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BIBLE TRUTHS ON DIVINE HEALING

Many people preach on divine healing, but have no Bible proofs. That's why there is no success. We have no proof in the Bible that Jesus ever healed a sinner, or an unclean person. We find in Matthew 15th chapter, 26th verse, where Jesus speaks, "It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs."

There we see what it takes to be partaker of that blessing, in Matthew 15th Chapter, 27th verse, "And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." We must humble ourselves at the feet of Jesus, so that the Lord sees our contrite spirit and a willing and humble heart, then He will abundantly pardon, and every case of affliction will He make whole. If God's word stood good with the Hebrews, how much more should it stand for the spiritual Israel in this Holy Ghost dispensation.

Let us look in God's word, we find Deut. 7th chapter, 15th verse, "And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee." Know this, God's promises stand good today as in the days of old. No matter what our modern people say, that God has changed, the word of God says let all men be liars and the word of God be true.

Shall we read again in the Bible in Malachi, chap-

ter 3, verse 6, "For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." So according to this verse God did not change as most of us would have Him. It is a living fact that the power of God is just the same today as in the days of old. The same Jesus that healed the leper nineteen hundred years ago can heal His people today, if we obey His commands. Deut., chapter 7, verse 11, "Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them." We have somewhat to do, we cannot live in filth of this world and then desire to be healed by the power of God. Our Lord wants a clean and holy people, because He is holy. We find that in I Peter, chapter 1, verse 16, "Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." Shall we emphasize these blessed words to our readers that without holiness no man shall see the Lord, neither can any one receive healing for the body.

You will find these words in Hebrew, chapter 12, verse 14, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord;" How dreadful it is to know that without doing the Father's will we can't see our Saviour's face. And so we know that divine healing is also included in the full will of God, as also our Saviour speaks in the Gospel of John, chapter 6, verse 38, "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent

me." And know that Jesus' mission on the earth was teaching the people a clean and holy life, and healing all kinds of diseases, and He also gave His disciples this command in Matthew, chapter 10, verse 1: "And when he had called unto Him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease." In this day they tell us that is not for us. But what shall we say, is it fair to believe man more than God? When Jesus speaks these words to His disciples he also speaks these words, what they should teach us, which we find in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 28, verse 20: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Surely we are living in this world yet; then the promise is yet for me and you. The thing we need is to have more Holy Ghost ministers preaching the full gospel, also living it. We must be a living example before all men in words and in deeds.

As the word of God also speaks the husbandman must be partaker of the fruit first before he can teach others or pray for others; so then we know that it is not everybody's business to pray for the sick; that is the reason that the so called full gospel ministry is a failure. God's promises are yea and amen; but men are a failure. Let us read again in the Bible in the Gospel of John, chapter 9, verse 31. "Now we know

that God heareth not sinners; but if any may be a worshipper of God and doeth His will, him He heareth." I do believe with all my heart if we are men of God we will have the same success as the Apostles. Let us go and search the scriptures as the Lord Jesus commanded us to do. There we find that divine healing was practiced from Genesis to Revelation. Shall we mention a few in the Old Testament. Exodus 15 ch. 26 verse. "If thou wilt diligently harken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee." So it is not as or all medicine we can swallow or all the doctors we can call, it is understood the Lord wants us to come to Him and honor Him through our simple faith and prayer.

Jesus speaks to us in Gospel of John, 14 ch. 13-14 verses, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." Is there anything too hard for our God? He says whatsoever, that includes healing for the body.

Shall we go on, and proving from the word of God all other proofs are a failure. As we mentioned before, no matter what the preachers say, the main

thing is what does the Bible say? Why should we carry any diseases on our bodies when the Prophet Isaiah heralds through the ages that in time to come there will be a Saviour and a Physician born, which we now know our Saviour, Jesus, that by His stripes we are healed. Let us explain what these stripes were. The stripes which the Roman soldiers made with their rods. Let us again read the Bible, Isaiah, ch. 53, verse 5. "But he was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." It is also said in the Prophet Jeremiah about trusting in the living God, if we say we do trust in God, if we have a sickness and we call a doctor or take any other remedy to relieve that sickness then we trust in man or in the arm of flesh. We say that doesn't hurt, God has created doctors and medicines. If that is so let us search the scriptures in Jeremiah, chapter 17, verse 5. "Thus saith the Lord; cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord." So there is a fearful word. Cursed is the man, and that includes me and you when we don't trust fully in God.

It is not because I or any other may say it is, does the Bible say so, in Jeremiah chapter 17, verse 7. "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is." It sounds to the man or

woman as music to their soul when we can read these words that God pronounces His blessing on us, as we all know that the curse of God was upon all man from Adam until Jesus was born; from that time every one that is saved and obeys God's command that curse is lifted, because Jesus became a curse for us. So if we ask our God for healing we receive a great blessing if our prayers are answered.

Shall we look up any more verses in the Old Testament? It is written in Malachi, chapter 4, verse 2, "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall." So then we shall not as children of God go as half dead ones, but we shall be as fatted calves. Does it look in this world when you go through the cities there are over half of our poor people sick and crippled surely there must be a reason for it. Shall we make a few remarks and mention a few reasons? First, we are fallen from faith in God. How can we have faith when no man preaches it? In the book of Romans, chapter 10, verse 15, "And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" And the 17th verse in the same chapter reads like this: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." And as you all know the word of God is a subject that is very little

used, that is your bodily healing is a thing of the past. Many of our people say they have faith but lack works, and the Bible says faith without works is dead, as is recorded in the book of James, chapter 2, verses 17-18. "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." Brother James is challenging these men that claim they have faith but can not produce without the power of God and a holy life.

No man is able to do anything, as also the Lord Jesus speaks in the Gospel of John, chapter 15, verse 4. "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye except ye abide in me." Here we see that an unclean person has no part in the blessing of God unless he has the Saviour dwelling in his heart. Let us not forget that healing for the body is doing a great deal for many people when we see suffering humanity struggling along in darkness, because of lack of knowledge. The Lord in His word says, "My people perish." They are perishing by the thousands and going into the grave when God hath set a time for His children to die in the books of Psalm, we can prove to all those that say it is the Lord's will to die anytime, in Psalm 90, verse 10: "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by any reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength

labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." Why should this be in the word of God and not mean anything? Does the Bible contradict itself? God forbid. The Bible speaks, by two or three witnesses is the truth established, so then we will find another place in the Bible. Ecclesiastes, ch. 7, verse 17: "Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die before thy time?" This verse proves to us that there is a time set so let us then find the reason why so many so called Christians die so young, because of lack of teaching the whole Bible. And others are disobedient of the truth. They hear it and understand it but make little of it. Then both these classes are no Christians but back-sliders, and a back-slider is equal with a sinner.

What then shall make us free, in the Gospel of John, ch. 8, verse 32: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." And also in the same chapter, the 36th verse, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." What is truth? The Bible. Then the Bible and the Lord Jesus can set us free from sin and also from all manner of sickness. There is one more part that we must play and that is to know how to discern the body of Christ. We shall first read it in the Word, and then we shall make a few remarks which we believe will help many of our readers. I Corinthians, ch. 11, verses 29-30: "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth

and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's Body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep." Let us understand there is the visible body of Christ which every saint of God is a member of, let us not forget to treat every member according to the office he occupies, and not have respect of persons. But have discernment of the body of Christ of which we are members in particular. And there is another way to discern the body of Christ. When we are taking the Lord's Supper remember the body was broken for our body, so then the bread we must take by faith for our bodies. And the blood was shed for the remission of sins. Thank God for His twofold atonement for soul and body.

