

The Mission Trail

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nd work on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." — John 4:35 word work

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The Resurrection!

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Good morning, friends. How are you on this Easter morning? Enjoying the victory brought to you through Christ, I hope. It is surely a pleasure to be coming your way by means of radio. I hope this message will reach into the presence of many of those who may be driving their automobiles on the highways and that it will also go behind the locked doors into thousands of homes. Not only that but I hope it will enter into the hearts of those who hear the gospel.

There is so much good scripture which I could read you but I am reluctant to take up too much of the time just reading the scriptures to you, although they are so good. But when you have time why don't you turn over to the 4th chap-Yes, and you might ter of Romans. just go on and read the 5th chapter too. But in this 4th chapter it is telling about Abraham and how he did not stagger at the promises of God. Notice these words beginning with verse 22, "And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raisedup Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." Please notice that there was a purpose in the resurrection of Jesus. He was raised for our justification. In other words, our righteousness comes through the atonement of the suffering, death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord. It took it all to make the plan of salvation complete. Aren't you glad that Jesus drank from that cup? He was not only divine but

he was also human. He would like to have avoided the cup of suffering and death, but it was plainly the will of his father. Listen to this poem:

BEFORE THE CROSS
Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,
Which before the cross I spend,
Life and health and peace possessing,
From the sinner's dying Friend.

Love and grief my heart dividing, With my tears his feet I'll bathe; Constant still, in faith abiding, Life deriving from his death.

Truly blessed is this station, Low before his cross to lie, While I see divine compassion Beaming in his gracious eye.

Here I'll sit--forever viewing Mercy streaming in his blood; Precious drops, my soul bedewing, Plead and claim my peace with God.

Here it is I find my heaven,
While upon the cross I gaze;
Love I much? I'm more forgiven-I'm a miracle of grace.

May I still enjoy this feeling, In all need to Jesus go; Prove his wounds each day more healing, And himself more fully know.

Friends, did you ever stop to ask yourself "Where would we be today if there had been no Calvary?" If there had been no death of our saviour, if there had been no burial and no resurrection, where would we be? Where would the world be? Well, really the world is in bad enough condition as it is but I would say that it would be in a much worse condition had there been no plan of salvation.

Please listen carefully to this scripture from Exodus 32 and beginning with verse 30, "And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the Lord; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin. And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book."

I am especially impressed with the way Moses presented this case to the Lord. He told the people "peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin." That "peradventure" means that maybe he would and maybe he would not make an atonement for their sin. It seemed to depend upon whether or not the Lord would accept the people and forgive them. I notice here in verse 32 that Moses said, "Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--;" Here Moses seems to leave an unfinished sentence. He

didn't know what would happen. He didn't know what to expect. This request to forgive their sins just seems to be broken off with an uncertain feeling, although he did ask the Lord to blot out his name if he refused to forgive the people of their sins. In giving you this I especially want you to consider this word "peradventure".

Then think of this: Peradventure--or "what if"--there had been no saviour? Peradventure Christ would have refused to suffer and die for our sins, then where would we be? You see, although the life of Christ was taken from him yet he willingly laid it down, or in other words, he gave it. What if he had refused to do so? Then where would that leave us? Well, I'll tell you frankly, dear ones, it would have left us in a bad condition.

But think of this for a moment. What if there had been no resurrection? Do you know where we would be. I think I can tell you right here from the scriptures. Listen to this from I Cor. 15 and beginning with verse 13, "But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." So to me it seems that this would indeed be a dismal world were there no hope of a resurrection. Aren't you glad indeed that Christ has risen? I am. It means something to me. I am looking forward to the time when I shall indeed look upon the face of a risen Christ. Won't that be a thrill?

Just to know that we can see him, the one who suffered, died, and rose again. No wonder we are told, "And that he diedfor all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again." II Cor. 5:15

Friends, I'll tell you what let's do. Let us just leave the "if" out of this! Christ has done his part. He has finished his mission in this world. Now it is up to you and to me to be faithful to do our part even unto the end. Are you willing to do that?

Let us pray,

Our Father,

Bless the words of the message today. We are so glad for a resurrected Christ, the one who has the keys to death and hell, who came forth victorious from the tomb even as it was guarded by the Roman soldiers. Bless each listener of the broadcast in the way which they need most and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thank you so much for taking time to listen. We surely appreciate those who help us keep the message on the air from week to week. Now, if you would like to write us, you may do so by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. Here is a song, "I will praise Him". The Carver Quartett does the singing.

