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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 Prince of Peace!

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Good morning, friends. It is time for another broadcast and I am certainly happy to be coming your way again with the Word of the Lord. First, the prophecy. Listen: "For unto us a child is born," and "unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." Isaiah 9:6-7.

DID YOU DO IT FOR JESUS?

Did you speak a word of love today--

A word of hope and cheer?

Did you bring a smile on someone's face?

Did you wipe some burning tear?

Did you speak of Jesus to the lost?

Did your light shine pure and bright?

Did it lead some lonely, broken heart

From darkness into light?

Did you praise your God for life and health,

For the peace and joy within?

For a spotless heart that he can keep

Midst a world of woe and sin?

Did you do your very, very best

In fighting for your Lord?

Forgetting things which are behind,

Did you read and love his Word?

Did you lose all sight of self today?

Did you bravely bear your cross?

Did you only long for holiness,

And count all else but dross?

Oh! may your answer ever be,

While in this world you stay,

"Yes: for my loving Savior's sake

I did it all today."

Now, the prophecy in Isaiah gave us hope of the coming of a Savior. It promised salvation. Let us be like those of whom Peter wrote: "Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow." 1 Pet. 1:10-11.

So as we search for the answer to this great salvation we are directed to the fulfillment in the scriptures. Listen: "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the

Lord." Luke 2:10-11.

So now the plan of salvation is complete. The door is opened. The question is, Will you enter? And will you do so at all costs, denying self and worldly pleasures? And will you do your part to spread the word to the ends of the world? Salvation has been brought down. Yet it is the duty of God's ambassadors to send forth the light to those in darkness.

The way of the cross may well be termed a way of warfare, because there are friends and enemies all the way along. To the one who is thoroughly decided to go through at all costs, with the heart fixed, and the mind stayed upon Christ, it is a line of victory, even though the enemy may occasionally take his stand by the wayside and give a fierce battle; but victory always crowns a faithful walk with the Lord. In order to always have victory over the powers of the enemy, there must always be a positive decision to go through for God and follow as he may lead and direct. It is those who lose their decision for going through, or drop the shield of faith, who are tossed about by the enemy and his suggestions.

Even as the decision to follow the Lord makes a change of masters, it also makes a change regarding friends. Often those of our own household may be among our worst foes. But Jesus says: "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross and followeth after me, is not worthy of me." Matt. 10:38. "And Jesus answered and said: Verily I say unto you, There is no man that has left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or chil-

dren, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundred-fold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life." Mark 10:29-30.

Here we see that even though we are obliged to start out into the world away from those who are near and dear to us, all these will be supplied; but "with persecutions," He says. If persecution is one among the many blessings promised, or something that must necessarily go hand in hand with those blessings, the Lord will give an abundance of grace, that we may be able to bear them, and even rejoice through them all.

There may be times when it will seem as if all friends have forsaken us; but even should a testing time come, remember that our loving Master is one who "sticketh closer than a brother," and will "never leave us nor forsake us," even though the greatest trials and afflictions may come; or when the enemy oppresses on every hand, He is ever ready to lend a helping hand.

Jesus gave an illustration of a man who found a pearl of great price, and went and sold all that he had and bought it. Now there is a pearl of great price which can be obtained, but in order to secure the same it takes all our possessions, and leaves nothing that we can call our own; but while we may be stewards over them as before, yet all things we have must be subject to the will of God, to be used at his direction. It is something of greater value than all the wealth of the world, and is to be enjoyed throughout all eternity, as well as here in this world. It is something that cannot be bought with money, nor

worldly riches. It is just as difficult for the rich man to obtain as it is for a poor man. Could this be obtained by worldly wealth, then there would be a poor chance for those who are so unfortunate as to be poor in this life. But we read in Luke 12:16 about a man who was so rich that he did not know where to store all his goods; so he decided to have his barns torn down and greater ones built, and said: "I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." But what do you suppose the Lord said to this man? He said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?" So is he that layeth up treasures for himself, and is not rich toward God.