When our Lord Jesus speaks to that lawyer the parable about the good Samaritan, there we see where he gave the man two pence, not one for soul and body. In Luke, ch. 10, verse 35: "And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee." When we therefore do our duty here on earth when the Lord will appear in the clouds of glory He will repay us then.

The promises are unto us as well as unto the old patriots. Then we go to the Bible. There are over 3,000 promises which belong to us. We can claim

them all because our maker in heaven hath signed them all. Thus saith the Lord. So then there is so great an opportunity for in this dispensation, let us rejoice and be exceedingly glad that for us also a Saviour was born, not only born, but he also died that we might have life. He went on the Cross of Calvary and by His stripes we are healed as we find in the Old Testament in the book of Isaiah. So now we want to see what Brother Peter has to say, as we know Peter was one of Christ's first disciples and Jesus also commanded Peter to lead his sheep and also his lambs. If we are the sheep of Jesus let us read the words of Peter and also believe them. We find these words in I Peter, chapter 2, verse 24: "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." This is a positive promise. It does not say we would be or should be, but it says ye were healed. God helps us then not to make our dear Saviour new stripes. Let us understand as soon as we say diseases are from God or God's will we are stripping our Lord anew. Almost every disease in the Bible times came from sin because Jesus says, Matthew 9:5 "Thy sins are forgiven thee, or to say, arise and walk?" Verse 6: "But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and

go unto thine house." It is understood that the Lord wasn't talking to sinners alone. But the Bible speaks on this order, then saith He to the sick of the palsy. It even mentions the sickness so that the modernist and skeptics have no comeback. We could go and find more Bible proofs, but I am sure if every reader doesn't believe one or two verses in the Bible it would not help if we would refer you to a 1000 verses.

We can tell you about people that the Lord Jesus touched in our ministry, not in foreign lands or in the Holy lands, but in your own home country, in the state of North Dakota. In the city of Carpio, N.D., a lady by the name of Mrs. Sullivan was healed from a dreadful disease. She is now enjoying perfect health; and also Mrs. Greenly of Berthold, North Dakota, was healed of diabetes. She spent much money but could not get relief. Then we were called to her bedside and so by the help of our God and Saviour, I told her about that great Physician now is near, the sympathizing Jesus, and as soon as she received the message she was made whole. She also is praising God in good and perfect health. A sister in Enid, Okla., had her face full of cancer while we had a revival meeting there. She was also prayed for and the great God touched her body. And in Nash, Okla., Mrs. Bruner, the doctor told her that she had to have an operation or she could not live. She was troubled with female

trouble. She called us to pray for her and the Lord healed her instantly. We could write about many other cases, but time is too short.

We want to remind our readers about what I think of an operation. Surely we all admit that our God is a perfect God, and what He makes must also be perfect. So then do we not claim that God created all things? In other words, God is the maker of the Heavens and the earth and everything that is therein; so we are God's creation. Then if a manufacturer can build a machine so that men find no flaw in it, how much more can the Lord make a perfect man? I am talking about our bodies. Why do we need so much patching work done? When God made man he knew that they could not live without an appendix, so then he put one in, and we take and call a man with a butcher knife and cut it out. What would you think for instance if you built a motor with a perfect oiling system and I took and broke the oil pipes out? How long do you think your motor would run without oil? I say not long. Also so is our body. The appendix is our oiling system and when that is gone our body is wrecked. All the other members of our body are put there for a purpose, and if we remove one of them, we also sin against the maker which is God. The word of God says "who destroys this temple him will I destroy." Then what shall we do when sickness comes to our home? Let us point you to the Bible again. God

promises that He will keep us from all pestilence if we meet the condition which He has laid down for us in the 91st Psalm. Remember that means a Saint of God only. There is no sinner or ungodly included, so read and the word says that he that hath an ear to hear let him hear. Psalm 91, verses 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.

"Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

"He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked." That one word secret place has a great meaning in the Christian's life. It means hidden away with God as John the revelator on the Isle of Patmos, hidden from all the world and its pleasures, not looking back to the old filth of our former life, as Lot's wife did and was turned to a pillar of salt.

Then if in spite of all our watching there comes a

sickness on the Christian. How many times it is the minister's fault, he has neglected to teach, and to watch over his flock. There is a great secret hidden in that verse in Acts, ch. 20, verse 28: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost has made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood." So then it is not only to be called a preacher but oftentimes they are to blame for a life which is snuffed out. It should not surprise us when the people call for the preacher when they're sick. It is also in the Bible and so many cases we have witnessed that ministers were called to a sick bed and instead of reading the word of God to them they give them a newspaper and say to them: Sister or brother, you have to suffer until its over because the Lord has put this on you, which is not scripture. We have made it clear and proved it by the word of God, and now let us see what every minister's duty is in such a case. We find in the word of God that if any among you is sick let them call for the elders of the Church. If we do that we have obeyed God's word and then let's see what that elder must do in the book of James, ch. 5, verses 14-15. "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they

shall be forgiven him." It surely seems different then, we hear of most of our preachers, they have all kinds of excuses for the simple reason they are too stubborn and too lazy to become partakers of the spiritual fruits first and then feed others and lift poor souls and bodies out of destruction and misery.

Shall we also be reasonable with all men. Not every man or even every preacher can pray for the sick and the Lord will heal them. There are special gifts in the Bible which every preacher should have one or more. There is a gift of healing, and there is also a gift of faith, and also the prayer of faith. Then if a preacher has not got the gift of healing and is an elder in the church, neither has the gift of faith, let him pray the prayer of faith. The word says the prayer of faith shall save the sick. And not tell them things that rob the people from their little faith they have. It is fearful to withhold such great blessing from humanity. Let us therefore wake up, realize what the word of God says to such men or women, that preach only part of the gospel. In the last book of the Bible we find great warning which every man and woman should take heed, in Revelation, ch. 22, verses 18 and 19: "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophesy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this

prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." These two verses alone should speed every man and woman to preach the full Gospel and not hide behind our ignorance and say we do all we know. Now ignorance doesn't excuse any man. The word says they have Moses and the prophets, let them hear them. And so there is no excuse for you. We have the Bible and the Lord Jesus has promised us the Comforter. He shall lead you in all the truths. The word is truth and the help of the Holy Ghost. We can understand the whole Bible. Let us remember when we read the Holy Bible we must read it prayerfully and have the mind of Christ before all these promises are ours.

Again I say these things do not belong to a sinner. All these spiritual blessings belong to the children of God, which we shall mention. Salvation first. Ye must be born again. Gospel of John, 3rd chapter, then Water Baptism. We find in Romans, 6th chapter, also in the Gospel of Matthew, 28th chapter, verse 19, then Sanctification, 1 Thess., chapter 4 verses 3 and 4; also Hebrews, chapter 12, verse 14. And then comes the wonderful promise of our Father in Heaven, the Baptism of the Holy Ghost; as the first Gentiles received it so must every Christian receive it. In Acts 10th chapter, verses 45 and 46. Then divine healing we find through the whole Bible, especially in the

book of James, chapter 5, verse 14. After we receive all these blessings we must live a clean and holy life all our days. May the great God sanctify the words and also the readers of this book that many souls be won. Praise the Lord.

