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“LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST.” — JOHN 4:35

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The Discovery of Hidden Treasure!

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Good morning to all the listeners of the broadcast! How happy I am to speak up for Christ. I have chosen as a topic for my short message: "The Discovery of Hidden Treasure!" With the coming of Thanksgiving and the observance of the Christmas season I am inspired to begin with this golden text of the Bible: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. But more on The Hidden Treasure after this poem:

○ LOVE DIVINE

O love divine! no soul has e'er
Thy wondrous depths explored;
O priceless gift! we fain would have
Thy riches on us poured.
Let mortals join with all their might,
Let earth and heaven both unite
To sing thy praise by day and night;
The half can ne'er be told.

O love divine, what treasures yet
Within thy coffers lie!
The gold and silver of the earth
Would not thy riches buy,
E'vn though the sands upon the shore
Of every sea should turn to ore
Of choicest metal, 'twere no more
Than naught compared to thee.

O love divine, in thee our souls
Eternal pleasure find,
Surpassing all that earth could give,
Were all its powers combined.
Thy music sweet we love to sing,
Our spirits ever to thee would cling;
An offering now of praise we bring
In humble sacrifice.

O love divine, 'tis wonderful
That mortals here below
May share thy grace most excellent,
Thy wondrous power know!
Around our hearts forever entwine,
And let thy beauties in us shine,
That we may be, O love divine,
Completely lost in thee.

Let us look again at this "Discovery of Hidden Treasure!" Some folks never seem to make this discovery, and what we might consider even worse, they never obtain this greatest of all treasures! I present it as an answer to four questions:

1. What is this treasure?
2. Where is it found?
3. How is it obtained, and
4. What is it worth?

I will begin with No. 1--What is this treasure? The answer is plain and simple -- The manifestation of God's love to the world by giving his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and the riches

which accompany complete salvation through him. Now, a few verses of scripture to bring out this point. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" Romans 11:33. So there are riches untold in the knowledge of God.

I am reminded of a little verse I learned many years ago: "Diving and finding no pearls in the sea, blame not the ocean, the fault is with thee!" So one who dives into the sea and returns with the report that there are no pearls in the ocean, just remember he hasn't searched all the depths of the sea yet and doesn't know how many pearls are there. But one thing is certain, there are many hidden treasures on the depths of the ocean floor. Our problem is getting there to find and recover them.

Again: "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power," Eph. 1:18-19.

We also find in Ephesians 2:7 -- "That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness to us through Christ Jesus." This speaks of "exceeding riches." Ephesians is full of rich things. Listen again: "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;" Eph. 3:8. Also verse 16 -- "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;" You see, one can have the

riches within him at all times.

And that is not all. Think of having a credit card like this: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19. So be careful to never underestimate the power of God's riches. He has an everlasting reserve. So I would conclude my answer to this first question (What is this treasure?) in the words of Colossians 1:27: "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:"

Question No. 2: Where is it found? It is found in full compliance with the will of God for each soul. It means to be at peace with God through forgiveness of sins. Listen: "That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ: In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Col. 2:2-3.

This discovery of salvation can be likened to a miner who travels the mountains and hills prospecting for precious metal. He comes to where a small stream bursts forth from the mountain side like a never-failing fountain; he is attracted by its sparkling waters, and draws near to drink; and, behold, there are glistening bits of gold lying strewn along the pathway of the stream as it trickles down into the valleys below. He knows there is a mine of great wealth stored away somewhere in that mountain; and is confident that by following the course of that little stream he will be enabled to find the riches that are hidden away. He sets to work with all his might and is abundantly re-

warded as he goes along digging into the secret parts of the earth, finding riches strewn along the way, which is encouraging, and convinces him that he will soon reach the place where he can find untold wealth. As he toils on cheerfully because of his success a point is reached where the little stream has scattered and is coming through the little crevices of the rocks on every side. He is puzzled as to which course to take. The rocks must be blasted, and as this is done it is discovered that the gold is in small proportion to the dross. Could it be possible that this is the extent of the mine? Will it pay to go further? There is much room for discouragement, yet the signs and indications are that there is an abundance of riches further on, which can be obtained through perseverance. A crucible is brought, into which the whole matter is placed and taken through a melting, fiery process, and all the dross taken out, and as the work advances the gold increases and the mine is of far greater wealth than he had expected. So I say this treasure is found in full salvation when the dross has been removed through the purging process by which God tries each soul.

