadly, she passed away in 2016, yet God still showed Himself good and faithful. Not long after her passing, at a special service at our church in Limavida, God healed my back and also sanctified me. It is good to serve the Lord. ■



MODUPE
IROKO

Brooklyn, New York

God has been my all during the COVID-19 pandemic. I fell seriously sick, almost to the point of death, but the Lord delivered me and my family. When the enemy came in like a flood, the Lord raised up a standard against him. I didn't know what was going on in my body, but

Psalm 32:8 came alive for me: "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." The Lord showed me how to overcome the ailment. He led, instructed, and guided me every day. He directed me to Scriptures, especially Psalm 20. My husband and two of my children also fell sick, but the Lord showed mercy.

God also came through as a mighty Provider. Right after the school system shut down, many of us were temporarily terminated, but the Lord provided a way for me to work remotely. I will forever glorify my Lord for He is worthy to be praised! He saw me at my point of need and immediately provided. ■

BARBARA
SPAKOUSKY

Pullman, Washington

It was my privilege to be raised in a home where my siblings and I were taught about God and taken to Sunday school and church. While still young, the Lord saved me, sanctified me, and baptized me with the Holy Spirit. Years later, as a young mother I felt the need to be certain that I was still right with the Lord. Besides a childhood decision to serve God, there needed to be the purpose down in my heart as an adult to serve Him. At that time God reassured me of my spiritual experiences, and that became a landmark in my life.

It was a blessing to be able to stay at home as a mother and teach our children about God. The Lord was with our family and helped us. Then when our children were eleven and twelve years old, I became very sick with clinical depression. It was terrible, like being in a hole and not able to get out. At night I would scream out with terrible things in my mind, and I thought that God did not love me, that no one loved me, and that I didn't love myself. At times I felt that I wanted to die. This was not only a trial for me, but for our whole family, and I don't know how we would have survived without the Lord to lean on.

Eventually I ended up being admitted to a hospital for two weeks. They discovered that along with the depression, my thyroid gland was not working; it was as if I had no thyroid. We learned later that my mother had thyroid problems as well. They gave me medicine for both conditions, and I began to get better but still was not totally well.

After several months, one day I was praying following a church service. As I prayed, suddenly I knew that I was healed of the depression. It was as if God healed me from the inside out, and it was instantaneous. It was amazing.

Years later, I needed to provide extensive care for my sister who was severely afflicted with rheumatoid arthritis and also depression. My efforts to help her sparked depression in me again, as well as anxiety. I knew I needed God's help, so one day after a church service, I asked our pastor and my husband to pray for me. God came down and touched me again, undertaking for the depression and anxiety, and affirming once more His presence in my life. That was eleven years ago, and truly I can say that Jesus can heal and take care of any problem. He is the answer every time. ■

RAPHAEL
KAMUTANDO

Harare, Zimbabwe

I want to thank God that I came to this Gospel when I was a young man. Before that, I was baptized in another church, but as I grew up, there was sin in my life. On the day I came to this church, some youth stood up and testified about overcoming sin. I had never heard of that, and it was a challenge to my life. I gave my heart to God, and He saved me. From that time, I have lived a life free from sin.

Later, God sanctified me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire. He also gave me a wonderful wife in this Gospel, and blessed us with children.

In 2018, I fell sick and was diagnosed with diabetes. I was in the hospital for two weeks, and during that time the doctors injected me daily with insulin. They told me I would need to do this myself for the rest of my life. While I was in the hospital the ministers came and prayed for me, and the brethren prayed also, and God healed me!

I did not know I had been healed until a short time later when I was representing my company in a lawsuit. The morning court session ran long, and I had left my testing kit and injections at the office. When I got back to the office and tested my blood sugar level, it was normal, so I did not do an injection. In the evening, it was still normal, and the next day, it was normal again. By that time, I knew God had healed me. I went back to the doctor, and he confirmed it.