We cannot take with us our gold and silver and worldly possessions when the death angel comes; but if we seek and find this pearl of great price, which is full salvation, it will be a possession of which we will not be deprived when we are called to take our departure from earth. A great many people who are trying to serve the Lord know but very little about the heights and depths and infinite blessings of full salvation--even sanctification in its fullness. To have the pardon of sins and to know that we are accepted of him is wonderful indeed, but there are treasures which so many never learn very much about and where they are found. People live so far below their privileges in the gospel, because they do not search for the hidden treasures in the gospel way. Many are too easily satisfied, not willing to move forward and receive light upon the word of God and learn their privileges and secure what is in store for them, that they may be able not only to enjoy greater riches themselves, but

also aid in helping some one else.

There were times when the children of Israel, wandering around in the wilderness, did not dare to go and possess the land. Some of them were afraid of the giants over there, and their walled cities, and many things seemed standing in their way; but they were willing to wander around where they could only get a limited supply daily; yet, while their needs were supplied, they did not have anything to lay up for future use, and were often found murmuring and complaining, and were satisfied enough as to care nothing about crossing over into Canaan; yet in other ways they were hard to satisfy. But when they came to the point and obeyed the command of crossing over and possessing the land, they found a land which they were able to possess, flowing with milk and honey. They found in this land that the Lord fought the battles for them as long as they were in perfect obedience to him, and the victories were glorious, and all the enemies put to flight. They did not lust after the flesh pots of Egypt after getting into this glorious land. So it is with our life of salvation here. We can reach the point which is the Canaan to the soul, where we have left all to follow him; our worldly possessions are subject to his will, as well as ourselves, and the Lord fights our battles as we move out by faith in obedience to Him, in perfect submission and full sanctification. I say come over into the Canaan land.

So, friends, may this full salvation be yours in the days ahead.

Our Father, we ask thy blessings upon every listener of the broadcast, and also for every reader. May the comfort of the Spirit and guidance of the same, be with each one. Give grace for every

trial and victory in every battle, for we ask it in the name of Jesus, Amen!

Thanks, friends, for a few moments of your time. We wish for each a very joyous holiday season and a happy new year filled with the richest blessings from Heaven. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you always and a very cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

From Ark.: "We send greetings of love in Jesus name. Didn't Shakespeare in some of his writings ask "What's in a name?" Bro. Warner in his song of praise said "in that name we have salvation--'tis the only name that's given that can save a guilty sinner, and no other under heaven--Sweetest of all the names that angels sing above, Jesus thy name's a fountain of redeeming love." Jesus means Saviour and when we allow Him to be our Saviour His name becomes precious to us. As Christians we are told "Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." In Rev. 3:12 we find that "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God; and I will write upon him my new name." There is so much in the name of Jesus for these are but a few of the scriptures. We surely want to live worthy of Jesus name and magnify his name in our conduct. ... Since I last wrote we have been to Jena for a singing. We enjoyed the meeting and the drive down there and back looking on the beauty of the autumn was a pleasure... remember us in your prayers." --Bro. Doug Walters

From La.: "We greet you in the precious name of Jesus, the only name given whereby one can be saved. I love Him because He first loved me, and mean by His help and grace to make Heaven my home. I am so thankful to be saved and sanctified and kept by the power of God. We surely need the Lord every moment of our life, as we are living in such perilous times. The devil is going about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. We must resist him steadfast in the faith. We can be victorious through Jesus Christ our Lord. We can do nothing without Him, for it's in Him that we live and move and have our being... Please continue sending us The Mission Trail... we love to hear from all our sisters and brothers in the Lord and what God is still doing for different ones. The Lord is so good to us, heals us many times of aches and pains and helps us to sleep well. I'll soon be 75 years old and I never expected to live to be this old, so the Lord can and does do more for us than we can think or ask..."

--Sis. Effie Miller

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From Mo.: "We are still encouraged in the Lord. He is so good to us all. He says in His word that He will never leave or forsake us, that He will be with us to the end."

--Bro. F. E. and Sis. Ellen Wilson

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From S. Car.: "We have moved down here. We bought a 5 1/2 acre tract of land and started from scratch and are making a home in the scruboaks and pines. We bought another mobile home. That was in August when we started, but we are getting along pretty good with our buildings. Well, Minnie is a lot better in body now, able to do most of her house work. We attend meeting at Holly Hill when we can..."

--Howard and Minnie Boulden

From Calif.: "I praise the Lord this beautiful morning for salvation and for God's keeping power. The more I think of the great sacrifice that heaven made for a lost world including me, it causes me to cry out for the lost and a closer walk with God. I yearn to be more like Him in every walk of life. I am still in the Rest Home here in Pacoima. I am much better than I was when I came, Praise the Lord..."