I shall also give my testimony for the honor and glory of God. I hope and pray that these simple words will help some unfortunate person like I was sixteen years ago. I became a sick man, every cold I caught developed into pneumonia, and I lived in deep sin. Then it developed into tuberculosis, which would not be healed. My lungs were entirely gone. Then came a time when I felt I could not live very long. Then I went to a specialist I had tried all the doctors I could find and spent all I had then. The specialist told me openly there was no help for me. Thank God for that solemn hour. There I found my Saviour and also my Healer. I became a saved and healthy body, which I praise my God for it. Had been a Lutheran preacher but was not saved Had been teaching others and I myself was a castaway. From the time God saved and healed me I preached the full gospel. In that time while I traveled through the country I was backslidden. Not to boast of it but I am sorry to say. God was merciful to me. Three years ago a white sore appeared on the bottom of my legs. In a period of two years I was full of that sore on my body. God knows I did all I could spiritually and then I saw prayer did not help.

Then I started praying for my life to be taken. I was tired of this great torment. God only knows the awful pain I went through. One day I prayed to this end, God take me or heal me. God spoke, go and preach the gospel and I will heal thee. I also preached every night in the state of North Dakota, but I always supported myself. So then I arose from my knees and built a house truck, took my family and traveled two thousand miles south where I preached the third sermon in San Marcos, Texas. God delivered my legs and now I am the healthiest man ever lived. I thank God for all these blessings. Praise the Holy name of Jesus.

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SAVED AND HEALED

I am a living witness for Christ who died on Calvary's Cross for whosoever will may come and take the water of the life freely. Praise His holy name for these words. 1921 the Spirit of God started to strive with me in Fessenden, N.D. Finally I got saved then, but did not know much about the word of God or how a saved person should live, so then I got a pain in my side and went to a doctor. He told me it was gall stones. I got no relief, was troubled with that awful pain for a long while, when finally I got another sickness and then went to another doctor. He said it was ruptured appendix, and said I had to be operated on for gall stones and appendicitis. So then we moved to Minot, N.D. and there we attended full gospel meetings for a while. I started to pray from the bottom of my heart and prayed for the Lord to take those pains from my body. Praise His holy name. For seven years have had no pains. I thank Him for hearing and answering prayer. So today I can say boldly I am serving a God whose ears are open to our prayers if we do His will. The Bible says whatsoever ye pray believe that ye receive it and ye shall have it. So if our prayer is not answered we do not believe from our heart. So today there is nothing too small nor too great that the Lord is not willing to do for us if we do His will every day. Then to believe and have faith in God that he will do everything he has promised is two

different things. Belief comes from the head and faith comes from the heart, so we will have to have both to please God. Then January 19, 1928, I was filled with the Holy Spirit as the word of God says: Be ye filled with the spirit, I praise God for that he was so merciful to me, and what he has done for me he will do for you if you meet the conditions, for God is no respecter of persons. After we are filled with the spirit of God then we find out what it means in I John, 4 ch., 18 ver., "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." Now this is the word of God and it means just what He says. So we know what is the matter with so many people that are afraid of every storm or thing that shall come to pass. They are not made perfect in love, or other words, they are not right with God. Praise His name forever.

MRS. ANNIE ETTERMAN.

Enid, Okla., April 26, 1933

For the Glory of God I am giving this testimony. Haven't been able to work for about 6 years on account of my eyes and have just been able to discern light of windows and doors. Was prayed for several times but no relief. Attending Bro. Etterman and Hayes Evangelistic services was prayed for by Bro. Etterman

and the dear Lord touched me and I could see their shining faces and received the Holy Ghost speaking in other tongues as the spirit gave utterance for which I give God all the glory. I pray they may have great success in winning souls and healing their bodies. I want to go on in the Lord. Pray that I hold out faithful.

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Perry Okla., April 24, 1933.

To whom this may concern:

Bro. Etterman and Bro. Hayes had a meeting here at our town for almos: 3 months and there were many of the saints healed and some precious souls saved to the honor and glory of God. I myself was instantly healed of neuralgia. Thanks be to God. It is very interesting to hear them tell of the wonderful experiences and how much God can do for all of us if we will only let the Lord have his way in our life. My earnest wish is God will bless and help other places where the blessed people go like he did at Perry, and hope they help many souls. May God bless them and their family.

ANNA CASTY,

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Lindsborg, Kansas, July, 1933.

Very few people living in this age have had the privilege to see God's power manifested in healing. I was 32 years of age before I ever saw it done and I had traveled in 5 states. Last fall when we were holding a meeting at Lindsborg an old lady by the name of Mrs. Peterson came to our meeting. She was very deaf. She could not hear a thing but she was a saint of God. She wanted to be prayed for. I did not believe then that it was possible to be healed by God. I imagined that God was too far away to do so. Bro. and Sister Etteman anointed and prayed for her and she received her full hearing.

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**THE BOOK ON THE BAPTISM
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By the Bible and the Holy Ghost, it shall be made possible to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the right way. This book is to be read and compared with the Bible prayerfully. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is for every believer. It was spoken by the Holy Apostle in the book of Acts, 2 Chapter, 38-39 verse: "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." It is impossible for intelligent people to believe such doctrine, that the baptism was not for us, although it has been preached for centuries. Some preach that we receive the Holy Ghost when we are converted and others, when we are baptized in the water. There must be some mistake, as the Bible tells in the Book of Acts about the first Gentiles receiving the Holy Ghost the same as the Apostle did.

We know that these Gentiles were saved, and we also know that the Lord does not hear the prayers of a sinner, as will find the following in St. John, 9 Chapter, 31 Verse: "Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth." Also we know that he heard the prayers of those peoples, because the angel of the Lord appeared and tells them that their prayers have been answered.

Now let us look in the Holy Scripture for the only proof that will stand at the Judgment Bar of God. In the Book of Acts, 10 Chapter, 31 Verse: "And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God." From these verses, we have found that man cannot receive the Holy Ghost by conversion; let us then go on and prove that no man receives the baptism of the Holy Ghost by immersion in water. Peter, in speaking to the house of Cornelius, Acts, 10 chapter, 47 verse: "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" Now we find from the reading of the Scripture, that they received the Holy Ghost first, and then were baptized in water. So thank God for the Bible, as no man, woman, or child needs to become lost if they are honest with their own self.

It is also false doctrine that man receives their baptism when they are sanctified. Sanctification is not

the baptism, and we can find in the Bible that the Holy Ghost has nothing to do with sanctification.

In the Book of Hebrews, 13 chapter, 12 verse: "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." Here we see that the blood of Jesus is doing the sanctifying. May God help us that we don't misunderstand sanctification. It is a wonderful blessing from God, but let us go on and receive the blessing. It does not say to seek for the Holy Ghost to bless us, but rather to be filled with the Holy Ghost. We say in the Book of Ephesians, 5 chapter, 18 verse: "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;" We can be sure when we have received that feeling, there is a difference in us. No man needs to advertise or make a great noise, for the life of that person will show its works.