I would like to give you who are within driving distance of Anthony, Kansas a special invitation to come and be with us in the Easter service. The Church of God chapel is located on the corner of Garfield and Pennsylvania Streets. That is in Anthony, Kansas. If you can not be there I hope you can meet some

where with the old-time saints of God where the pure gospel is preached and a resurrected Christ is honored.

Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

Testimonies

NOTE: We are glad for the many who enjoy the Mission Trail, but a few don't! The following letter we received recently along with 14 copies of the Mission Trail which were returned to us. We have answered the letter and are remembering Mrs. Crisp in prayer. Now we are asking the readers to also pray for her and if the Lord directs you, write her a card or letter.

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From Mo.: "I greet you and the family in Jesus dear name. I pray the dear Lord will pour you out a blessing so big you can't receive it. The broadcast over KGGF came in nice and clear last Sunday, bless the dear Lord. Well, it's spring again. What will it bring the Lord only knows, I don't. What I want to see is the Lord to fill everyone of His people with the Holy Ghost so they will shout the word of God from the housetop. So every one will hear it and get saved. . . it's a chilly rainy day today. The peach trees are in bloom. . . the Lord can put beauty in things at His will. If people would only turn to Him and trust in Him this world would be a lovely place to live in. "

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-- W. D. Harmon

From Mo.: "God has blessed me and I'm praising Him for it. I have been in deep grief because of something I failed to do. But He has forgiven me. Praise His name. Nothing in this wide world amounts to as much as having God's favor, having His love, having His care, and mercy. Amen! Let the world hate me, but let me keep Jesus, let me be reproached but let me keep true to God and His Holy Spirit. Let me be what God wants me to be and not what the world would have me be. We have a hope within our souls brighter than the perfect day. God has given us the Spirit, and He wants all the world to hear it, all our doubts are passed away. Pray for me, I indeed need your prayers. I want to go to Heaven. . . I just want to live a life that's pleasing to God. Praise God. . . I enjoy the testimonies and the paper. "

--Pearl Logan

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From Pa.: "Greetings in the matchless Name of Jesus! When we approach this season of the year they remember the crucifixion and raising of Jesus from the grave, our hearts well up at the terrible suffering he bore for our sins and then he rose again, victorious over sin that we may be free from sin. Praise His dear Name! Today is quite cold and they predict rain and snow mixed. The world is excited about the opening of baseball games. I once was an avid fan. Like Paul I can say, 'The things Ionce loved, Inow hate. ' Mother is weakening very fast but doing fine for her age. God is so good to watch over her. She reads constantly which is a strain on her eyes, but after being such a busy person all her life and now not able to do work, it's hard for her to accept. . . May our Lord supply your every need and keep you daily is my humble prayer. Your sister in His service," -- Eva Cox

From Okla.: "I am thankful for the way of Holiness in Christ Jesus our Lord. The word of God tells us the whole world lieth in wickedness. I am happy for the Church of God, the bride of Christ who will stand all redeemed by the blood of Jesus at the right hand of the righteous judge at the judgment day. She is to me, 'But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.' Gal. 4:26 I love my heavenly mother. Jesus says Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again. St. John 3:7"

--Sis. Eva Penner

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From Colo.: "Just a note. It seems there's so much sorrow and heartaches in this world and sin on every hand that we need each other's prayers. We still miss our dear son and grandson so much and still have a son that has been sick for so long. So would you remember him as well as us. We enjoy reading the Mission Trail."

--Reinhart Wollert

Pray for Brother and Sis. Wollert. His sister just recently died also.

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From Calif.: "Greetings of love to all of you -- trust the Lord is real in all your souls today. I do know it means much to keep the love of God burning in our hearts this evil age of time, but so glad to be able to recommend his great grace, and keeping power to all mankind, in all circumstances. I do say that in all confidence, 'standing on the promises that cannot fail, tho the howling storms, of doubts, and fears asail, -- by the living word of God we shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. ' Praise him forever more. Trust you are all well in body too, which is a great blessing from the Lord. This leaves us about as usual, only J. W. hasn't been feeling as well as he

does some times. I am writing this for our dear Sister Atha, as she has been quite poorly since the earthquake of Feb. 9th. And yet in bed and unable to write. I was over to the camp ground last Sat. and she asked me to send this to you for her. Enclosed you find the \$5.00 she is sending to you. She is able to eat some better and some stronger but yet unable to be up. She needs your prayers. . . The Lord bless each of you."

