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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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“Ye Are not Your Own”

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A cheerful good morning to every listener. 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." 1 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 as well as the privileges. 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 Pet. 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 crowd 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 happy 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.

Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey, saying God bless and keep you always and a very cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

From Calif.: "We greet you one more time this side of eternity, trusting that it will find you both with good victory in your souls and feeling well and happy. We are grateful to be able to report victory and a strong desire to be all the Lord would have us be... Our family is all well and one by one they are finishing up their schooling for the last semester of this year. They are all happy I think. Some of the children are looking forward to going to the grape vineyards to work some this summer. I would imagine that my lot will be home getting luches and doing the washing and ironing. The way it looks now I guess that none of us will be able to go back east this summer. I was so in hopes that we could but it looks next to impossible, at least now. I think that the meeting in Guthrie is already going on. How I wish that we could be there to hear the messages. I get so hungry to be in meetings, besides those we have in the home and in Mexico when we go on week-ends."

--With Christian love, Edith Lara

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From Kans.: "We are still pressing and climbing, determined by the grace of God to go through with victory. We were quite busy for a while with wedding plans, house guests and then the wedding. The wedding was lovely and the Lord blessed in every way including the weather. It was a clear sunshiny day but it rained the day before and the day after. Everything went well and Tina and Hayward left about 7:00 Sat. evening. After a week of stopping in Okla., Texas, Alabama and La., they arrived Saturday night in Florida to start their home together. They were fine and had a good trip. We pray the Lord will bless them in their union and cause them to be a real example of Christian marriage."

--Sis. Shirley Knight

From Texas: "I enjoy reading the Mission Trail, especially when there are testimonies of people I am acquainted with...I wish I could see many of my sisters and brothers in the Lord at camp meetings this summer, but I'm afraid I will not be able to attend. Yes, I have been to Hammond, Monark Springs, Guthrie, Midway ... but that was before I got to be 81 years old. I want your prayers that I will always be faithful to Him wherever I am."

--Sis. Jewell McCaskill

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From Okla.: "It is so good to know God the Father of our Saviour. I am happy to know about the heavenly blessings we do enjoy. I think of the precious words of Jesus in Rev. 2:10b: "be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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From Ill.: "I got the Mission Trail yesterday. I always enjoy it, but especially this one and the article concerning your sister ... The river has been high, but slowly going down, but Louise and John still have to go long way around to get to services... Pray for this congregation. I'm sure you do and we appreciate it. The devil is always busy, but we keep pushing him behind."

--Sis. Stella Simmons

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From Mo.: "Dear ones in the Lord: Happy Anniversary! We trust this finds you both enjoying life together and yet doing all you can for the Lord... Putting the Lord first doesn't decrease your love for each other but enhances it--making life more enjoyable and brighter than it would be. I've found it so. We heard a good report of the meeting, and would have enjoyed so much to have been there... Hope to see you and many of the saints this summer--to gather together to praise and worship the Lord."

--Louie and Evodna Marler

From Kans.: "We are still having rains, but God sends the rain upon the just and the unjust and He will be judge. I won't murmur by the grace of God. My little garden is doing fairly well, but is in need of sunshine. We will probably beg God for some of this rain in July. ... May the good Lord bless both of you abundantly. I liked your different kind of message Sunday." Mamie Norcutt

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From Okla.: "I want to live this life and get closer to the Lord. I want to be ready at all times for heaven. I don't want to be a hypocrite or a pretender, for the Lord knows them that are His. Each day of my life I want to possess the real thing, not just to go along and be lost in the end."

--Sis. Lizzie Jordan

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From Okla.: "I'm so glad I know Jesus as my Savior. I know I am living on borrowed time, but I am ready to go any time. Pray for me and my unsaved loved ones."

--Sis. Minnie Adcock

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From Calif.: "Today finds me saved and sanctified intending to go all the way with the Lord."

--Sis. Esther Thornton

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From Texas: "I'm still saved and sanctified, pressing my way to that heavenly home he has gone to prepare for us. May the Lord bless and keep you in the center of his will."

--Sis. Nellie Lovell

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From Ark.: "I am happy the Lord brought me over into another year for which I want to praise and thank Him for peace and love that is shed abroad in my heart... I am glad to get the little paper and don't want it to stop coming to me. I enjoy it very much. Come on Arkansas saints, and let's keep it coming by our help and prayers and testimonies."

--Sis. Nellie West

From Pa.: "I am so glad the true saints are still in the world standing true to our God and telling the good news of salvation to a lost and dying world. I have surely been afflicted, but God has helped me thru the prayers of His saints every where. I do thank Him each day for all He has done for me all thru the years. What a mighty God we serve. I was sorry to hear of the death of your sister. I know I am not exclusive in having a sister die. God is so good and helping me thru each day. There are hundreds of miles between us. You can't see at this end and I can't see at that end, but we have a God who knows all about each one and knows their very thoughts. Well, religion is an item of dissension here in the apartment complex... I have let people read about the church of God and they say it is so different... This song came to me one night while in bed: Oh! I have something better, far better, And the longing of my heart is satisfied; 'Tis Jesus in His fullness, wondrous fullness, Better than the world and all beside. I want to live close to the Lord and do His will, so please pray for me that I may do His will at all times... God bless you in all you do and give you souls for I am sure that is a great blessing to see some soul born into the kingdom of God and live a true life." --Sis. Eva Cox

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From Okla.: "Greetings in the name of Jesus, the only name, the only name in heaven and earth to be praised. I'm saved and still going on and I mean to go through. I'm praying for you all... Pray for me." --Sis. Mary A. Brown

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From Ind.: "I'm rejoicing on my way... The way is lit up by the Holy Spirit fire, for us that love Him, and trust Him... Trusting the Lord will bless and souls be saved in the camp meetings."