There is a great deal of preaching going through the world concerning the so called full Gospel. This is a false alarm, as they teach that all people that have received the Holy Ghost can speak in time in tongues. This is false, because every gift from the Holy Ghost is given to every man to profit with. In I Corinthians, 12 chapter, 30 verse: "Have all the gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?" The Bible does not say that they all speak in tongues, but aims the question to all. We know it is the evidence of receiving the Holy Ghost by being able to speak in tongues, and is

the Spirit giving utterance. When we receive that blessed Holy Ghost as the first Gentiles did, we do not talk in other tongues as the Disciples. And there is a difference in our reception, as shown in Acts, 2 chapter and in Acts, 10 chapter. Acts, 10 chapter belongs to us Gentiles, it is the same Holy Ghost as in the day of Pentecost, but the Gentiles spake in tongues to glorify God, not in other tongues, which means a language. If we receive the Holy Ghost we speak in tongues as they did and glorify God. And no man can understand, neither can anyone interpret, for this is a gift to us, the least gift of all.

If we ask the Lord or if we are due to have it, he will give it to us. Otherwise, when the Holy Ghost takes control of our tongue and uses it for His glorification, that is sufficient and from that moment we may speak in tongues. As long as we have the fruit of the Spirit or some of the other gifts, which are given by the same Spirit, speaking in tongues is not a sign that a person still has the Holy Ghost, for speaking in tongues while receiving the Holy Ghost is only a sign for the unbelievers. Let us make a few remarks to avoid misunderstanding the sign for the unbelievers. When there are some present that do not believe as the Bible teaches, often times these will hear the tongues, and in many cases begin to search the Bible and become saved. Now let us read Acts, 2 chapter, 4 verse: "And they were all

filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Notice these words: "The Spirit gave them utterance." This was necessary, as on that day there were many different languages present. The great need in this day is for us to be saved and then be sanctified by the precious blood of Jesus. After this we should seek for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, letting God have his way. Then we will receive as shown to us in the Book of Acts, 10 chapter, 46 verse: "For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God, then answered Peter," Note the difference in these instances, and they spake with other tongues, while the Gentiles spake with tongues, yet both did receive in the same Holy Ghost. So will we receive in this day the Holy Ghost speaking in tongues, if we are honest and pure in heart. And if we want the gift of tongues, we must ask God for it, not babbling our tongues after one that has the gift.

Many people have poisoned whole communities with their imitation of tongues, and we shall prove to our readers why we call it imitation of tongues. When you come to certain churches seeking for salvation, the so called preacher or his assistance tells you to seek for tongues, which, we have explained, is one of the wrong doctrine. No man has the right to seek for a gift before he is saved and sanctified and has received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. And as we have proved in the begin-

ning, the speaking in other tongues is one of nine gifts as found in I Corinthians, 12 chapter 10 verse: "To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues;" The reason we speak so much about tongues in this book is to avoid that great confusion, which has spread throughout the world. Many churches have built their whole salvation on tongues and others have done nothing but fight tongues. But they are both wrong as we will prove. First, we find that the Apostle Paul has to reprove the church that built their salvation on tongues in his day, and it is just as true in our day. Read I Corinthians, 13 chapter, 1 verse: "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 if we appear in God's sight only as sounding brass, let us be more careful, and not do as those churches that built their hope on tongues. God helps everyone to understand that it is not just to take one verse in the Bible and make a doctrine.

The word of God is not to be divided and scattered, as most of the preachers do. Let us divide the word of God correctly, so we may prove that those who fight speaking in tongues are wrong. Paul speaks to the churches in I Corinthians, 14 chapter, 39 verse: "Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not

to speak with tongues." Here we find that we are not to forbid speaking with tongues. Many preachers stand and preach of confusions and forbid talking in tongues, thus condemning the gift of the Holy Ghost, and it is the unpardonable sin and will not be forgiven. The words of the Lord Jesus spoken 1900 years ago are just as true today. And just as the gift of healing, as it was received from the Holy Ghost, was blasphemed in that day, do many preachers blaspheme talking in tongues in these days. God speaks concerning the blasphemers in the Gospel of Matthew 12 chapter, 32 verse: "But whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." It is such a fearful thing to blaspheme against one of the gifts, rather let us pray for the things we do not understand. The lack of knowledge is one of the reasons that some children of God fail to lead a clean and holy life. Another thing is wrong teaching. These two classes of preachers, ignorant and misinformed are themselves deceived if they preach to the honest hearted children of God, and are preaching just for a gain. They are preaching, having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof from such. The word of God says not to follow in this way. There is confusion among the churches, because they are not reading the Bible, but following some ideas of men or their own imaginations. They have not received the Holy Ghost that leads in all

truth, but have the spirit of err which the word of God speaks of. They have refused the truth. Everyone that received the Holy Ghost is also let by him. The word tells us in I John, 2 chapter, 27 verse: "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you; but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him." Here we see the Holy Ghost will not lead astray and when a man or woman teaches an unclean or unholy life, we know that person is not a Holy Ghost preacher. Thank God for the Bible speaks, "By their fruit ye shall know them." So let us be very careful what we hear and what we do, for if we be partakers of the false doctrine, we are guilty of sin. But in proving the wrong or right way, we find the Bible says the right way is to be born again, which no man can explain. Jesus speaks in the Gospel of John, 3 chapter, 3 verse: "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." We find this is the beginning of the right way, and if we have done our part, which the Lord requires, and confess our sins as is found in Epistle of I John, 1 chapter, 9 verse: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." After we have gone thus far, believing the word and in faith, we must go through the

baptism of water, like our Saviour Jesus. He set this example and commanded it in the Gospel of St. Matthew, 28 chapter, 19 verse: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" Lord Jesus gives us this command and many preachers use Peter's word. This is not right, God says, "This is my beloved Son, hear him, or him shall ye hear." Instead of hearing his command, we follow man's doctrine or our own imaginations. God help us to understand the word of God and then do it. We find the form of baptism in Romans, 6 chapter, 4 verse: "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." The next step is to be sanctified, as the word commands us and not as some preachers tell us. We see plainly that sanctification is not the definite work of grace, and is not thus found in the bible, but we find it is the will of the father, I Thessalonians, 4 chapter, 3 verse: "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:" Sanctification means a full surrender to Jesus so that the blood of Jesus flows continuous over our soul and mind, also, we must keep our mind on heavenly things, and not on things of the earth. Or in other words, we must become a pure and holy person before the Holy Ghost can enter into us.

After our soul and body are made pure, we become candidates for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We must seek for it and ask God to give it to us, and nothing else. We find in the Gospel, that Jesus tells us, "As evil fathers give good gifts to their children, how much more will the father in heaven give the Holy Ghost to them that ask him for it." This is a very small task required of us, merely asking, "And ye shall receive that your joy might be full."

Let us remind the reader of this book, as was said in the beginning, that the receiving of the baptism by the Bible way, and the evidence that we have received this baptism shown by our power of speaking in tongues and glorifying God, just as the first Gentiles did, has not changed. Our God has not changed, as we read in the Book of Malachi, 3 chapter, 6 verse: "For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." God is the same as he was in the beginning when he created heaven and earth.

Let us come boldly before the throne of God, asking of him abounding for he will give to him that asketh.

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. My heart desires that this book might be used in every home, as a key to the Holy Bible, and lead many to the cross of Calvary. The reason I urge the believers to be very earnest in seeking for the blessing, is not so much for itself, but because in these evil days it will be very

hard to stand without the baptism of the Holy Ghost. So may God help and give every reader of this book a great longing for more of God is my prayer, and the great God of heaven, which will be praised thru all eternity.



