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“LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST.” — JOHN 4:35

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The More Excellent Way

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. . . In the national campmeeting this summer for our lesson in the Bible class we studied the 13th chapter of I Cor. It was very informative and enlightening. If all of us as God's people followed the instructions given in this chapter, many problems would, no doubt, be dissolved and fade into oblivion. And of course, being in a class such as we had there that Sunday morning, many gems of truth were garnered from the discourse. Let us consider this rule or standard of Christian living as given in the 13th chapter of I Cor. :

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Bear-eth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done

away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

Now just preceding this chapter information is given in the 12th chapter of I Cor. concerning the gifts in the body of Christ. You see God sets the members in his body as it pleases him and he gives the gifts according to the ability of each member. Some are apostles, others prophets, then teachers, and after that miracles and gifts of healings, helps, governments, etc. These are wonderful gifts and it is a marvelous thing to see the gifts being manifested and working in their places. I wish we could see more gifts working in God's church. Of course not all have the same gifts and not all are used in the same capacity as others are. But notice especially the ending of this 12th chapter just before our lesson on char-

ity. It says, "yet shew I unto you a more excellent way". It is the more excellent way of which I wish to speak. What is the more excellent way? And is it a gift which only a few can have or is it a must for each fully consecrated child of God?

Well, here is how important it is in my estimation and of course I believe the scriptures will confirm this too. We are informed that "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal". So it seems to me, that charity or the divine love of God, is a must for every one who will fulfill God's will. Without it a profession is void and dead. Now I will let you decide whether or not one could have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and enough faith so that he could remove mountains and yet not have charity, could this be possible. But if it could be true the scripture plainly says, "I am nothing". Then notice the works that might be done and yet without charity. Whether or not this is possible, again, I will let you decide. But if we were to give all of our goods to feed the poor and then give our bodies to be burned and had not charity it would profit us nothing. Let us not confuse charity with works. Yes, I believe in works, good works, and I believe that every person who sincerely loves God should prove their love to him by their works. But charity is more than works.

Charity is that divine love of God flowing into the heart, mind, and soul of God's children and it is not something to be given to a selected group of individuals but it is necessary and needed by every saint of God.

NOW, lest anyone should get the

thought that "Oh well, there is not much to that. Everybody who loves the Lord has charity." Perhaps so, friends, if you really love God, but did you know it is not quite as easily performed as it is said. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Listen as we put the acid test to those who profess to love God. Some do and some don't, but here is the proof of those who do. "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Bear-eth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." Friends, does that sound to you like the more excellent way. Then let us practice it.

And another thing, charity or the divine love of God will not pass away at the ending of this world. It will endure in long eternity. That will be, of course, long after the need for prophesying is past, the gifts of healings and other callings in the church will have ceased to exist. Listen to this poem:

Charity

Though I should speak till men
exclaim,
"An orator with silver tongue!"
Or yet with voice of angel sing
What hath by angel band been sung,
'Twould only fall as sounding brass,
Or as a tinkling cymbal be;
No profit 'twould administer
If I be void of charity.

Though gift of prophecy I have
Or knowledge all at my command,
Should give my body to be burned,
All mystery should understand;

Or through my faith should mountains
move,
And I my goods bestow so free
To feed the poor, I've no reward
Unless I'm filled with charity--

The charity that suffers long,
That envies not, is ever kind.
'Tis never known to vaunt itself
Or be puffed up within its mind;
It ne'er unseemly doth behave,
Is not provoked so easily,
Seeks not her own, no evil thinks.
O soul, be filled with charity!

It e'er rejoices in the truth,
But never in iniquity;
'Twill bear all things, all things
believe,
Endure all things and hopeful be.
Though knowledge come and pass
away,
And finished be all prophecy,
When tongues shall cease, one
thing remains,
That never fails--'tis charity.

"And abideth faith," which rides
Like fearless monarch on the flood,
Which bears each humble prayer
above
That moves the mighty heart of God;
"And hope"--an anchor of the soul,
Both sure and steadfast. Can it be
There's something greater yet than
these?
Yes--'tis unfailing charity.

Let us pray,

Our Father,

We ask humbly and sincerely, that
you will implant deeply in our hearts
once and for always the eternal love of
God that we may have and manifest char-
ity in our lives. Bless each listener of
the broadcast. May the words spoken
prove an inspiration and encourage-

ment to them for we ask it in Jesus
name. Amen

Just a reminder, friends, that this mes-
sage is brought your way over this radio
station by The Mission Trail of Guthrie,
Okla. We do this by faith trusting God
and those who are interested in seeing
the word go forth to supply the means
to keep it on the air. We appreciate
your prayers and support.

Here's a song, "A Song of Joy". The
singers are Frances Porter, Manuel
and Marie Mitchell, and yours truly,
Willie Murphey.

Friends, until we meet again this is
Willie Murphey wishing each and every
one of you the very richest of heaven's
blessings and saying a very cheerful
good-bye!

