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"For ye are Bought With a Price"

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Good morning, friends. What a pleasure it is to be coming your way again by means of radio. Many thanks to every one of you who have helped to make this possible from week to week. I am indebted to you. I hope I shall be able to pay that debt to you and also the debt I owe to the one who has called me into this ministry. What a privilege it is to proclaim His word over the air waves to the shut-ins, the sick and those unable to lead an active life. Then there are those who do lead active lives, but take time to listen to the broadcast. I appreciate it. God bless every one.

And now this scripture, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." I Cor. 6:19-20. A person doesn't like to admit he is not his own. He wants to be free to do as he pleases and to be let alone. Especially is this true in the earlier years of life. As one grows older they realize that freedom has its responsibilities. Every one of us have an obligation. Think of the care our parents, and others have invested in us as infants when we were unable to care for ourselves. It is often said, that no one pays for his own raising until they have children of their own to raise. That's the substance of it anyway. Well, let us say it this way, at least one learns what it is all about to a greater extent when they have the responsibility of their own children.

Think of the obligation we have to those

who have brought us the truth. Where would we be if there had not been those who were willing to suffer and even die for the stand of the truth? The book of Hebrews in speaking of those who suffered, put it this way: "And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth." Hebrews 11: 36-38. Wouldn't you say we were obligated to them? I would!

Not one of us can rightfully say as we go out the door in a morning, "I am free to do as I please." Why? Because we are under obligation to God and to others. Remember that text: "ye are not your own". How true that is.

There is one thing we do have a choice

in--that is which yoke we shall put on. We can be under bondage to Satan and do his bidding which many folks are. That is what I really call slavery. Or we can do what Jesus said: "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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matt. 11:28-30

We are wise when we discover that there is one form of subordination which is better than being free to go our own way--that is the subordination to love. You might say it is a lost freedom, but a duty of love is not slavery. Submission to the love of God and His will is the attitude which sets the man free who lives it out.

Former president, Woodrow Wilson, is credited with the statement: "Only free peoples can hold their purpose and their honor steady to a common end, and prefer the interests of mankind to any narrow interest of their own." That is exactly the course Jesus took when he prayed: "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." Matt. 26:39.

To those who think they can live in sin and still be free let me remind you of this scripture: "For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage." 2 Peter 2:18-19. Now, dear ones, do you want that sort of a bondage?

I don't. I would much rather be the servant of the Lord and recognize that I am not my own, but I am bought with a price--the price of Calvary.

To further bring out this point of not belonging to ourselves, let me present this scripture to you: "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again." 2 Cor. 5:14-15. Now, just what does "constrain" mean? Glance at its use in the New Testament for the answer. The crowd "thronged" Jesus. The soldiers came and "took" Jesus. A woman was "sick" with a great fever. In each case the word used is a form of our "constraineth" here. Paul is saying that the Love of Jesus is like a crowd that sweeps a man off his feet; like a band of soldiers no individual can resist; like a fever in which a man is no longer master of himself. What he really says in effect is: "I let Christ's love have its way with me."

Dear ones, do you realize you are not your own, but you are bought with a price? Listen to this poem:

SERVICE

I asked the Lord to let me do
Some mighty work for him;
To fight amidst his battle hosts,
Then sing the victor's hymn;
I longed for ardent love to show,
But Jesus would not have it so.

He placed me in a quiet home,
Whose life was calm and still,
And gave me little things to do
My daily round to fill;
I could not think it good to be

Just put aside so silently.

Small duties gathered round my way;
They seemed of earth alone.
I, who had longed for conquest bright
To lay before his throne,
Had common things to do and bear,
To watch and strive with daily care.

So as I thought my prayer unheard,
I asked the Lord once more
That he would give me work for him,
And open wide the door--
Forgetting that my Master knew
Just what was best for me to do.

Then quietly the answer came,
"MY child, I hear thy cry,
Think not that mighty deeds alone
Will bring the victory:
The battle has been planned by me;
Let daily life thy conquests see."

Let us pray.

Our father, we are glad you have purchased us for thine own. Now help us to fully understand we are not our own. May we be willing to give of ourselves that others also may have the knowledge of truth. Bless each listener of the broadcast in a very special way according to their needs. And may the truth find receptive hearts where it can spring up and grow, bringing forth fruit to thine own glory and thine shall be the praise through Christ. Amen.