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THE MARK OF THE BEAST

Just a few words to explain the mark of the beast, concerning that which there is so great a dispute. Each Bible teacher explains this subject to please himself, his denomination or church. The Book of Revelations is not given to every man to understand this book as it is written. The word of God in one place says that the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. So there must be spiritual understanding also in this matter be sure that if any man explains Revelations, that he has the Holy Ghost to bring the right explanation. Therefore, let us look in the Bible, 2 Corinthians, 3 chapter, 6 verse: "Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." From this we find that the Lord is the one who makes the spiritual ministers, and not some college. When we read the Bible, and especially the Book on Revelations, we need the wisdom from God. In James, 1 chapter, 5 verse: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." So then the right wisdom comes from God alone. Every man or woman who reads this explanation, should be prayerful and ask God to give him the right understanding before beginning to read it. Revelation, 13 chapter, 18 verse: "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man:

and his number is Six hundred, threescore and six." May God be blest by his wisdom, which he giveth to all that ask him in faith, and come from a clean heart.

Now let us explain what is meant by the number of a man. Every man knows that no other man carries that number on him, except the Pope of Rome. He has on his front and back, in Roman figures, the number six hundred and sixty-six. Let us notice that the Bible states that the beast hath given to the false prophet, exercise the same power. Everyone knows that Martin Luther was a Catholic monk when God called him to translate the Bible. He did this faithfully and showed all men what to do and by what name to go under. In a few years there sprung up one denomination after another until at the present time, we have over six hundred denominations. Now let us refer to Revelation, 13 chapter, 17 verse: "And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Let us bring to your mind that no man can preach or teach in any denomination, unless he belongs to it.

Now let us use wisdom. It is the custom throughout the world that every preacher must have papers or otherwise, he is not allowed to preach in any church. This custom also requires that we make up our mind and join one of the many denominations, but when we do join them, we do not belong to the Lord, but only belong to

that particular church. This is wrong, because we have our minds upon the church and not upon the Lord. The word of God says: "Where your treasure is, there is your heart also." In these days we are added to the church by man, but our Bible says that the Lord addeth to the church. Acts, 2 chapter, 47 verse: "Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Now is it right that man should add to the church, when our Bible tells us that God adds to the church? Revelation, 22 chapter, 19 verse: "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Is it not taking away the word of God when we are added to the church by men? And may God help us not to be added by men. If we have already been added to the church by man, we have taken the mark of the beast on our forehead and on the right hand just as told in the Bible.

We have proven that every one who has gone contrary to the Bible, will find that their name is not written in the Book of Life. In Revelation, 20 chapter, 15 verse: "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." If our names are placed on the church book by man, and we are not born again or born into the church, we have accepted

the mark of the beast, which the Bible speaks of in connection with the Roman Catholic Church. We proved in the beginning that every church has copied after the Catholic including their forms, and their main ideas, and have also called themselves by some man's name.

The Bible in speaking of the family, calls it by God's name. Ephesians, 3 chapter, 14-15 verse: "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." If we do not call ourselves by the Father's name, we have taken from the word and our name is not written in the book of life. To belong to a man made organization is wrong. By this we mean that the cause for which each church is built is right, but that the sin is in joining a man made organization, instead of God's family. We are shown by the above proof, what every man should be called, but we will give more proof from the Bible. I Corinthians, 3 chapter, 4 verse: "For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?" If we are called by any other name than God, we are carnal, and the carnal mind is an enemy of God, but an enemy of God will never be with Him. Any person that becomes a member of a man made organization, or church has the mark of the beast, either on his forehead or on his right hand. Romans, 8 chapter, 7 verse: "Because the carnal mind is

enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." No carnal man can be obedient to the laws of God, and every person that is disobedient, is lost. Then let us plead with everyone that reads this book to be careful and not join, or be connected with any man made organization.

The word of God says, "Whom the son set free, is free indeed." Let us then be free from all the beggarly things of this world, for when we are saved from sin, God puts our name in the book of life, and that is sufficient. We must not forget to gather with the children of God, which are called by God's name or belong to the great family on the earth. We can worship in any kind of building, because the word of God does not dwell in houses made by hand, but God dwells in every saved person's heart. In order to please God, and to follow His will, we must worship Him in spirit and in truth, and to abstain from joining man made organizations. We must be very careful, and do the things that the Bible requires of us. Our interpretation of the mark of the beast is being a member of a man made organization, and as soon as we have reached the number, six hundred and sixty-six, the end will come.

May our great God be blessed.

THE CHURCH TO WHICH I MUST BELONG

By God's help I will explain what is meant by the church to which I must belong. God does not tell us that we must belong to any church or movement, as we are told in the churches today. And if we believe the Bible, we must do what the Bible says. If it says to do a certain thing, we must do it, and if it says not to do a certain thing, we must not do it. If the Bible says it was right to belong to an organization, it would not be a sin to join one, but we must do as it says and in Acts, 2 chapter, 47 verse: "Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." From this we see that it is not necessary for a person to belong to the church, or be taken into an organization by a vote, or by a hand shake by the preacher, but the Lord, Himself, adds the person to the church. Thank God for the bible, that no one needs to go astray, if they have a Bible, and a preacher that is called of God to teach them. A man who is really called of God, will not take joiners, but will preach the word of God as it is written, neither taking away, nor adding anything to it.

If ministers would read the bible, they would know the penalty, they will face at the judgment day, for destroying God's word. Also let us be careful and not misuse the Gospel. As long as we are ignorant, God is merciful, but as soon as we know the truth we must

believe and practice it. If we know the truth, our failure to practice it is not excusable in the sight of God.

First of all, we must be born again of water and the spirit, John, 3 chapter, then be baptized in the water, Romans, 6 chapter, next be sanctified, I Thessalonians, 4 chapter, 3 verse, "Then filled with the Holy Ghost as Cornelius of old." Acts, 10 chapter, 47 verse: "And then live a clean and holy life every day of your life." Above all, we must live a clean and holy life every day, in order to belong to the Church of God, if we call ourselves by that name. The Bible speaks upon this in Ephesians, 3 chapter, 14-15 verse: "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." Then since the Father of Jesus is called God, as we all know, so we must be called Church of God. However, do not think that every church that calls itself the Church of God, is the church of God. No, there is only one Church of God on earth, the same as in heaven, and that is the great family of God, it is called by the Father's name. In this world, everyone that has accepted full salvation and is called by that name, and belongs to the Church of God of which Jesus is the head, and not some woman or man. Let me make this plain. This does not mean to stay out of the church, because every church building is good for the purpose of entering, and worshipping in. But not man or woman has the right to

accept members, and every person should be free to go where he gets food for his soul, or where the Gospel is preached.

There is only one Gospel, as there is only one church, and we have proven by the Bible that there is only one church. Now the Bible speaks of one Gospel, and if the man preaches a false Gospel, he is a curse. So we must be careful as to what Gospel we listen to. There is such a doctrine in the world today that the only command that we must obey is given by Peter in Acts 3:23: "And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people." This Prophet is Jesus, for Jesus' command is found in Matthew, 28 chapter, 19 verse: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Those that baptize in the name of Jesus only, cannot be called the Church of God, because the Bible says in I John, 3 chapter, 24 verse: "And he that keepeth His commandments dwelleth in Him, and He in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us." His command is to be baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost, and these teachers of false doctrine, change the wording and of course, must be wrong. We are even forbidden to speak in such a manner. I John, 9 verse: "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the

doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son." So those that preach such a doctrine, cannot claim the Father's name, nor belong to the Church of God. Therefore, we must be careful as to the Gospel we listen to:

As we proved in the beginning, everyone that preaches the doctrine of sprinkling or pouring or acceptance by hand shaking, or voting, or any other method made by man is all wrong. These things are not for the true Church of God, and in the ministry. Everyone must watch and obey the Bible and the commandments of Jesus Christ, and then God will bless the church.