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From Mo.: "I send you greeting of love
in Jesus dear name. How are you all
by now. Fine, I hope. We are all very
well. The Lord is so good to poor un-
worthy me. He will go all the way with
us to the end. I want to be faithful to
him. I enjoy the broadcast over the
radio. May the Lord bless you."

--Lily Mae Glass

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From Miss.: "Greetings in Jesus dear
name. Was glad I got to see some of
you at Hammond. Wish all could have
come. Am so thankful that we had a
chance to go to the wonderful meeting.
I praise God for it. Am in such a strain
with the work since came home do not
have much chance to write. . . Continue
to pray for us. God does bless us in
different ways for which I praise him
very much. . . ." --Dorothy Bridges.

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Honesty of the human heart is one thing
which cannot be produced cheaper by
computers or machinery.

Testimonies

From Nigeria: "We send warm greetings of love to you in our Saviour's name. How happy have we been when we saw the enclosed \$20 which the Lord has supplied for the purchase of a bicycle today just at this 3 p. m. Also another \$10 for our use. "Lord, continue to bless the hands of the giver," is our only prayer. By now you might have received our letter of the 15th July acknowledging the receipt of the \$10 of June 11. As I receive this letter today being Saturday, I shall Lord willing, go to Uyo on Monday to have a bicycle bought. One friend here who takes tuition from America will make it possible for me to exchange this dollar bill with the Nigerian currency. And this will be the shortest way. Praise be the Lord God of our Redemption who has so preserved 'thy going out and thy coming in!' Whenever I read of all these trips you make, I always ponder. Many at times tears fall from my eyes for I may not be chanced to reach America in this life. I may not have the opportunity of seeing my dear brothers and sisters in the Lord who have so thought of me here. May the Good Lord who has bound us in this chain of love direct us to do what is right so that we will meet in heaven if not here. Praise be the Lord God of Israel. We will be happy to have our issue of the Mission Trail. We so much long to read this gospel message. Refer to my letter of the 15th July if you have received it. We are greatly in need of the. . . scripture text calender not yet seen. As soon as the bicycle is bought I will let you know within this coming week."

--Brownson Udeme

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Don't forget God lest He forget you for then your labor cannot be truly fruitful.

From Miss.: "It is with great pleasure to be able to write you a line. This leaves all well in soul and body. It seems like I have neglected writing you. But I'm sorry. I can't tell you how much I enjoyed the little Mission Trail. With your trip to South America. I sincerely hope that some will go for the harvest surely is ripe to harvest, but the laborers are so few. We had Bro. Bobie Forbes with us. Sure was a good service. The Lord sure is blessing Bro. Forbes in his endeavors. . . May the dear Lord keep you encouraged is my prayer."

--John Watson

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From Texas: "I'll write to let you know that we are fine and had a safe trip back to the States. We left Taiwan on the 3rd of July. We had a safe trip back and were glad to touch American soil again. It was a great feeling to come home after living in Taiwan. I really missed the luxuries of the United States! We bought a car in Seattle and drove here. We had a nice trip but it was very hot. We drove through a desert in Arizona and the heat was almost unbearable. The west is beautiful but I think I'd rather live in the east. I like the cool mountains in Virginia and West Virginia. . . We sure are looking forward to going home as it has been some time since we've seen our families. Please pray that we have a safe trip as we plan to drive to Va. from here. . . Would you please send me a list of the radio broadcast and the times. I can get Hammond, La. on the car radio but don't know the time. Don't send the Mission Trail now as I don't know how long we'll be here. I'll wait until we're settled to have it sent. We need much prayer. So do remember us. I have many unspoken requests. I send my love to you all!"

--Nancy Wagoner

From Mexico: August 5, 1969, "Dear Brother Willie and Sister Frances, Greetings to you in Jesus' dear name. I can testify to the saving and keeping power of God today in my soul. I am grateful for power to live a holy life through the Holy Spirit. I have been thinking a lot about how needful it is to be sanctified and led by the Holy Spirit. This is God's will concerning each of us. A good example is Simon Peter in the Bible, by studying his life will show the great change and great power after he received the Holy Ghost. Today here in Patzcuaro the thermometer says 118° and it feels every bit of that hot too. The news broadcast said that yesterday 7 died in Mexicali from the heat. So many don't have coolers or the right foods and the heat is so tremendous that it soon overcomes them. We have services at night and even with the water cooler it is really warm. But the people are faithful to come to meeting. I have been out of Mexico for 2 weeks because of the car breaking down but in my absence they have had services and all have testified to God's blessings in their meetings. What we need in our services (and lives) is more of God and the blessing will be there. After the Ojos Negros camp meeting my car got worse so we took it to Pomona because there are no Volvo mechanics down here. We found that it needed a complete overhaul on the motor. Instead of overhauling it we took the money that the saints gave me during the Monark camp meeting and made a down payment on a new, white, six cylinder, 1/2 ton, Chevy pick up. I feel assured that the Lord will help me pay for it because I want it only for the service of the Lord. I want to live in a way to glorify Him with it and my life. The people here seem glad that I have it. At the camp meeting in Ojos Negros the Lord met with and blessed

us in a special way. Those who went from here who weren't saved got saved during the meeting. We are happy and they are happy and encouraged still. Please help us pray that they will be sanctified and established. May God bless you each and every one. Your Sister in Christ," --Edith Cole, Box 1425, Calexico, Calif. 92231