No. 3: How is it obtained? Jesus said: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." So it is by faith in Christ, repentance which means a turning away from all known sin, and obedience to the Word of God. One obtaining the experience of salvation desires to tell what great things the Lord has done. There is a desire to get others to accept the ways of the Lord and receive his blessings. It is not a treasure that makes one selfish, which is hidden away in some secret place; but the wealth of its abundant riches is blazed abroad, that others may thereby learn of their privileges and believe and likewise

receive their portion of the blessings.

In this change of life there is a change of masters. While in sin the devil was your master and you was his faithful servant, but now things have taken a change and you are a servant of the true and living God. "know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered unto you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." Rom. 6:16-18.

And finally, No. 4--What is it worth? Dear ones, its worth is infinite! It is beyond comparison! "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:1. There is more in these words, "Peace with God," than can be expressed. "One cannot sit down in meditation and fathom the depths of this peace, nor find the limit of its height, nor the boundary lines of its width, as it expands far beyond the limits of our finite comprehension because the infinite God is the author and giver of it. The peace which this world gives is not of a lasting nature, but this heavenly peace is everlasting. "The peace of God which passeth all understanding" is not only our privilege to have while here in this world, but is an inheritance to be enjoyed in the life to come. Who would not be willing to give up all things else in order to obtain this great treasure?

Our Father, bless the message to the good of every listener and reader and may each of them discover, explore and receive this great hidden treasure of full salvation. Bless those in need of

healing and encouragement and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friends, may the coming holiday season be for you a time of drawing near to the Lord. Pray for us that we may be able to reach souls for God while time and opportunity is available. We appreciate all you do to help us keep the messages on the air. Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey, saying God bless and keep you always and a very cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

From Minn.: "The Lord is good to me, keeps me in the holy way for which I thank him daily. We have had our Indian summer and now it is turning cooler. This is Minnesota and usually gets quite cold in winter and we know all about it. God provides all our needs, however. I hear that Bro. and Sis. Ray Key are not well, unable to write letters. Well, there comes a time when we all must go to that everlasting home that the Lord has prepared and we leave this world of strife. We do not know the day nor the hour. I know that it is better to be absent from the body and present with the Lord." --Bro. Andrew Senti

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From Mo.: "Hope you both are well and are encouraged in the dear Lord. We received your good encouraging letter last Friday and was glad to hear from you and we sure did get good out of the message Sunday. It was so good. Bro. Willie, after Ellen called you for prayer the next morning I woke up some time after two o'clock and everything was just all right. The devil had quit bothering so I was like Peter was when the angel delivered him out of prison. I had to come to myself like he did."

--Bro. Farmer and Sis. Ellen Wilson

From Okla.: "Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Truly I can say it is a name to be praised above every name. My daughter's car stalled on her in a very busy intersection and she became very much distressed, but when she remembered to call on the name of the Lord it started right up and didn't give any more trouble that day. She was trying to get to her job and deliver her two small children to the nursery. The Lord really came to the rescue, bless his dear name. I attended the Wichita meeting a few days. My soul was surely blessed to see God working in the meeting in such a wonderful way. One message on Faith I feel that will ever stay with me and another on Self. Truly self is a monster that has to be slain daily. I mean to love and serve the Lord. Please remember us. Yours in the Faith," --Sis. Theresa Gaines

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From Kans.: "Our meeting was good. The word was so rich and needful and I believe many will move up because of it. We heard a lot about faith, self and humility and we all need greater understanding about each because the devil is tricking people because they lack understanding and depth about those 3 things...the Lord knows what we are needing and we thank him for loving and caring for our souls enough to send it... may the Lord continue to bless you both is my prayer." --Sis. Shirley Knight