Amen.



Water Baptism

WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR ME

Annandale, Minnesota.

I was born in Wright County, Minnesota, June 18, 1899. I grew up on my father's farm.

When I was 19 years old, I was taken sick with stomach trouble. I got very sick. I tried several doctors around home, with no relief. So my brothers sent me to a specialist in St. Paul. This doctor said I had a stage of ulcers. He charged me plenty of money and did not cure me. I could not eat heavy food. I took medicine all the time. Two years later I was taken seriously sick. Again, I went to the same doctor and spent over \$200.00 again, and did not get cured.

There were churches and preachers all around our home. Cokato had churches, Howard Lake and Annandale and many churches and preachers, there also was a church three-fourths mile from our place. They all had pastors and were supposed to be God sent men, supposed to be preaching God's word. God is my witness and also, I have three brothers that will witness that no minister during this period of sickness ever came to me and explained the word of God to me, and proved by God's word, that God would heal me of my sickness. So I was depending on doctors for help, because the ministers were not teaching the whole truth.

In June, 1927, I got married. My wife was a member of the Christian Church of Howard Lake.

Minnesota. So the folks there wanted me to become a member also. So June 27, 1927, when the minister gave the call for sinners, I went down the aisle. He took my hand and asked me, "Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?" I said, "Yes." I did not know if he was the Son of God or not, so I lied. A little later I was baptized, but I was still smoking, chewing tobacco, lying, and doing all kinds of evil.

In February, 1932, I organized a string orchestra to play in churches. I really wanted to do what was right, but I was not saved, so I could not do so.

We played in all the churches, but most of the orchestra were sinners. At this time I was an Elder in the Church of Christ at Sylvan. I took part in the communion, prayed over it, and also took it, of course. I smoked, chewed and cheated people. I was a real servant of the devil. No man never told me how to live.

In August, 1932, we had an engagement to play at Dr. Riley Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We were on our way, when we broke a piston on the bus. We managed to get to Montrose, Minn. The Lord was in the thing. Bro. A. G. Etterman was holding a meeting there, he asked us to come in and play for him, so we did. He asked me to travel with him. I accepted his offer and Sept. 4, 1932, I left my old home, left everything I had in this world.

Our first revival meeting was at Arlington, South

Dakota. Here I was 32 years of age and this was the first time I had ever heard the Gospel preached. It didn't take long before I knew that I was doomed for Hell, if I did not repent.

Bro. Etterman showed me in the word of God in the 1st Epistle of John, 1 chapter, 9 verse: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." So I did it, and thank God, I got saved. God also removed all the tobacco and filth away from me. Then Bro. Etterman proved by the word of God that we are not supposed to be sick. I accepted it, and praise the Lord. He healed my stomach and put me in perfect health. I have not taken a drop of medicine in two years and nine months.

If you know of anyone that is suffering with any kind of disease, if they are cripple, I advise you to see Bro. and Sister Etterman, and through their prayers, God will heal you. God has never failed them.

In March, 1934, at Kennedy, Texas, I received the Holy Ghost by speaking in tongues. Today I am enjoying the best health and salvation. I would not trade my health and salvation for all the money in the world.

I am writing this testimony to the glory of God, that some poor lost soul will read my little testimony and see where they are. I know that God heals today, just the same as when our Saviour, Jesus Christ, walked the shores of Galilee.

I have traveled in eleven states, and Bro. Etterman is the only man I have met that preaches the word of God as it is supposed to be preached. I am so thankful that God still has some ministers that teach the truth.

May God help you, is my prayer.

Harold H. Hayes, Annandale, Minnesota



WHAT GOD IS ABLE TO DO FOR ANYONE IF WE WILL LET HIM

It was in the year of 1925 that I was working at a home in Howard Lake, Minnesota. These people were members of the Church of Christ, and were great workers in this church. They told me that I should become a Christian, and that to get to be one I must go forward and shake hands with the minister and get baptized in the water. So I went forward and shook hands with the minister one morning and was baptized in the water. I thought this was the only church that was right, because they carried the name of the Church of Christ and baptized in water, and took communion every Sunday.

The only time I heard about healing was when I heard two women testify to the fact that they had been healed, and also seen others healed. I read it in the word of God, but thought it was not for us. I took all kinds of medicine, and was going to have my tonsils removed by a doctor.

It was in the year of 1932 that Bro. Etterman, with whom we are now traveling, came along and asked my husband to go along with him as a singing evangelist. We went with him.

As I thought the Church of Christ was right, I never took my Bible and tried to find out that there was something more to do than shake hands with the minister and

be baptized in the water, and take the Lord's Supper.

As I was a self righteous person, I did not receive the word of God, how to get saved, and instead of asking God to save me, I began to seek for the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

We arrived at Perry, Oklahoma on Nov. 4, 1932, where we were holding a meeting, when I caught a bad cold from laying the mattress on the ground in the tent and then washing outside. From a bad cold it turned into quick consumption, and I lost at least seventy-five pounds. When I was sick I would spit up at least a quart of pus day and night and my lungs were terribly sore, and I could hardly walk, eat, or sleep. I would have to get up at night and sit up in a chair and sleep. I also lost my mind. It was here that Bro. and Sister Etterman brought me the Gospel of Jesus Christ, how to get saved. I got saved, and my tonsils were also removed by God, praise His name.

At Enid, Oklahoma, I began to seek for the baptism of the Holy Ghost again. Some people prayed with me there who were not clean people, so I received demons, instead of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Their unbelief crept in and I became possessed with the devil.

It was at San Marcos, Texas, that the demons took full charge of me. I thought I was being led by the Lord. The demons would speak through me, and tell me other things to do that were contrary to the word of God. they

made me think that I was right and the others were all wrong, and they tried to make me kill my baby, by me throwing my arms around him so tight that the others would not get him. When they tried to take the baby I held him with all my might. I could not even believe that Jesus was the Son of God and that he died for me, I could not believe or receive any of the word of God until the demons were cast out of me by the power of God and the work of Bro. and Sister Etterman. I got saved, and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost at Kennedy, Texas. I can truly say that God's power is the same as it ever was.

I used to also be a person very much afraid of lightning and storms, but this all was taken away from me. The word of God says, "You know that perfect love casts our fear." I used to have all my windows shades pulled tight when it lightnined. If I had only known that it was in God's hands and it did not do any good I suppose, I would have not been so foolish. I was also very scared to sleep anywhere outdoors, but this fear also was taken away. My two childrer always had to take medicine for their stomachs and also use medicine when they had a cold, but since we have been in the care of the hands of the living God, we have had no trouble.

This is my testimony to the Glory of God.

Anyone wanting to write to me for more information, I will give them to you.

Mrs. Christine Hayes, Annandale, Minnesota.