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From Ohio: "It has been some time since I've sent my testimony in to the dear Mission Trail saints, and readers, but I haven't forgotten you dear ones, who are labouring so faithfully for the salvation of a lost and dying world, that is so steeped in sin, and many are going out into eternity, with no hope in God, how sad, when we know of the great price was paid for man's redemption, where we can be completely delivered from the power of sin and evil, and where we can enjoy in its stead, the joys of sins forgiven, and enjoy His sweet presence in our souls from day to day. . . My heart has been heavy, to see so many choosing the wrong road, I was moved to my grandson's home in Fairborn for the month of July, while my children were on their vacation, the trip was very tiresome, but I sure do thank the dear Lord, and each of the dear saints prayers that went up in my behalf. . . while I was there, I got to see my dear children, and I also had the pleasure of the saints who came to see me, I count all these, blessings from his bountiful hands. I earnestly pray that God will richly reward your labors there. We surely enjoy the little Mission Trail, it is indeed food for our hungry souls. There are some urgent requests I desire the saints earnest agree'd prayer with me for, I need earnest prayer for both soul and body. I sure want to be among those that endures unto the very end."

--Maudie Sharp

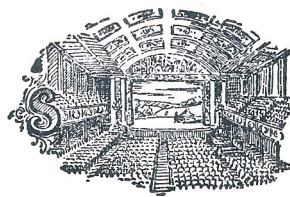
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we understand:

Congratulations to Bro. and Sis. Curtis Williams of Clearfield, Ky. on the birth of their daughter August 10.

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Bro. Curtis Williams of Ky. is making plans to begin a revival under the evangelistic gospel tent in Sheridan, Ark. August 22. Pray that the Lord may anoint for the preaching and send out the folks to hear as for eternity. Finances and much work is involved in a meeting of this nature. Plan to attend. Plenty of saints to help with the singing is a great assistance. For further information contact Bro. E. A. Loftis, Route 1, Box 156, Prattsville, Ark.

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Earnest prayer is requested for Sister Maybelle Pruitt who has a swelling in her feet and a soreness in her limbs. She is looking to the Lord for her healing.

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Bro. James Huskey and Bro. Leslie Busbee left Mo. Monday, Aug. 4 on an extended trip into the interior of Mexico which they hope will take them beyond Mexico City. They were traveling in Bro. Huskey's van truck. Pray the Lord will protect them and make them a blessing to souls as greater efforts are made to reach the Spanish speaking natives of Mexico.

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We were pleased to have Bro. & Sis. Ted Bock of Tulsa in the Sun. morning services in Guthrie. He reported that Bro. & Sis. Sam Barton were very much in need of prayer. He said Bro. Barton now weighed only 108 pounds. Continue to remember them in prayer.

From Okla. : "We greet you in the precious name of Jesus. We were made very happy to have the privilege of being at the Monark campmeeting another time. And the messages given by the holy spirit blessed our heart. And how we enjoyed meeting the Lord's children once more this side of eternity. Hearing about your trip to Ecuador and seeing the pictures in Mission Trail. Also hearing of the work in Mexico. I pray this finds all enjoying God's great love. The last 3 days my mind has been drawn to the 8th chapter of Romans. I have read and reread and received a blessing each time."

--Doris Bowers

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From Wisc. : "How wonderful it is to be saved and know it, and to know that one day we, whom He has redeemed with His own blood, shall meet our Savior face to face. . . I'm sitting here after a lovely cooling rain and I'm enjoying such a lovely breeze blowing through my house. Did you folks get the rain you wished for? So you are all back home after your So. America trip and campmeeting and helping the daughter who had the new baby. It is nice to go away but always so good to get back home. My sister Flora and I went to Neillsville Tues. afternoon to visit some old friends in the Memorial Home for the Aged. It really made us stop and think how important it is to get saved while one still has his mental faculties. . . May God continue to bless you all. Yours for souls,"

--Myrtle Baerenwald



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For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."



Broadcast Schedule

Listen for THE MISSION TRAIL weekly on one of the following stations:

RADIO STATION	LOCATION	DIAL SETTING	TIME
KGGF	Coffeyville, Kansas	690 kc.	Sunday, 8:00 a. m.
KCKW	Jena, Louisiana	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
WFPR	Hammond, Louisiana	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.

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