--Sis. Agnes Huskey

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From Mo.: "The months sure do roll by fast. It just does not seem like it could be Thanksgiving and Christmas season so near. My father told me when I was a very young lady that the years fly by faster after you reach twenty-one. I have been aware that he was right for some years now...we do appreciate your letters to us and all you are doing to try to reach and warn souls. Not many are listening. I didn't myself for some many years--so we need not give up on people."--Mary Lola Taylor

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From Oregon: "My visit to W. Va. and Ohio from Aug. the 8th till Oct. the 6th was a rejoicing time visiting my loved ones and the dear saints. It seemed the dear Lord went before me and timed every visit. I had some trials yes, but oh, so many times the dear Lord came to comfort my heart and give me the strength to go on at different times as I felt the Lord would have me go to visit different ones... We had a wonderful assembly meeting. There were so many good spiritual messages and much good was done."

--Sis. Beatrice Spaur

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From Arkansas: "Bro. Donald Sharp preached three nights for us this week. It sure did encourage us all. The messages were so good. The Word says something about stirring up your pure minds..."

--Sis. Della Anschultz

From Minn.: "Our blessed God and Father is still on the throne and Jesus is still interceding for us and helps us in the Holy Way. His yoke is easy and His burden is light, I have found it so. I am still in this sin-cursed world at an old age and I love Him so. I am still well and get around good but I can see a slowing up and am willing to go when He calls. I do not fear death as I have a Home everlasting in the Heavens..."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

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From Ark.: "What a mighty person He is--just one touch can change an instrument of cruelty, suffering and shame to the greatest symbol in the world of joy, peace and love. I love Him"

--Sis. Lou Bray

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From Mo.: "We do enjoy The Mission Trail very much. We trust all is well at your home. John isn't so well this winter, but the Lord is helping us thru each day. So keep praying for us."

--John and Emma Whipple

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From Oregon: "As I said before, if every one does even a little, it helps a lot. We pray for you all that God will bless every effort put forth for the saving of precious souls. The lost are a heavy burden on our hearts."

--Sis. Virginia Taylor

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From Calif.: "This finds me doing very well and still trusting in the good Lord for both soul and body. He is sure a wonderful Lord to do for us like he does. I love this way. It is the only way to live. He does so much for me and all His children. I thank Him for what He has done and still is doing for me. Well, we will be losing Bro. Huskey in a few days... We will sure miss him. We sure will need some one to be here so pray for our work here."

--Sis. Ada Leach

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Isn't it good to know
when all roads are dead ends and
all skies are overcast and
all dreams are nightmares and
all hills are mountains....

Isn't it good to know when there is no
place to stand that "underneath are the
everlasting arms." Sel. by Anna Swann

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Bro. H. P. Huskey has recently moved
from Calif. to Guthrie. His address:
524 N. 1st St., Guthrie, Okla. 73044.

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From Mo.: "Greetings of love in Jesus
dear name. He is a wonderful Savior
to me. I have so much to thank and
praise Him for. What would we do with-
out Him?...The Lord had His protection
care over my husband and me when our
car was demolished September the 13th
and our lives were spared. I give Him
all the praise and the thanks. May the
Lord richly bless you each one and sup-
ply your every need is our prayer."

--Sis. Lena Bowman

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From Texas: "I want to testify what the
good Lord has done for me. Some body
backed into my gas meter, broke the
pipe off just before it goes into the meter
the 7th of Oct. I didn't have but very
little gas. I could light the stove, and
that was all. It would barely burn. I
called about it...They never did any-
thing about it, so I called again Sunday
morning...she did nothing, so I called
my neighbor...He took his tools and
cut the gas off...We called several be-
fore we got the right one. He came and
fixed it and said I'd have to pay for the
gas...I prayed Lord keep me from hav-
ing to pay for the gas I didn't use...my
bill was just \$3.84, smaller than it was
last month. So I'm praising God for
hearing prayer. No telling how much
gas escaped that night till afternoon next
day."