Friends, if the message proves a blessing to you we would be so glad to hear from you. If we may be a help to you with some spiritual problem be sure to let us know. You may address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. You pray for us as we also pray for you.

Here is a song: Jesus Is Coming Soon.

The singers are Bob Forbes, Terry Allen, Toney Samons, and Delmar Wilkins. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying God bless you and a very cheerful goodbye.

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Testimonies

From Pa.: "In December the Lord led me and four other sisters out of a careless and worldly (so called) Church of God congregation and since that time, he has surely kept our hearts encouraged and happy. We don't have a church here now, but we do travel to Akron, Ohio once in a great while. So remember us in your prayers..."

--Sister Gaston

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From Miss.: "...what we do for our loving master is really all that matters, and while we are doing for those in need, we are doing for him. Our hands are the hands he has here, and our mouth is all the mouth he has to speak his word. Our feet is all the feet he has to carry his message to a lost and dying world, and if we can't go, we can help others to go, by giving of our means, which he has blessed us with. There are so many preachers who begs for money over the radio. That, I don't believe in. I think if God has called them to preach over the air, he will provide the means without them taking the precious time to beg, instead of preaching God's word... The weather here is beautiful, clear and sunny. People are busy getting their crops in. ... With Christian love to all, "

--Sister Grace Gill

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From Ga.: "Dear Saints, Just to let you all know I am still trusting in the Lord, praying and trusting in His word, hoping to meet Him one day soon or later with all joy."

--Sis. Claudia Robinson

From Wisconsin: "Greetings in Jesus precious name. He surely is our all in all. Trust this finds all of you well and happy in the Lord's work. We are quite well, for which we are thankful... Wisconsin is sure a beautiful place this time of year. They say this week-end is the peak. Many leaves have already fallen. Must close in Christian love."

--Sister Alvin Olson

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From Mo.: "This finds me trying to adjust to my new home as we moved in low income housing project in Hornersville not far from Sister and Bro. Leslie Adams' home. They are really a help to me... I believe the Lord worked this out for me and I do want to please Him at all times. I left so many good friends in Senath where I'd lived 4 years and had the address--Senath, Mo. for 65 years... I have a prayer request. I have high blood pressure and early in morning on arising I am... unsteady. The Lord surely has been good to me. He has healed me so many times and laid it on the hearts of the saints to assist me in moving... Sister Evodna and Sister Ulah straightened up the furniture and I came with last load, walked in. Oh! how relieved I was... Christian love, "

--Sister Lillian Dinkens

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From Pa.: "Hope this finds you all well in soul and body. I am encouraged to press on for the dear Lord even tho I am not well in body, but still looking to the greatest healer of all. So I do desire your earnest prayers for the afflictions upon this body. The Lord made it and He can heal it... The weather here looks like fall now some, with the leaves turning and chilly weather, but right now it isn't as chilly as it has been. We had our first frost this week... Christian love and prayer, "

--Sis. Avis and Earl Tinsley

From Ga.: "The Lord is just suffering along with the ungodly and wicked people. He is not wanting his souls to be destroyed. He wants all souls to repent of their sins and be saved. Jesus tells us in his word "I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come." John 8:21. We cannot go to Jesus in our sins--no sin in heaven. I am glad I am obeying my Lord because I surely want to be ready to go back with my Lord when he comes for me. I am measuring up with the whole truth of the Bible. Time is short. I haven't any time to lose, no time to waste... Hosea 4:6 tells us "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge". People are destroyed for knowledge they are lacking of God. More of Godly knowledge is needed in the world in this day among the people... We were blest to get our lights and I have deeded the spot of land to the church of God. I went to get the deeds. The cost was ten dollars. The lawyer wouldn't take the money. He told me since it was the church he wouldn't take it. He said put it on the church. So we are adding it on to one of the monthly payments... Please keep us before the Lord..."