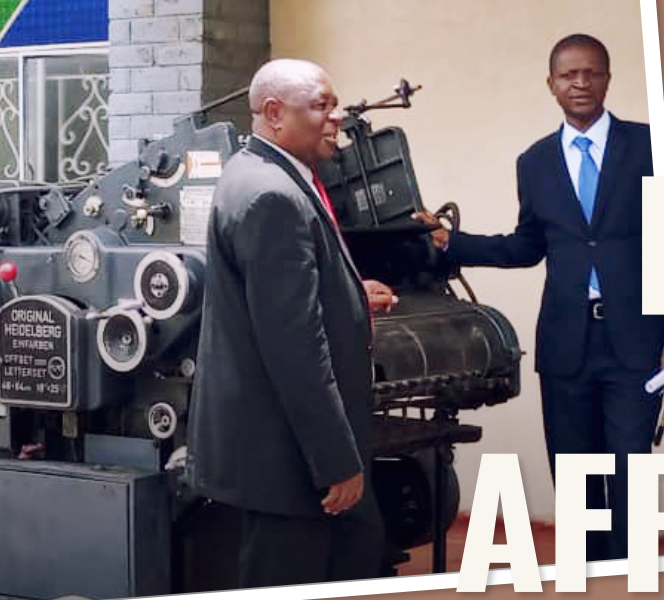
I am so thankful to God for all He has done, and I want to make Heaven my home. ■

WORLD REPORT

*And they went forth, and preached
every where, the Lord working with
them, and confirming the word with
signs following. – Mark 16:20*

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DEDICATION OF EAST AFRICA PRESS

NEW EQUIPMENT WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO DISTRIBUTE GOSPEL LITERATURE TO TENS OF THOUSANDS LIVING IN ZAMBIA AND ITS SURROUNDING NATIONS.

A printing press, along with video equipment and office furnishings, were dedicated at the East Africa headquarters church in Lusaka, Zambia, on December 25, 2020.

The dedication service took place on the John Howard compound where the headquarters church is located and the annual camp meeting is held. It was led by Reverend Boniface Banda, the Lusaka pastor and East Africa District Superintendent. He invited the ministers and church elders who were present to gather around the equipment and pray, dedicating all to God's service. As they did this, the congregation, including the editorial staff, looked on and joined them in praying.

Two of the items prayed over were an industrial paper cutter and a printing press capable of printing six thousand pages per hour, in full color and in a wide range of sizes. These will allow for the printing of everything from flyers and posters to tracts and magazines. The immediate goal is to print five thousand newsletters on a quarterly basis to distribute in Zambia, where we have over 120 churches as well as some newly formed groups.

The first newsletter has been produced and includes sermons, testimonies, and branch church news. Currently, it is produced only in English, the official language of Zambia. However, teams are working to translate it and other materials into the most widely spoken of Zambia's seventy-two languages.

Another goal is to translate materials into Swahili for distribution in neighboring countries such as Tanzania, Burundi, and Uganda. A translation team is still being formed for this project, but has already produced some tracts, which have been distributed in Tanzania.

Reverend Banda is excited about the opportunities that the printing press and cutter bring in furthering the work of the Lord. He said, "Literature distribution is a vital part of evangelism in East Africa, as the majority of the population does not have access to internet facilities."

Other items dedicated were two video cameras and a video mixer that will be used to webcast live church services on the East Africa website and then archive them for additional viewing. Though relatively few have internet access currently, that number will increase with time. Office furniture was also dedicated to be used in the newly constructed printing plant, which was completed earlier this year on the same compound.

Reverend Banda is not the only one excited. Since before the dedication, church workers have been volunteering on evenings and weekends to fill the positions necessary in the media, editorial, and press departments. Ten have come from the headquarters church, and the others from among the branch churches in Zambia.

The acquisition of this equipment, made possible by a donation through the Portland headquarters, provides the means to print and webcast locally from Lusaka. This will be a great help in solving the challenge of spreading the Gospel message throughout the East Africa district. ■

Above: District Superintendent Boniface Banda (right) and Reverend John Mapepuka (associate pastor at the Lusaka church) by the new press.

INDIA

THIRTY-SEVEN WATER BAPTIZED IN MAHARASHTRA

In the Maharashtra State of India, the hardest hit by the coronavirus outbreak, the government-mandated lockdowns may have slowed the spread of the virus, but not the Gospel.

With some restrictions lifted, water baptismal services were held in eight different church locations during the months of November 2020 and January 2021. Reverend Surya Gajbhiv, District Superintendent of Maharashtra State, reported that in all, thirty-seven recent converts were baptized.

Among the candidates in November was a sixty-nine-year-old grandmother from a Hindu family. She had gone to the hospital this past year with a wound in her leg. The doctors sent her home with medicine but her condition worsened. In May, she attended an Apostolic Faith prayer meeting in front of a pastor's home and was prayed for. The Lord healed her, and she received salvation as well. Another candidate was a retired police officer with a Catholic background. He prayed through to salvation, and upon hearing about the doctrine of water baptism, immediately declared his desire to be baptized.