--Sis. Nellie Lovell

From Ark.: "We are thankful for the
blessings of salvation that gives our
souls such peace and comfort in the
midst of a world of sin and wickedness.
We are thankful for the determination
the Lord gives to press on in this fight
against sin and evil...wife is so much
better and has been steadily improving
the last three or four weeks. We are
encouraged and trusting God to com-
pletely heal her of every effect of this
affliction. We do so much appreciate
all the prayers of all the saints...May
the God of all grace supply you in
every needed way."

--Bro. & Sis. E. A. Loftis

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From W. Va.: "Sorry it's been so long
since I've written...But I do want to say
I'm very thankful to receive the Mission
Trail and enjoy the sermons and testi-
monies very much and I'm glad to say
too, that I'm very much encouraged in
the Lord. Lately I've been having many
trials but our dear Lord delivers out of
all of them. "Many are the afflictions
of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth
him out of them all." Psalms 34:19.
God bless each of you."

--Sis. Erma Clevenger

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From La.: "I am sorry that I have not
written before now, but late is better
than never. The Lord has been good to
us...I was sick in July and am feeling
so much better now. I give Him all the
praise...I think of you often and pray
that the Lord will bless you in his work."

--Sis. Maurie Lea

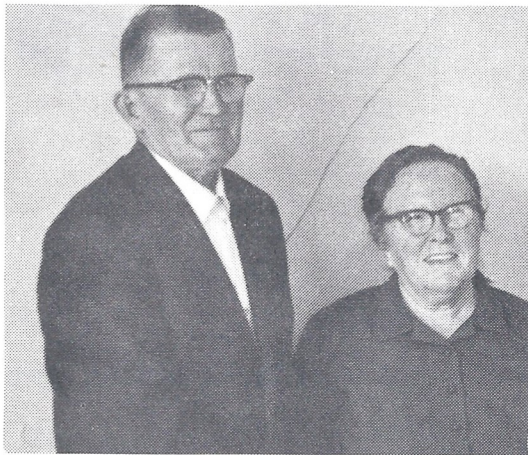
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Sunday, Nov. 13, Frances and I had the
pleasure to be in service with the saints
of Senath, Mo. We also visited Sis.
Katie Gibson who is very sick and in
need of earnest prayer. Her faith is
strong in the Lord and it was an in-
spiration to see her courage as she is
waiting on the Lord.

--WCM

at press time

we understand:



Bro. Alsia and Sis. Dollie Sorrell

Tuesday, Nov. 8th, was indeed a sad day for the saints of Myrtle, Mo., yes, and for the other saints who knew Bro. Alsia Sorrell, for it was on that day his earthly tabernacle, the remains of his body, were laid to rest on the hillside in the little cemetery which he had donated as well as the campground where stands the little white chapel nearby. Earlier Bro. Murphy Allen and Bro. Donald Sharp had spoken words of comfort at the funeral in Thayer, Mo. Then during the noon hour as the mourners stood by Bro. Sam Abbott exhorted from Psa. 27. Verse 14 seemed to linger on: "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." Overhead the clouds were broken and occasionally the sun shined through. There was a slight breeze and it rustled the leaves, some on the ground while others fell from the trees. Although the season for flowers was past, floral sprays and bouquets

were seen in abundance sent by those who desired to show their love and respect for this dear man of God who had "fought a good fight and finished his course." Bro. Alsia was 78 years of age. We extend our sympathy to his children and other loved ones, as well as his companion, Sis. Dollie Sorrell, Myrtle, Mo. 65778.

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We are sorry Sis. Edith Whittenborn had a fall and broke her hip. Remember her in prayer.

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Because of highway construction it is necessary for Sis. Dorothy Bridges to move from the old home place. So she and her brother Warner have bought a lot near Carthage, Miss., where a new house will be built for them.

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Bro. Earl and Sis. Avis Tinsley have moved from Trafford, Pa., and are now in their new home at 118 Lockerman Lane, Danville, Va. 24541.

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CONGRATULATIONS on your FIFTIETH wedding anniversary Dec. 21, 1977 -- Bro. & Sis. E. A. Loftis, R. 1, B. 156, Prattsville, Ark. 72129. We hope the Lord will give you many more years.

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We are sorry that the notice in Nov. Mission Trail was given for the all-day meeting to be held at Grubbs, when it should have stated Senath. There was a misunderstanding and we were incorrectly informed. But sure enough, next time, Sunday, December 4th is the day to be at Grubbs, Arkansas! Come!



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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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