Wichita, Kansas, July 26, 1935

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

I was afflicted with a tumor in my side for about nineteen months, and I suffered much with it.

Bro. Etterman and his company held a short meeting in this city. About a year before this meeting I was prayed for, but got no relief. After Bro. Etterman left I wrote to Sister Etterman, and asked if they would not pray for me, and thank God the tumor in my side melted away, and I was completely healed of the disease.

I thank God for honest ministers that are preaching the true word of God. I know that the Lord is with Bro. and Sister Etterman, and I recommend them highly.

Anyone desiring to know more about my healing, please write to me, or see me. I know that God still heals.

My desire is to go on and serve the Lord, and do His will.

Mrs. C. E. Knight,
407 S. Euporia St., Wichita, Kansas.

Coalgate, Okla., June 28, 1935

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

To the Glory of God, I want to give my testimony.

I was affected with stomach trouble and also had a sore leg. I heard about Bro. Etterman holding a meeting at Coalgate, so I went up to see him. He anointed me with oil as it says in James, 5 chapter, 14 verse, and I was healed.

I want to praise my God for healing my body. I did not take a drop of medicine, but the Lord has all the glory. I also want to thank God for such ministers as Bro. Etterman, that really lives a clean and holy life, and when he prays for anyone God hears and answers his prayers.

Anyone that is sick in body and wants to know more about my healing, please write to me, and I will tell you more about it.

Your Brother in Christ,

Roy Walls, Route 1, Lehigh, Okla.

Pettus, Texas.

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

Praise the Lord our blessed Jesus. Here is my testimony of my baptism of the Holy Ghost.

I was saved over two years ago. Have been seeking for it all that time. I began to think there must be something wrong with me. All I'd gotten out of it was the

shakers of the flesh. I was all undone. All I ask of God, was to have His own way with me. As I layd my all on the alter and left out nothing. I was dead to the want of the world. What was wrong with me? God healed me and kept me in His own way. I was praising Him for it all. What was wrong then? I prayed on for God to send someone in my own way. And praise God He did. Bro. and Sister McDonald asked me to go to Kennedy, Texas, with them to church. They told me of a meeting going on there, so I was only too glad. I praise God for the asking. I went there and found God's messengers. I knew when I sat there and listened, God had sent them to me, for one as well as many others. I praise God for it. I was all undone in the shakers of the flesh, the more I prayed, the worse I got. Praise the Lord for the Saints who were pleading for my cause.

Then Bro. Eterman, his stand in the name of Jesus for me and rebuked Satan in the name of Jesus. Then the prayers of him and all the saints went up to God for me, and I was so sweetly filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I was truly filled and spake in tongues, I was too happy for words to tell, and I am still filled, and feel more and more each day His blessings over my soul rolls like sunshine to my soul. I want to tell you, you don't know yourself. You cannot go through life unless you have the true messengers and His true saints to show and help you. God is leading me all the way in

this writing. God bless Bro. Etterman and his workers, and the dear saints that were pleading for my soul on that night of October 28, 1933. Oh that blessed night that God, my blessed Jesus took things out of my way to walk with Him. Praise His holy name. I am living for God alone, just waiting for Him to lead me. If He has a work for me to do, I am ready, even to die for Him. Oh I can see Him now, how He gave His own precious life for this sinful world. We never can pay our dear Lord for all He has done. May God bless all the dear children of God who leaving their homes, their all to suffer the snares and hardships of this sinful world, they left for the Lord, and to give the sinners a last chance.

I would not change with the richest person on earth for I have Jesus in my soul, Praise the Lord.

Mrs. W. M. King, Pettus Texas.



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Part II
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Some of the things God has done for Bro. Etterman and us in our Evangelistic work.

It was in 1934. I remember driving through South Dakota and it was very dry. We were on our way to North Dakota, pulling our house trailer. We had very common trailers. Ours was built on a Model-T Ford chassis and Bro. Etterman had a house on a Chevy. truck. Ours was 7 by 12 feet. Bro. Etterman's was 8 by 14 ft.

We always tried to keep our little, humble houses looking as good as possible as Bro. Etterman taught us that we should not be a reproach to God's great work.

When we would hold services we always tried to have our children as neat as possible. We did not have such expensive clothes, but tried to have them neat.

This one time I started to write about, we were traveling straight north and a very strange cloud was coming up in the west. It looked like there was a lot of wind in the cloud as we were driving along. I was hoping and praying that the road would turn east, away from the storm and sure enough the road did turn east and of course that made us happy. But, oh my what happened. All of a sudden our old 1927 Olds stopped. We were out of gas. My my.

Now, what were we to do. I took a gas can and started down the road. It was possibly two miles to a farm house. I didn't go far, as I saw I could not make it. The storm was getting close, so I turned around and hurried back to the car and just got back when the rain began to fall and the wind blow. It sure did rain and the wind blew.

I said to my wife, if I take the brakes off I believe the

wind will blow the car and trailer down the road. So I took the brakes off and the car began to go. Soon we were traveling quite fast and finally I had to use the brakes to slow the car down. Anyway it blew us down the road to the farm house and then the wind stopped. It was God that did it for us.

We are trusting in a great God who can do great things for us if we will trust and look to him. I want many people to know what the Lord has done for us.

After it stopped raining I took my gas can and got gas at that house.

We are trusting in a good God.

I would mention many things that happened in our trailers to show you how close God is to those that have trust in Him. I'm glad Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. What he did for the people in the Bible he will surely do for you and I. What he has done for us he will do for you. God takes pleasure in them that trust in him. I'm thinking of that song, "It is so Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

Brother Etteman always taught us out of the Bible not to trust in man, but fully trust in the Lord. I would like to mention we were parked in Newton, Kansas at the church and one day the wind began to blow very hard and our little house was rocking in the hard wind. I'm wondering now if the Lord was trying our faith in Him. Anyway, it looked like the little trailer house would turn over. I walked outside and it came to me. It must have been the enemy. You better get a rope and tie the trailer down or it will blow away. But it soon came to me, you know you should trust in the Lord. Well, praise the Lord, what did I do but go inside the trailer. I sat down on the floor and this is what I said to the Lord, "I Am Afraid." I had no sooner said these words, than the wind stopped blowing. It was quite a surprise to me

when the wind stopped blowing. Some times we think that the Lord is so far away. Some times it looks and seems that he has forgotten us, but it's not so. Now, here I was worrying about the house blowing over and I didn't realize the Lord was so close. I again want to draw your attention to the words I spoke while I was on the floor, while the trailer was rocking in the wind. "I Am Afraid." It's not always the long prayer that is answered. It's good to know that the Lord cares for us and will always make a way.

Another time, I would like to mention in this book, we were holding a revival at a school house in Oklahoma. The little place was called Addington Bend. It really was a lovely little place to be. Anyway, I liked it so much. I was raised in the country. I lived in one house for 32 years, off the main road, so we were used to the country.

This school had the woods on the east side of it and there was a fence along the woods. This is where Bro. Etterman and I had our trailers. Of course, in those days we didn't have any electric lights in our trailers, we used kerosene lamps. The school house we preached in didn't have any electric lights. Our company had a nice revival meeting sign and one night someone cut the sign to pieces, completely ruined it. Bro. Etterman told the sheriff about it, but he didn't do anything about it.

There was some boys there that had just been paroled from jail. These boys didn't like the Gospel Bro. Etterman was preaching, so they sent word to us that they were going to destroy us. Of course, we had no protection except God and of course, He is our great protector.