In January, nine candidates were baptized in a river. Among them were an eighty-year-old man and his wife. The man had experienced three major heart attacks and some paralysis. Though he needed help getting into the water, he said he wanted to be baptized before he died. Reverend Gajbhiv reported that after the service, this man looked refreshed and happy, and said he was at peace with dying.

God is speaking to hearts all over the world today, and these thirty-seven converts are proof that people are still responding to God's call. ■

WORK BEGINS AT CHURCH SITE IN KAPAVARAM

The congregation in Kapavaram, India, rejoiced in late January as a crew began the groundwork for laying a foundation at the site of a long-awaited church.

This group of believers formed more than a decade ago when the pastor, Jaya Raju, began holding church services on the front porch of a village home. Though the owners were Hindus, they allowed the meetings, and in 2012, they attended for the first time and were both saved. That same year, the number of attendees outgrew the front porch, and a rented tent was set up in the front yard to accommodate everyone.

Each year more souls were added to the group, including eight in 2014, and the saints began looking for a permanent place of worship. In 2016, a beautiful plot of land in a peaceful setting lined with coconut trees was acquired with donated funds. As the saints continued to worship under the tent, they looked forward to the day when they would be able to start construction at the new site. That day arrived on January 26, 2021.

The new church will be thirty-six by eighteen feet in size, have six-foot-high walls, two doorways, and several openings for windows. Actual doors and windows will be added later as funds become available.

Having a church is expected to strengthen the congregation and provide more opportunity for souls within the community to be saved. This is good news, and Reverend Raju writes that all involved are happy to see the work of the Lord move forward in Kapavaram. ■



JAMAICA

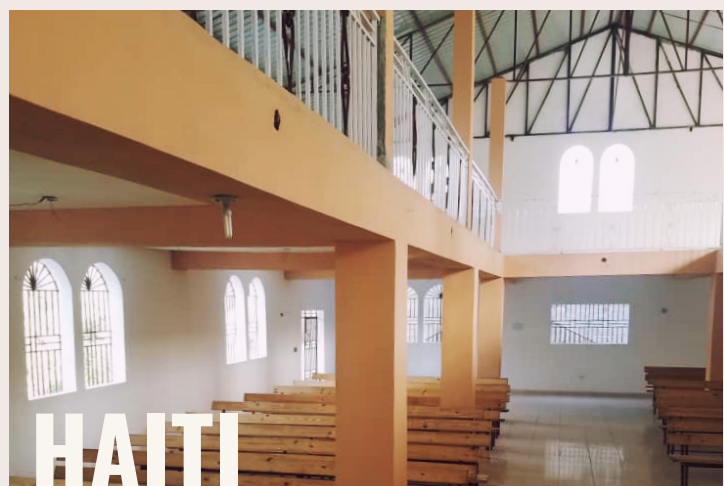
JAMAICAN CHURCHES: APART, BUT UNIFIED

Since the outbreak of the coronavirus, Reverend Rohan Clough, the Jamaica District Superintendent, has had opportunity to visit each of the Jamaican churches. He was happy to learn that none of the brethren have contracted the virus.

At the Sawyers location, Reverend Clough and his daughters assisted in a community outreach effort organized by Ann Brown, the head of the Ladies' Department, to provide COVID relief packages. In all, thirty bags of food, including rice and other staples, were assembled and distributed. Along with this project, the congregation has been building two rooms onto the back of the church. These include a kitchen as well as a small room for overnight guests. Steady progress is being made on the addition, and it is expected be completed in the near future.

In Castleton, a baptismal service was held at the river in which four converts were baptized. At the headquarters church in Kingston, renovations came to a halt during the virus outbreak, but resumed in early 2021. The next step is to add the roof.

Each of our churches in Jamaica has been observing distancing guidelines, but this has not hindered them from worshipping together. They have been meeting online each morning at five o'clock for a prayer meeting. Reverend Clough reports that the meetings are a real blessing, unifying the body of believers by bringing saints together from all locations. ■



HAITI

HAITI HEADQUARTERS NEARS COMPLETION

A new headquarters church for the work in Haiti has been under construction in Mirebalais (above), and is nearing



HAITI

completion. The building has three floors and is located next door to the current Mirebalais church, which also houses an Apostolic Faith secondary school. Following the installation of pews, acquired with help from the Portland headquarters, a service was held in the new building on Sunday, January 31. Having the ability to assemble was welcome news after months of severe COVID restrictions in addition to a level of civil unrest that has made even short trips away from homes unsafe. Roland Deler, the Haiti District Superintendent, was happy to report that three hundred attended, and the sanctuary was large enough to accommodate the size of the crowd while allowing for social distancing. He also reported that the new baptistery was used, as the service provided opportunity for six candidates to be baptized in water.