--Sis. Nova Lewis

From La.: "Thinking of you this morning and praying the Lord's blessings on you and yours. We are doing very well at the present time. We have some requests for prayer for different needs. We still enjoy the 'Mission Trail' and trust you are encouraged in the work."

--Sis. Veva Myers

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From Calif.: "I thank the saints and ministers for their prayers for me and family."

--Sis. Opal Williams

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From Calif.: "I desire to fill my place in his kingdom here on earth. Pray for me that I will live to please him."

--Sis. Letha Reece

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From Kans.: "Well, my son just walked in with a goose berry pie. This is my 88th birthday, so I will have pie for supper. Sure hope all is well with you down there, lots of rain up here. We always get plenty of rain at this time of harvest, but God knows best."

--C. A. Stone

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From Okla.: "Time slips by so fast. A little while back I was going to write to you and send a little to help in your good work service to God and encouragement to the saints and all who want to know more of truth in The Mission Trail... I receive good blessings from your messages, Bro. Willie and the testimonies. I love to hear from all who love the Lord. It's a good way to keep in touch. Sis. Edith Cramer and I had the privilege to be there and enjoy two days of camp meeting. The messages of truth and fellowship did our hearts good. The time seemed too short... God's presence was with us also in the ordinance service. I thank God I was there. I received help to my soul and body. That is according to His promise. God bless you both."

--Sis. Julia Llewellyn

The Bible Doctrine of Baptism

Baptism is a ceremonial representation of the burial and resurrection of our Lord; therefore only immersion is appropriate. In fact, the individual believer symbolically follows Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection. First he dies the death to sin, is "crucified with Christ", (Gal. 2:20); then he is "buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead", Col. 2:12. Baptism thus becomes to the individual an outward sign of an inward work. First we are "circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh", verse 11; then we are 'buried with him in baptism,' as just quoted, verse 12.

The same idea is referred to in Rom. 6:1-4: "How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein?" "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

"Buried with him." Was Christ buried in baptism? Yes. John was baptizing "in Jordan", Matt. 3:6; "In the river of Jordan", Mark 1:5. "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him... And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water; and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" Matt. 3:13-17. Jesus evidently went down into the Jordan in order to be baptized; for after his baptism, he "went

up straightway out of the water." Here we see the highest authority for immersion in water:

1. Jesus himself set the example.
2. The Holy Spirit bore witness.
3. The Father declared, "I am well pleased."

So in order to fulfil the Word of God and have a valid baptism, there are eight things for the candidate to observe:

1. He must know or hear the gospel; which is usually through a minister, Mark 16:15.
2. He must repent of his sins and believe the gospel, the doing of which will effect his salvation. Acts 3:19; 16:31; 2:38.
3. He must find a minister of God that is ready to baptize him, Acts 8:36-7.
4. Preacher and candidate must go together to a place where there is "much water", John 3:23.
5. Then they must go "down both into the water", Acts 8:38, thus following the example of Christ in his baptism, Matt. 3:16.
6. Then he must be "buried with Him in baptism."
7. Both preacher and candidate can then "come up out of the water," Acts 8:39.
8. Then the candidate, having obeyed the Word and followed his Lord, can go "on his way rejoicing", Acts 8:39.

Reader, have you met Bible conditions and been baptized in this way? Some humble ministers of Christ may not be able to follow the learned scholars into the Greek language in order to understand all about the meaning of words; but after reading the plain accounts of how baptism was performed by the apostles, they can be satisfied to do as they did.

at press time

we understand:

In Memory

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Bro. Dallas Flynn departed this life to be with the Lord on May 28 at age 78. He had suffered much from affliction in recent years and yet was cheerful in the Lord.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me; Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.

Sister Lillie Mae Chandler of Bakersfield, Calif., was called to her heavenly home June 1 after many years in the service of the Lord.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

We were saddened by the death of Bro. Elden Rhoades on June 7th.

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We regret the death of Joseph Earl Cramer, age 20, who drowned in the Cimarron river near Guthrie, June 10. Remember his parents in prayer in this time of great loss and sorrow. Funeral was held June 14.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to Sis. Pauline Patterson and her family in the loss of her husband, George, who died June 17 in Anthony, Kansas.

BIRTHS

To Willie E. and Neta Murphey, a son, Stephen Bruce, born June 16.

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To Terry and Nancy Allen, a son, Boyd Derrick, born June 10.

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To Marshall and Melonie Whitson, a daughter, Amber Elaine, born May 19.

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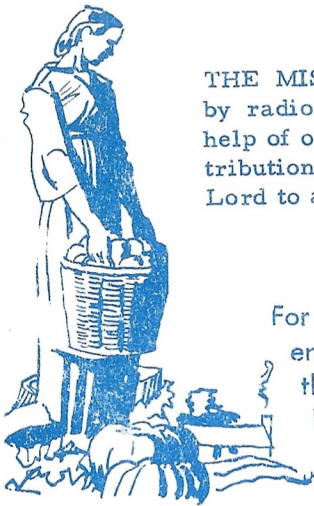
Congratulations to Malcolm McMillan and Lynette Sorrell on their approaching marriage July 17th.

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The National campmeeting is scheduled to be held July 23 through August 1st on the campgrounds at Monark Springs, Mo., near Neosho. It is our heart's desire and prayer that God may send forth the truth with anointing and power and the saints will be knit together in love. Other meetings follow throughout the summer.

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Many thanks to all who remembered us on our 40th wedding anniversary. This we passed on June 6th. We are so glad that we are still able to be active in the work of the Lord. It is our sincere desire to finish our calling with joy and be faithful until the crown is won. We need the prayers and support of the saints as we continue to send forth the truth by the broadcast and print.



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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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