One night after services we were sitting outside enjoying the lovely evening. Well, before this I believe it was before the evening service. To our great surprise here came a large police dog. My, was he a nice dog. He was so nice to the children. He stayed around all evening. We had no idea

where the dog came from and why the dog was there. We had no idea that God had sent the dog there to protect us.

While Bro. Etterman and the rest of us were sitting there outside, God spoke to Bro. Etterman, "Their feet are swift to shed blood." It was not long now until out in the woods we could hear foot steps. As I remember, it was a very still night. No wind, and you could hear a long ways as they were coming. We could even hear them as they crossed over the fences. It seemed as though danger was on hand and we were not afraid.

Bro. Etterman always taught us that wonderful Bible verse, "If God be for us, who can be against us." Another place it says, "Perfect love cast our fear." We were all looking to the Lord for help. One place it says, "Vain is the help of man." We will never know how close they got to us or we didn't know how many were coming, but all of a sudden the big police dog began to growl and of course he had a big voice. They were still coming. Then it was that the dog began to bark and started out into the woods. It looked like there was no fear in the dog. Whoever was out in the woods, coming toward us, got afraid of the dog and went back, because we never saw them. I don't remember if we saw the dog any more. Of course, God could have done different, but anyway he used a dog to frighten them. We see in the Bible, God used a mule to talk to a prophet. God's ways are not like mans. Getting back to the dog, we inquired about him, if there was anyone that had a dog of that type, but no one seemed to know anything about such a dog. Anyway, God sent the police dog to protect his servants. God will make a way when there is no way. He does the impossible. Anyway, whoever it was coming to harm us, as Bro. Etterman got, "Their feet are swift to shed blood," they never did come back and try to harm us.

Jesus said in the Bible, "Our very hairs are numbered."

Jesus also said, "We are of more value than many sparrows.

I'm thinking about another time we were traveling in Oklahoma and I believe we were going to Pawhuska, but I am not sure. Anyway, there were three trailers this time Bro. Etterman, Bro. Peterson and ours. It was along toward evening and it had begun to rain. We were traveling on a dirt and gravel road and it was hilly. So it got slippery and we just could not go any further. Bro. Etterman said, let us pull beside the road and stay until morning. God was in it.

Well, we pulled off the road and camped for the night. After we got everything arranged for the night, it was already getting dark. There was quite a few of us in the company, with the children there must have been about 15 of us. Here we were out in the country and no houses in sight. We didn't have any water. We must have had some food to prepare. We had the trailers set for the night and we had our own kerosene lights, but what were we going to use for water? The children wanted water, and of course we could not fix supper. Here comes Bro. Etterman with his pail. He says, Bro. Hayes, Bro. Peterson, let us get some water. I thought, where will we get any water. Bro. Etterman started down the road with some of the children following. We followed him. By now, it was dark. The skies were clear and it was quite nice after the rain. I don't know how far we walked, but probably half a mile or more when we came to a house which was a little ways off the road.

Bro. Etterman says, we will get water here, but to our surprise, it was a vacant house. We looked around for a well, but there was none. Now, what were we to do? There were no more houses to be seen, night was on, the children were thirsty, we needed water to prepare a little supper. I don't remember if I prayed, but no doubt I did and no question Bro. Etterman was asking God for some water. Oh,

God is so good. He sees how helpless we really are. One place it says, "God remembered that his people were but flesh." Where were we going to get water?

The skies were clear except up in the skies there was a small cloud. It was so small. Bro. Etterman was on the other side of the house. All at once it began to rain, out of that little cloud, and it rained real hard. Brother Etterman says, come here and get your water. There were eve troughs on the house. Bro. Etterman says come quick. Bro. Peterson and I ran over there and Bro. Etterman already had his pail filled. Bro. Peterson and I filled our pails and then it stopped raining. We each got our pails filled and that was the end of the rain. Oh, our God is so wonderful.

We were ready to go home and make supper. We walked on home with our water, praising our great God for His mercy to us. We had our supper and wen to bed and in the morning we traveled on our way, rejoicing and praising God.

Many times we limit our great Gods power. There is nothing too hard for God to do.

We came to a little town in Oklahoma by the name of Thackerville and we were looking for a place to stop. Some one told us where we could stop where there was a well. Anyway, we made ourselves at home at that place. I don't remember how lng we stayed there, but it was for some time. We enjoyed our stay. We got our water from the well. Of course, we were taught to pray over everything we drank or ate. We were ready to move on when someone asked where we were getting our drinking water. We told them and they told us that the well was contaminated. Supposed to be Typhoid. Anyway, God protected all of us.

How wonderful it is to think how good God is. We were in Newport, Mo., holding a revival meeting. We were having good interest. Souls were getting blessed and of

course when God works, then the devil works. Bro. Etterman was preaching good and of course the devil doesn't like that. One Sunday afternoon we had services and during the service God began to work. Petersons were still with us. Anyway the spirit of God took or I should say the Spirit of God scotched this young man down the church aisle right to Sis. Peterson and spoke these words. "Don't fear these men that can kill your body, but rather fear me who can kill you and put your soul in hell.

We did not understand what the message meant. Possibly Bro. and Sis. Etterman understood more than we did. What could that really mean? Don't fear these men. Well that would be hard to say. It was not long before we did understand what it meant. The afternoon service was over and of course the day was soon gone and it was time for the evening service. Well we had a very good service.

There had been talk about this little community that they were going to blow us up. Of course, we didn't pay no attention to that. We were trying to do our little part, praise God. The evening service was over, we had our family altar and were about to go to bed. It was quite dark outside. NO lights at all. All of a sudden off went a charge of dynamite. Not just one, but three big, heavy charges. I don't know where they were. Bro. Etterman said one was under his trailer. The blasts broke the windows out of the church, but never harmed our little homes.

Now possibly this is hard for you to believe, but every word is true which I have written.

No evil can happen to the just.

The first time Bro. and Sis. Etterman came to Texas they preached in San Marcos, Texas. God Blessed in a mighty way, Souls were saved and sick bodies were healed and we all know that the Devil does not like it when good things are done.

Bro. and Sis. Etterman and another preacher were invited out for supper, so they gladly went to this home. they all sat down at the table and of course Bro. Etterman was asked to give thanks for the food. So, he asked God to Sanctify the meal. They ate their meal and of course, visited. Bro. Etterman noticed that his coffee was rather green, it looked very funny to him. But, thinking it was cheap coffee, he poured more cream into it and didn't think anything about it. He was in a hurry to get to church. He drank all his coffee and rose up and says excuse me because I have to go to church.

After supper this other preacher got very sick. No one though anything about it.

Well, to Bro Etterman's surprise, coming back to San Marcos two years later he found out that he had drank poison. I heard Sis Ragsdale tell Bro. and Sis. Etterman that he had been fed strychnine. The daughter of the house had bought the strychnine to poison rats and if she gave it all to him, it was enough to poison several cattle.

We were serving a very great God. If you will read in the 16th chapter of Mark, 17-18 verse, it says: "If they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them." Hebrew 13-8 read "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever." What we find written in the Bible is still good. It seems so hard for many to believe the Bible. We find in Hebrews 11 chapter "Without faith it is impossible to please God."

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These good things are written to encourage you that there is nothing impossible with our great God.



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