In other parts of the country, several of our churches are undergoing reconstruction. Hurricanes in recent years destroyed two of our churches in Haiti and caused significant damage to five others. The saints in Tirette erected a small shelter at the church site (above) in order to continue meeting for worship while also rebuilding the main structure, and a recent donation will allow them to add the roof. This is critical for them as the roof will provide necessary protection from both heavy rains and extreme heat during the summer. In the coming months, the churches in Roche-a-Bateau and Port-Salut will also have their roofs replaced, and it will be done in such a way that they will be better able to withstand future hurricanes. Reverend Deler has not yet been able to visit these churches due to security concerns, but he plans to see them as soon as it is safe. ■

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

ACKNOWLEDGE “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”

Romans 3:23

“God be merciful to me a sinner.”

Luke 18:13

CONFESS “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” *1 John 1:9*

REPENT “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”

Luke 13:3

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.” *Acts 3:19*

FORSAKE “Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him...for he will abundantly pardon.” *Isaiah 55:7*

BELIEVE “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” *John 3:16*

If you are a new Christian, contact us and request the tract entitled “Starting Out.”

OUR CLASSICS

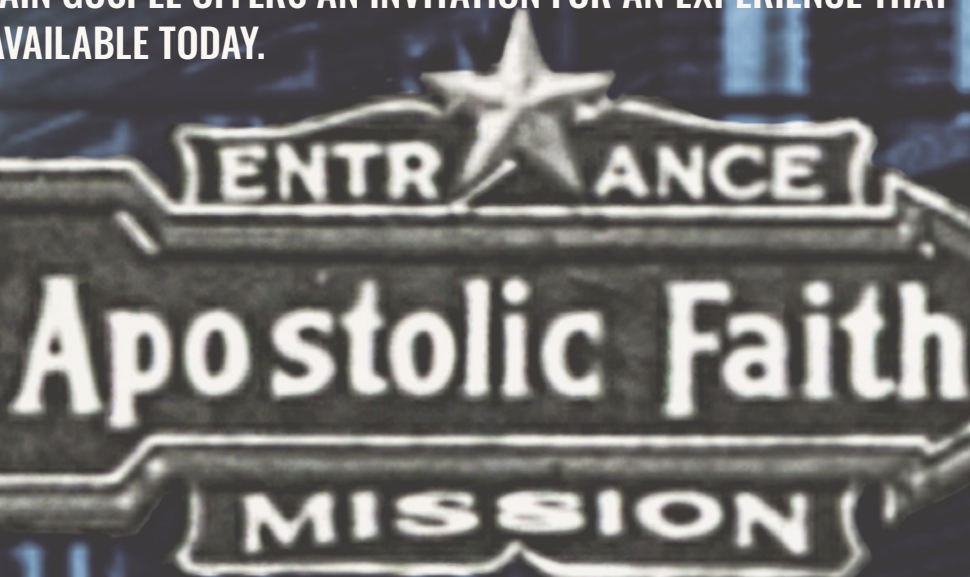
*For with God nothing shall
be impossible. – Mark 16:37*

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THIS FORTIETH-ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE RECOUNTING THE START OF THE LATTER RAIN GOSPEL OFFERS AN INVITATION FOR AN EXPERIENCE THAT IS STILL AVAILABLE TODAY.



