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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 Gospel

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Friends, we are happy to be coming your way once again by means of radio with another message of the everlasting gospel of Christ. This is what we want to talk about for a little while today. That is--the everlasting gospel. In the midst of perplexity of nations and uncertainty among so many people, nations rising and falling and turmoil and storm clouds arising on the horizons at home and abroad, surely we need a place of safety. Do you know where that place of safety is? Let me give it to you here in song, "Under His Wings". The singers are Lynn and Alma Carver, Arnett and Genevieve Carver.

Now please notice that the gospel is everlasting. It is not something of interest today and gone tomorrow, but it is the eternal and everlasting Word of God. In a world filled with strife and turmoil it is the gospel which we need. Many of the problems of the nations and rulers would be solved quickly if the gospel was followed. In fact, the gospel is the thing which is needed above all else to bring peace. Listen to this verse from Ephesians 6:15. "And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." So if you want to have peace, it is the gospel which you need.

The gospel is sometimes termed: "the gospel of God", "the gospel of Jesus Christ", "the gospel of the grace of God", "the gospel of the kingdom", "the gospel of salvation", "the mystery of Christ", "the Word of God", "the word of grace", "the word of salvation", "the word of reconciliation", "the word of truth", "the word of faith", and "the word of life", but regardless

of the term used to designate its power, I am glad it is an everlasting gospel and able to save everyone who comes in the right attitude of heart.

Jesus spoke once of the gospel in this way. "Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them." Matthew 11:4-5. So you see, God plans to have the gospel preached to the rich and the poor alike. None are excluded. In fact, Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Here then is the manner in which it is to be preached--first with power. Listen to what Paul said: "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." I

Corinthians 2:4-5.

There is another unique thing about the gospel. It should be preached to please God and not man. Listen to these words, "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man." Galatians 1:10-11.

There is another thing about the gospel which we of The Mission Trail are endeavoring to do. But first let me give you this verse. "What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel." I Cor. 9:18. That is exactly what we are endeavoring to do-- send forth the gospel without charge. Now that does not mean that there is no cost to the broadcasting for there is. It is very expensive to pay the bills, but it does mean that our faith is in Christ, and we believe that what he has called us to do He will also provide the finances to see us through. This he has done in the past and we're grateful to Him. In that way we can send it forth without cost or obligation.

Here are the effects of the preaching of the gospel. First, there are certain jobs and crafts which are endangered by it. Did you ever stop to think about that? Do you remember that Paul preached the one true God at Ephesus? Demetrius the silversmith was greatly stirred, and here is what happened, "And the same time there arose no small stir about that way. For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; Whom he called together with the workmen of

like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth. Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the World worshippeth." Acts 19:23-27.

You see he was greatly troubled about those idols which they manufactured for a living. Nevertheless, the gospel does attack and ruin certain jobs and occupations.

But the bright side of the gospel is the victory which it brings. To those who believe, it is the power of God unto salvation. They are saved not only from the snares of Satan here in this world, but they are heirs to all the glory of the world to come. Let us pray.

Our Father, may the everlasting gospel of Christ find room in the hearts of those who hear the broadcast, and may its power uproot the seeds of evil which are being sown by the enemy of all righteousness, and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Now may I take this opportunity to let you know that this message is brought your way by The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If the Lord should speak to your heart and direct you to help us send forth the gospel by means of radio we would be glad to hear from you. We do desire your prayers. Many people today are trying to take a short-cut in their way of seeking the Lord. Instead

of making a clean sweep, repenting and forsaking all their sins they just join some denomination and try to ease their conscience without the real born again experience. I am reminded of that scripture, "The bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it; and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it." Isa. 28:20. Really, now, is that what you want--a narrow bed and short covers insufficient to stretch out on and to keep warm with. That makes for uncomfortable sleeping, take it from me. I tried sleeping on one of those old canvas cots one night in Missouri during the camp meeting and the weather was so cold I got up, put on my clothes and went back to bed trying to keep warm, but it was miserable. I believe a hay stack would have been more comfortable.

Friends, did you ever try to stretch on a cot or a bed which was so short that you had to double up your knees to lie down? Then to add to your discomfort, suppose you had a quilt or blanket too narrow and short, but you tried to pull it down to cover your feet. Having done this, you would then find your shoulders exposed to the cold. After awhile you might decide to do what I told you I did that night to sleep on that canvas cot when the cold air came up through the bottom!! Get up and dress!!

Until we meet again this is Willie Murphy saying may God's richest blessings be with you and a very cheerful goodbye!

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From Mo.: "Do you know, brother Willie, it makes me sad at heart to see so many people that have turned their backs on the only hope of shunning that awful place hell and it makes me shiver to think about it when Jesus paid the debt for them if they will accept him for their saviour." --W. D. Harmon

Testimonies

From Wisc.: "It has been quite some time since you heard from us. Sister Dietrich sure has been in the furnace of affliction with rheumatoid arthritis. It came on her in May and has been a real battle. First her hands swollen and were so painful and sore. Now her legs are swollen and sore. Some times she can get up on her feet by herself, then again I have to help her. First she gets hot, then she uses ice pack to cool off. Then it just reverses and she is too cold and I have to get more blankets and hot water pack. This goes on every day and is about 4 months along. She has not been able to be at services for quite some time but we carry on with the services. We planned on being at camp meeting but this prevented us from coming. Last year it was Gloria's husband. It sure keeps me busy to keep up with the house work and the garden. Have a nice crop of winter apples coming on. They will be later than usual, about Oct. 1st this year. The early apples were 2 weeks later than last year. We are getting 2 crops of raspberries now. If frost holds off we could get quite a crop. They are nice and large. Jerry and Gloria come about every 2 weeks. My cousin from Chippewa Falls comes up most every Sunday and goes to church with me. We just installed a new gas boiler on our heating system. We have a gas hot water heater, gas range and heat, all hooked to the same gas tank. Heretofore we have always used wood... Today was my 76th birthday and am thankful for health and strength to carry on... We send greetings of love to all the folk down that way. Sincerely yours in Christ,"

--Bro. Frank Dietrich

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Pray the Lord to heal Sis. Dietrich and also give Bro. Dietrich extra strength.