--LaVern Manuel

From Mo.: "Greetings in the name of our dear Lord. I surely do enjoy the paper very much. I haven't found you yet on radio. I wish you would pray for me. I have something wrong with my right arm. It shakes until I can hardly write. Please find enclosed a small offering to help in his work. In Christian love," --Leota Nichols

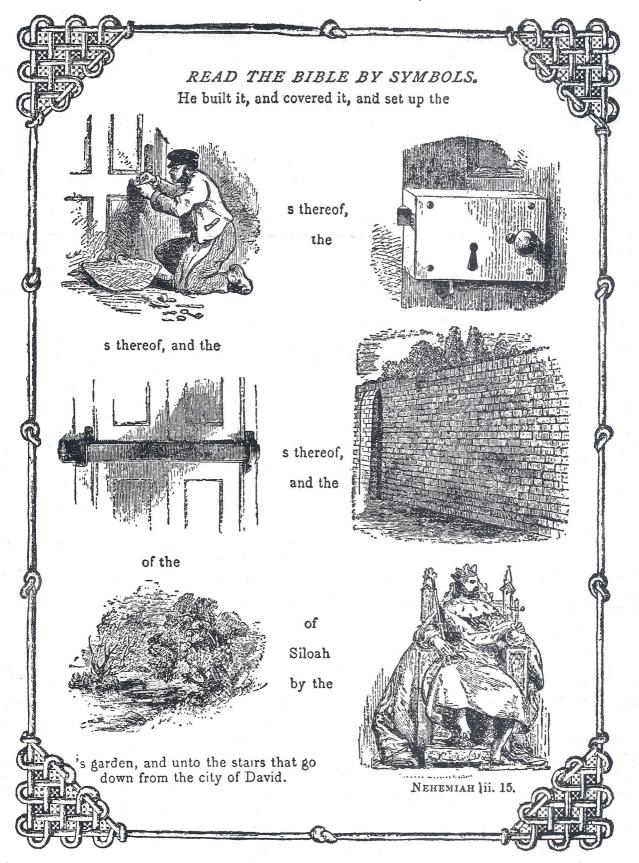
From Va.: "Greetings of love. Just a short testimony to say I enjoy the Mission Trail paper so much. It contains food for my soul, gives me inspiration to be faithful to him. I am happy in the Lord, have never been more encouraged in my life. I want to live so that I'll never disappoint the saints of God and definitely I don't want to disappoint my saviour. In all I do I want his will to be done."

--William J. Preston

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From Calif.: "Holy greeting in the name of our Lord Jesus who died that we might live; glad I am fully saved today and encouraged to live for the Lord trusting the Lord for soul and body. I do thank Him for His wonderful love to us. I would be very glad to listen on radio to the service, however, I am glad to get the Mission Trail. It is a real blessing to me. May God reward you all for your work for Him to others. I need your prayers." --Katie Gaines

Children's Page



at press time

we understand:

REVIVAL MEETING is scheduled to begin in Anthony, Kansas Sunday, April 18. Services nightly through the week at 7:30 p.m. Come and bring your friends. Let them hear the gospel message of salvation, sanctification and healing. We are expecting Bro. Kenneth Probst to be with us and others whom the Lord may send to declare the Word of God. The chapel is located on the corner of Penn and Garfield Sts.

Work Day

"There will be a work day at the Myrtle, Mo. campground, May 1st. There will be carpenter and plumbing work and general clean up day. Plan to stay for all day meeting Sunday, May 2nd. All are welcome. In Christian love,"

-- Murphy Allen

Also don't forget the work day on the national campground at Monark Springs Saturday, April 17th.

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We were glad to see Byron and Clarice Pruitt from Louisiana last weekendas they visited saints and relatives in Guthrie. With them were the children Genece, Darlene, and Beverly.

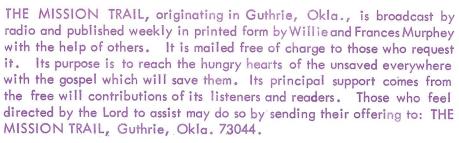
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As usual the prayer meeting in Guthrie Wednesday, April 7, was a precious one. Among the many others attending was Sister Stephens, from near Ripley, whose husband, Bro. Marcus Stephens passed away on March 23. Also attending were two daughters of Sis. Mary Russell.

Campmeeting season will soon be here again. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest that it may be a time for the gathering in of those who are unsaved and the unifying of every true child of God. Remember those who will be working with the tent this summer. Bro. Curtis Williams plans to have tent meeting near his place in Clearfield, Ky. June 12-20. Other locations are under consideration.

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It is indeed a pleasant and comforting thought that we are individual members of the great family of God. God's family is closely knit together. Each member of the body is an essential part. No one is beneath God's notice. Consider this scripture from the 3th chapter of Ephesians, "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, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we askor think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."



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."

Broadcast Schedule

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