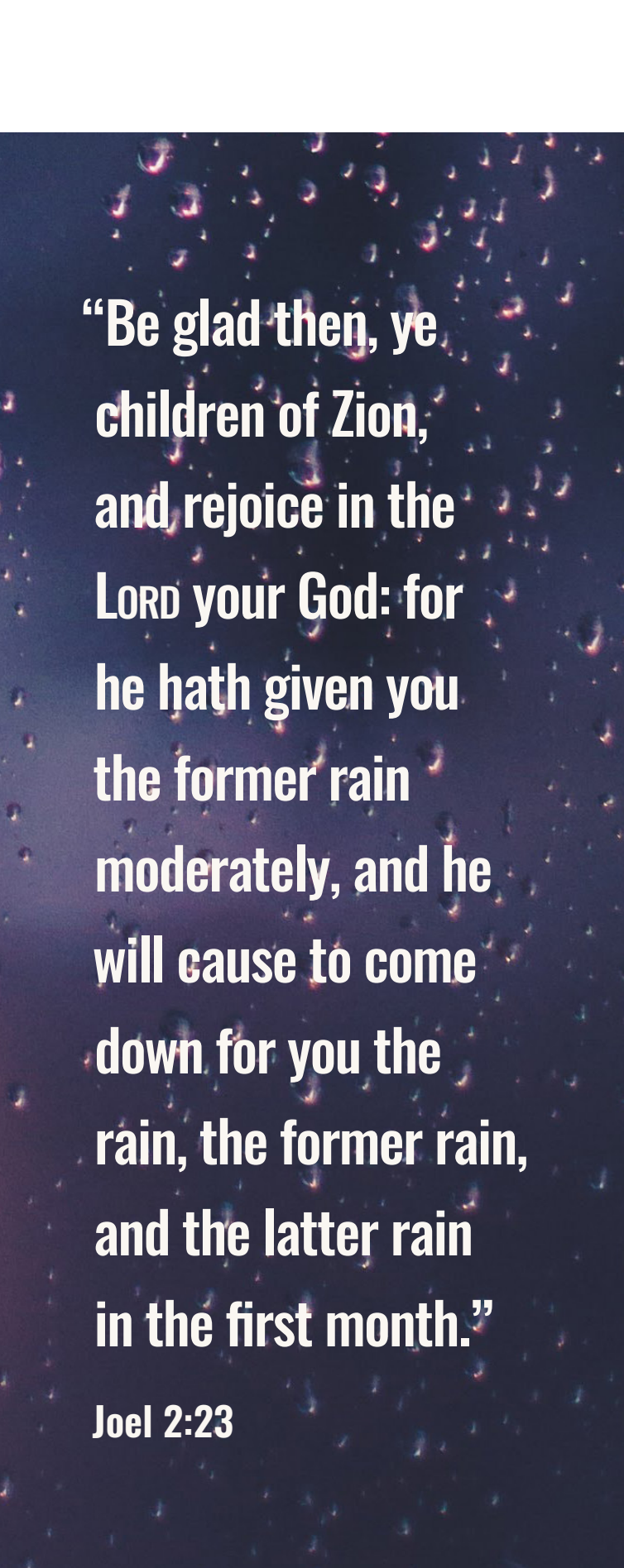
This sermon was originally preached in 1946 at the fortieth anniversary of the Azusa Street Revival. The message was given in the Portland Apostolic Faith Church at Sixth and Burnside.



From a sermon
by Jack Robbins

We are celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the great outpouring of the Latter Rain Gospel and the beginning of the work in Portland. I have been thinking back, and recall that in the early years we had a lot of publicity in the newspapers. It wasn't the kind of publicity that modern evangelists get who are lauded for their great work; but we got the headlines! And we got the people, too! Some of them were full of fight; some of them were serious; and some were standing afar off, but they were there. They came with rocks and they came with clubs and everything else, but they came.

It was down on Main Street in the little hall that had been a blacksmith shop [where the first meetings were held], that the windows were knocked out. Word had spread that there was a people down there who had something new. The truth was they had



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Joel 2:23

something so old that this generation had never heard of it nor felt its power. It was preached before Portland was ever thought of. It was the old-time religion! It was the salvation that God had planned for the world way back in the beginning. The world had lost sight of it, that was all.

God was doing something in that little hall that He had promised to do about twenty-seven hundred years before. The prophet Joel had foretold that God would pour out a former rain moderately, and a latter rain in abundance: “Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow. . .” (Joel 2:23-24). He was talking about two kinds of rain that would fall in the latter days—the natural and the spiritual. Palestine would have no rain for years, and then God would send a natural rain. He would also send a spiritual rain; He would pour out His Spirit on all flesh—on human beings. Joel prophesied, “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit” (Joel 2:28-29). The spiritual former rain came on the Day of Pentecost when God first poured out His Spirit on Jesus’ followers in the Upper Room at Jerusalem. Then, forty years ago in 1906, came the fulfillment of God’s promise to this world that He would send the latter rain.