--Sis. P. R. Bowers

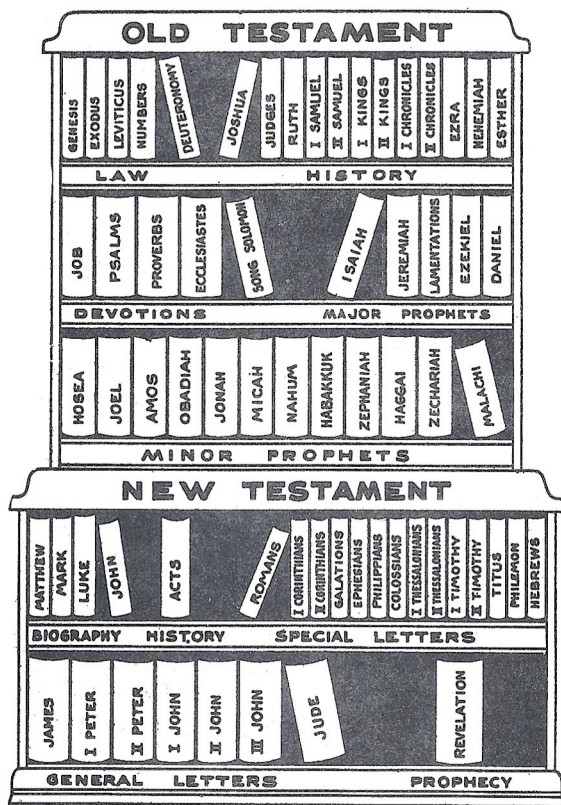
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From Tex.: "I send greetings of Christian love in Jesus dear name. He is our only hope. He will never leave us not forsake us. I can never thank him enough for what he means to me. I feel so much better... was so thankful that I got to go to the tent meeting at Enid-- was a real blessing to my soul to hear the wonderful sermons... I trust the dear Lord will work out a way for me to either move to Okeene so I can go to Enid part times to the saints church... I read much in my new testament. I read it thru 5 times since I'm here at Amarillo."

--Sarah Hoffman

at press time

we understand:



Bro. Richard Madden, pastor of the Church of God, Sapulpa road, announces special all-day services for the fifth Sunday, October 29. There will be morning services, lunch served on the grounds, with singing in the afternoon.

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The Lord gave Bro. Ostis Wilson some timely, fitting messages which he gave forth in the revival meeting at Anthony, Kansas during the week of Oct. 8th through the 15th. Attendance was good with some outside the congregation coming to be in the services. Sister Evelyn Wilson has accompanied her husband on this trip from Oregon to be in the ministers meeting in early October. After the Anthony meeting they returned to Guthrie where they have also been in meeting. Bro. Wilson has reminded me that the Oregon Assembly meeting begins Nov. 3.

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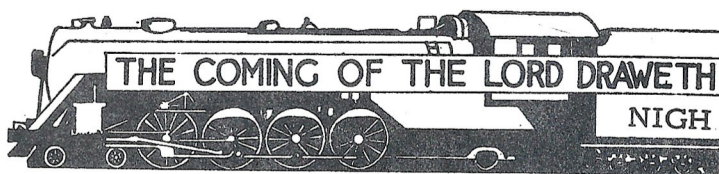
"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39.

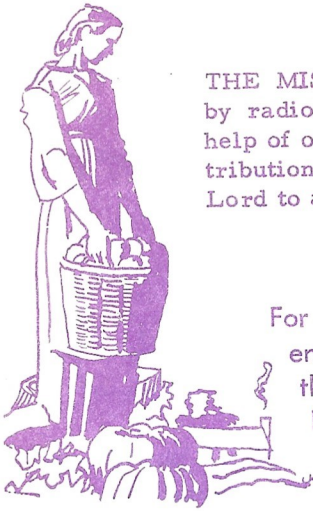
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The dear Lord willing our revival will start here Sunday, October 22 and continue as Lord leads. Please pray for this meeting that souls may be saved and believers sanctified and the sick and afflicted healed. The chapel is located at 622 Tyron Ave. We trust all that can will be able to come. We are expecting Bro. Curtis Williams and Bro. Mart Samons to be with us to bring forth the messages of truth. Pray for them. Yours for all the truth, "

--Bro. and Sis. William McCoy

From Ore.: "I greet you all in Jesus dear name, can report victory in my soul and so thankful for all the Lord has done for my body, all praise to his dear name. We sure miss the Wilsons and trust the Lord they are a blessing where they are...I hope all are well. Oh, yes, we enjoy the Mission Trail. We pray that it continue to be sent out, look forward to its coming...Christian love and prayers." Sis. Emma Busch





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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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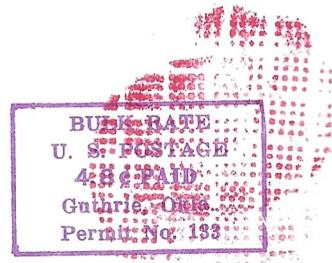
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