From Mich.: "Once again we greet you in the lovely name of Jesus. Truly we love the Lord with all our hearts, and desire to please and serve Him in every way. We were surely glad to see you folks at Monark and Myrtle camp meetings, even if it was just for a little time. Always so much to do and so many to talk with, Just can't seem to get around to all. Trust the Lord is blessing in the work there. We are remembering you folks and the work in our prayers. My, I hadn't realized it had been so many years, that you had been sending the little paper and broadcasting on the radio. Don't the years seem to fly by? I'm so thankful to be serving such a mighty God. One that we can go to in every time of trouble or need. He so wonderfully touched my body while at Myrtle. Years ago, when the children were small I fell down the basement steps and hurt the end of my spine, so terribly bad. At that time the Lord healed me and I hadn't been bothered for years. Then just this past year, it had been giving me trouble a little, at times. While I was there at Monark and Myrtle camp meetings, especially at Myrtle it got real bad. Before we left I had the saints anoint and pray for me and God wonderfully touched and healed me. It was better from then on... Praise the Lord, we can have victory both soul and body, if we count it so. As the song says, 'faith is believing.' We are starting to get some pretty cool nights around here. But most of the time it warms up quite nice in the day time... Do pray for us when you think of us and please come see us when ever and as soon as you can. Bro. & Sis. Key were here for our last all-day service. They came up on the bus. Bye now. Lord bless you, in every way is our prayer."

--Brother Ralph and

Sister Dorothy Wilkins

From S. Car.: "Greeting in Jesus... name. I am thinking of you all there, do hope all of you are well. How much I enjoy the paper, hear from so many dear ones... It sure keeps me encouraged to keep on to reach that goal-- heaven. I am too near home to turn back now... I love my Lord with all my heart, soul, mind, thank God. God sure has been good to me since I lost my husband. I miss my husband so much. So pray for me... it sure was a pleasure to have Sis. Sam Barton in my home for a visit... Do hope she will come again... Pray for me as I pray for you all there..." --Sis. Nettie Harbeson

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From Mo.: "In the name of Jesus I greet you all today. I trust you all are fine. Asa and I haven't been so well, but are better for which we thank the Lord. I'd been sick ever since we were at Myrtle. I have had a pretty hard battle but have been comforted to know at least some of the saints were praying for me and that I've been led by God's spirit and kept in his will. We went to church today, the first time since we were at Myrtle. Sis. Ruth brought a good message on being comforted by the God of all comfort. It was precious to our hearts... we enjoyed the meeting so much especially the Myrtle meeting was so good. It just thrilled my heart to see so many there and hear the word of God go forth with anointing. The singing was heavenly. Surely we sat in heavenly places in Christ Jesus... Now I believe I feel better since writing this although I had to put forth an effort to do so." --Katie Gibson

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From Ga.: "Dear saints, hope all is fine as these few lines leave me feeling fine. Praise the Lord. Excuse my writing as you know I had a light stroke... But praise the Lord it is well as it is..." --Sis. Claudia Robinson

at press time

we understand:

ALL-DAY MEETING

"...would be glad if you would announce our all day meeting here at Grubbs, Ark., Lord willing, Oct. 1...every one welcome... We at Grubbs also desire a 10 night or 2 week revival of the minister of whom the Lord chooses before cold bad weather Lord willing. Pray with us about it."--Sis. Opal Bradley, R. 2, Box 60, Weiner, Ark. 72479

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A few weeks ago Sis. Dolly Sorrell fell on concrete and injured herself. About 9 or 10 days following the fall she became unable to walk and has been confined to the wheel chair. Pray the Lord to heal this injury or possibly fracture.

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Luther Bradley and Geneva Stout were married in the Grubbs, Ark. chapel Sept. 2. We wish them much happiness.

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It is with sorrow we announce the death of Sis. Mattie Smith on Sept. 13. Her funeral was Friday, Sept. 15 in the Todd Funeral Home, Pomona, Calif. Sis. Mattie was the mother of the late Bro. Harland Smith and the grandmother of Bro. Clifford Smith.

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From Miss.: "I can't realize we are almost through another year and as I look back over the past months I wonder if I have done anything worth while for my dear Lord. He has done so much for me, I want him to be first in my life, and I want his will to be done in all my problems, and there are so many in this time we are living in."

--Sis. Grace Gill

Neosho, Mo. -- "Bro. Murphy Allen called and said he plans to come next Friday night and have services and be here through Sunday. We plan to start our 4th Sunday all-day meetings again, now that the camp meetings are about over." --Bro. & Sis. Vada McMillian

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

If every one who drives a car could lie a month in bed,

With broken bones and stitched up wounds, or fracture of the head, And there endure the agonies that many people do,

They'd never need preach safety any more to me or you.

If everyone could stand beside the bed Of some close friend, And hear the doctor say "no hope" before the fatal end,

And see him there unconscious, never knowing what took place, The laws and rules of traffic, I'm sure we'd soon embrace.

If everyone could meet the wife and children left behind And step into the darkened home where daddy used to sit,

I'm sure each reckless driver would be forced to think a bit.

If everyone who takes the wheel, would say a little prayer, And keep in mind those in the car depending on his care,

And make a vow and pledge himself to never take a chance, The great crusade for safety then would suddenly advance.

--Sel. by Sybil Goldsberry



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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."

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