I came into this Gospel shortly after that, during a camp meeting being held in a big tent at Twelfth and Division Streets. One night, my brother and a friend of mine said, “Let’s go down and see those people who are holding meetings.” I was like that man Nathanael who said, “Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?” and was told by his brother Philip to “Come and see” (John 1:46). I said, “Can anything good come out of all that has been in the newspapers about these people?” But I said, “All right, we will go down and see.” We went, and I wasn’t in that meeting two minutes

before something was settled in me forever. When I saw those radiant faces, and heard men and women of every nationality and from every stratum of life testify with no uncertain sound, I knew I had never seen anything like it. It thrilled me to the very soles of my feet. I said, "God, I know You are here. If I can get what these people have, my life is Yours forever." That I am still in the Gospel, after about thirty-nine years, is ample evidence that I have kept my promise to God, and He has kept His promise to me. It has been a glory road in spite of all the fight we have had—and we have had plenty.

This Apostolic Faith work didn't come about with a big demonstration that caused everyone to receive it. It came in through persecution, but it held its ground. We had intrepid leaders who never flinched nor compromised with the world, the flesh, or the devil. They held up the standard and preached against all opposition. Because of that kind of leadership, you are sitting in the greatest place in the world, a place where you hear the truth, where you can eat spiritual bread without scarceness.

If there is anything down in that heart of yours that loves the truth, if there is an "Amen" down there, you can thank God that you are here. The standard is upheld in this Gospel. It is so high and so clean and so pure that nothing unclean can walk in it, and nothing unclean stays in it long, either. Jesus said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat" (Matthew 7:13). And when He was asked if there were few that be saved, He said, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able" (Luke 13:24).

Today, you might be asking, "Can anything good come out of Sixth and Burnside?" Come and see! Don't come biased and with your mind all filled with a lot of "stuff." If you want to get this Latter Rain Gospel you must empty out all those

preconceived ideas and crooked doctrines, and take the living Word of God and line up to it—line upon line and precept upon precept. You will have to eat the whole lamb "with the purtenance thereof" (Exodus 12:9). Then you will have something that will stand when the world is on fire. You won't be driven about by every wind of doctrine that comes along. You won't be deceived by the devil, because you will know in whom you have believed; your ear will be tuned to the Master's call. You will know the Shepherd's voice, and a stranger you will not follow. That is this great Gospel. There is no compromise in it. It is one hundred percent pure.

I will never forget that first night I was in an Apostolic Faith meeting. My brother and my friend

laughed and said many things. They got a great kick out of it, but I heard the Shepherd's voice. Now thirty-nine years have

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passed, and so we know that God can keep us. I am so glad that the Gospel never changes. We have never lowered the standard, not one iota, for anyone. This is not one of those religions that begs for money; it is a religion that God is in, and He backs it. He said that the cattle on a thousand hills are His, and all the gold belongs to Him. God has everything, and because we are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ, we do not lack anything. We have the Holy Ghost. We have freedom. The Bible says, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (2 Corinthians 3:17). We have everything the world is trying to get. We have found it, right down here at these altars, believe it or not!

We are glad that this work is still going strong. In the beginning, people said it would soon blow over. In one way, they told the truth, for it blew everywhere. Letters come into our office from almost every country on earth and from the islands of the sea. As we have the privilege of writing to some of those precious hungry people, it thrills

our very souls. Our hearts are filled with gratitude and thanksgiving to God that we have a little part in such a great thing. This Gospel is the greatest thing in the world, because it came from Heaven.

I thank God that I found the Lord's way. I can say, like Nathanael, "Thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel" (John 1:49). All these years later, I can still picture those precious faces as I entered that tent for the first time—the light radiated from their faces with the power of God. I can still hear those testimonies ringing out; I can see that crowd there, and hear the noises outside. Rocks were hitting the tent, but the glory of God was there!

I went home after the service, but I didn't go home to go to bed; I went home to pray. I was living with my sister and her two little children, and I had built a little playhouse for those children on the back end of the property. I went back there and got on my two knees and said, "God, if You will give me what I have seen tonight—if You will give me power . . ."

I had been in a fashionable church for three years in this city, and I had never heard one testimony of victory. Some of those big millionaires who were pillars of the

church could hardly wait until they could get outside after the meeting and light their cigars or take a chew of tobacco. I knew the Lord had saved me from all those things, and I knew He had sanctified me, but I had no power to

tell the great things the Lord had done for me. I had given only one testimony in those three years.

Those Apostolic Faith people had quoted Jesus' words: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Also, they repeated Peter's words that the promise was "unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39). I said, "Lord, that includes me."

In that little playhouse I prayed, shed tears, and consecrated until three or four in the morning. I hungered most desperately! I didn't get the baptism of the Holy Ghost that night or the next, but then the minister announced there would be an afternoon meeting the next day. I was back there early, and that afternoon, the founder of this Gospel preached. Every word thrilled me. Faith began to come into my soul and I was hungrier than ever. I wasn't at the altar more than ten minutes before God gave me this glorious experience, the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire.

It wasn't for nothing. God gave me power to preach this everlasting Gospel. He sent the latter rain upon this earth for a purpose. That purpose was to ripen the harvest, to prepare a people to be the Bride of Jesus Christ. By God's grace, I will preach this Latter Rain Gospel until Jesus comes. ■

Reverend Jack Robbins came into the Apostolic Faith Church during the first camp meeting in 1907, and soon received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Through the power and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, he became an effective and fervent preacher, laboring as a minister in the Apostolic Faith for over forty years before going on to his Heavenly reward in 1948.

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A PRIZE FIGHTER FINDS GOD

BETWEEN AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL BOXING STOOD JESUS.

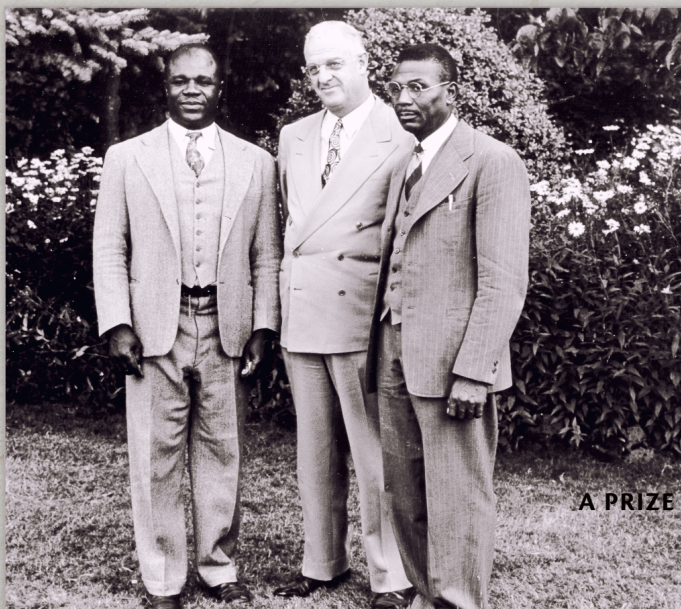
By Richard Lewis Barney

The Bible was an open Book in our home. My mother would gather us children around her knees and tell us about Heaven, and she would tell us about that place called Hell. She painted Heaven as a beautiful place, and she painted Hell as a bad place. I made up my mind at a young age that I did not want to go to Hell. I am so thankful to the Lord for that upbringing.

I was a child who always wanted to do right. I did not drink or smoke. People used to pat me on the back and say, "He's a good boy," but God saw my need and sent conviction into my heart. Many times

I would hide myself and weep, just wanting to do right. I did not know anything about holiness at that time. I did not even know there was such a thing as holiness, but still I wanted to do right.

Throughout my growing-up years, I worked at several jobs. At the age of nine, someone hired me to plow fields with a blind horse. Later I worked at the railroad and then at the gravel pit. My thought was that if I made plenty of money, perhaps that would satisfy me. I began prizefighting, and got really into it. At that time, I was living in the State of Kentucky. I remember so well that I left there to go to the state of Michigan with just one purpose in mind,





and that was to be a professional boxer.

I am so thankful to God that between amateur and professional boxing stood Jesus. At the age of twenty-one, I returned to my home state of Florida to be married. While there, a lady gave me an *Apostolic Faith* paper, and she said, "God wants you to live free from sin." Well,

I was the kind of person who, if you said a good boy did not do this or that, I would never do it. And if I had done it before, I would never do it again. My response to the lady was that if others could live without sin, I wanted to live that way too, so I gave my life to the Lord. Soon, I became a professional "prizefighter" for the Lord—a minister. Thank God for what He did for me.

The Lord allowed me to attend my first camp meeting in Portland, Oregon, in 1934.

I did not have a job at the time, but still said, "I'm going." It was not an easy trip. Brother and Sister Frazier and my wife and I made the 3000-mile trip together in a Model T Ford. We had to push it to get it started, and many times one of us had to sit on the front fender to hold the brushes in the generator before it would run.

We left Florida with \$100, two jars of jelly, and a fried chicken lunch. Day after day, we knew what we were going to eat—bread with a little jelly—that was it. The trip was difficult, with several flat tires along the way, but when we finally arrived in Portland, I fell on my knees and cried out to God, because something within me said, "You are home

at last." I was blessed to meet the founder of this work, Florence Crawford, and many others who helped to establish this organization.

A little over eleven years ago, when I was seventy years old, I was knocked down by a car that was traveling at about forty-five miles per hour. I was alone at the time, and drifted in and out of consciousness, but God was with me. The doctors said it was just a matter of time before I died. My people gathered around me, also thinking I was going to die, but the Lord said, "Live on!" I was so broken up that the doctors waited sixteen days before operating on me—they were that sure I was going to die. After they finally operated, they said I would never walk again, but I am walking!

This Gospel means everything to me. I am Apostolic from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet. Surely, I thank God for His great blessings to me. ■

Reverend Richard Barney began ministering in Florida, and later moved to Birmingham, Alabama, where he started a small Apostolic Faith work. In 1935, he was made pastor of the work in

Anniston, Alabama. He was a humble man and one of the patriarchs of the Apostolic Faith work in the eastern United States. On February 15, 2000, after years of faithful service and leadership, he went to be with Jesus. He fought a good fight, he kept the faith, he finished his course, and he has gone on to receive his crown of righteousness.

Previous: Richard Barney with Ray Crawford (center) and Cato Bush (right) at camp meeting in Portland, Oregon.

Above: Pearl Lockett Sr., Cato Bush, and Richard Barney making plans for the Century, Florida campground.



A STATEMENT OF BIBLE DOCTRINE

WE BELIEVE IN THE DIVINE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE, AND ENDORSE ALL THE TEACHINGS CONTAINED IN IT. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF OUR BASIC DOCTRINES.

THE DIVINE TRINITY consists of three Persons: God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Ghost, perfectly united as one. *Matthew 3:16-17; 1 John 5:7.*

REPENTANCE is a godly sorrow for and a renouncing of all sin. *Isaiah 55:7; Matthew 4:17.*

JUSTIFICATION (or salvation) is the act of God's grace through which we receive forgiveness for sins and stand before God as though we had never sinned. *Romans 5:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17.*

ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION, the act of God's grace whereby we are made holy, is the second definite work and is subsequent to justification. *John 17:15-21; Hebrews 13:12.*

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST is the endowment of power upon the sanctified life, and is evidenced by speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. *John 14:16-17,26; Acts 1:5-8; 2:1-4.*

DIVINE HEALING of sickness is provided through the atonement. *James 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:24.*

THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS will be as literal and visible as His going away (*Acts 1:9-11*) and will consist of two appearances. First, He comes to catch away His waiting Bride. *Matthew 24:40-44; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17.* Second, He comes to execute judgment upon the ungodly. *2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Jude 14-15.*

THE TRIBULATION will occur between Christ's coming for His Bride and His return in judgment. *Isaiah 26:20-21; Revelation 9 and 16.*

CHRIST'S MILLENNIAL REIGN is the 1000 years of peaceful reign by Jesus on earth. *Isaiah 11 and 35; Revelation 20:1-6.*

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT is the final judgment when all the wicked dead will stand before God. *Revelation 20:11-15.*

THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH will replace the present heaven and earth, which will be destroyed after the Great White Throne Judgment. *2 Peter 3:12-13; Revelation 21:1-3.*

ETERNAL HEAVEN AND ETERNAL HELL are literal places of final and eternal destiny. *Matthew 25:41-46; Luke 16:22-28.*

MARRIAGE is a covenant between one man and one woman that is binding before God for life. Neither person has a right to marry again while the first companion lives. *Mark 10:6-12; Romans 7:1-3.*

RESTITUTION is necessary, wherein wrongs against others are righted. *Ezekiel 33:15; Matthew 5:23-24.*

WATER BAPTISM is by one immersion "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." *Matthew 3:16; 28:19.*

THE LORD'S SUPPER is an institution ordained by Jesus so that we might remember His death until He returns. *Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:23,26.*

FOOT WASHING is practiced according to the example and commandment Jesus gave. *John 13:14-15.*

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