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From Texas: "Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus, our Lord, who died that we might live, thanks to the good Lord for the love divine. These few lines leaves me still saved and sanctified pressing my way to mansions above to dwell with our Lord for ever and forever. I'm sending a little offering to help out in the work of the good Lord...pray for me as I pray for you all." --Sis. Nellie Lovell

From Okla.: "I am searching and studying the word of God on this subject, about the sealing the servants of our God in their foreheads. In Revelation Explained Book by Bro. F. G. Smith page 126--I love the truth about the seal of the living God consists of the giving of the Holy Spirit, by which his people are led into all truth. See St. John 14:26. "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." Eph. 4:30. Again, the word of God says, "Now he which hath anointed us with you in Christ, and hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts." 2 Cor. 1:21, 22. The time this sealing of the people of God takes place is thus described: "After that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." Eph. 1:13. Jesus says in St. John 6:27, "Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed." Trusting in our Heavenly Father to bless the work of God in the broadcast."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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From Calif.: "I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God, bathed in the fountain, washed in his blood; joint-heirs with Jesus, as we travel this sod, I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God. Sometimes I almost get "carried away." I have found that grace that helps me "sit in heavenly places" with the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ at all times. I don't believe he intends me to ever do any less. Jesus fought the battle through, and gave to us the victory. If he fought the battle and gave me the victory why can't I keep it? Nothing could hinder me but self. If I keep self out of the way, I can always be victorious"--Sis. Tora Mae Jensen

From Pa.: "Greetings in that name above every name. The one who is always there when we need him. I do praise him for all he has done for me, and I do want to serve him to the end and bring some sheaves into the storehouse... Time is surely going fast. No wonder the Word says time is fleeting. Redeem the time for the days are evil... God bless you in all you do for him."

--Sis. Eva Cox

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From Ark.: "I desire your prayers that I have wisdom to know God's will, grace and mercy to do it. I am having a hard time getting over my sister's death. Now we have had a fire, burned the things of hers I had brought home from Houston. They were stored in an extra house here of ours. We lost all, even two wells of water ruined--maybe we can redeem one well... the Lord is taking care of me and I must overcome it all for I am so homesick for Heaven."

--Sis. Maree Morris

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From Mo.: "I have just turned 83 yrs. young and am happy to report my health is somewhat improved. Oh! I praise God from whom all blessings flow, for His care and consideration in watching over me. I don't want to live without Him and most assuredly not to die without Him. Praise His precious name..."

--Sis. Lillian Dinkens

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From N. Mex.: "I am so thankful for these pretty days. The farmers are so busy harvesting the crops, hope they get through before winter gets bad. I do thank and praise God for all the blessings, every day a present help in time of need."

--Sis. Ruth Doolittle

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From Ark.: "Thanks so much for sending the Mission Trail to us. I read it through when it comes to our house."

--Jay and Nettie Warford

From Kans.: "Another year will soon have passed by with the season of spring time for planting seed and the summer time for growing and ripening for the harvest. God gives us so many things of beauty to enjoy in this world, so let us give God the praise for every season of the year, for we know that the cold winter will soon come with a beauty all its own... I would like to share a little poem I wrote a few years back. I hope you like it.

ALWAYS BE SOWING

May it always be spring and good
deeds be sowing.
Let the love in your heart always
be growing.
Plant deeds of kindness, truth and love.
God gives the light that shines
down from above.
Plant deeds of kindness, for they
grow a friend,
We find as we live and walk
among men.
Plant deeds of truth, for they
grow a trust.
For God loves they who are just.
Plant deeds of love, for they grow
in grace.
For in faith we are saved by
God's grace. --J. E. Estopy

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From Okla.: "I sure do enjoy reading the little paper. We are getting a good rain. I thank the Lord for it. It sure has been dry this summer. Hope this finds everybody well. I am 81. I thank the Lord that I can get around good."

--Sis. Jannie Hill

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From N. Mex.: "I hope and pray everything is going well there in his services; also the Lord give you health and strength to do the work required of you both. I am sending a gift to help a little. I love to read the Mission Trail very much... pray for our family."

--Sis. Ruth Doolittle

From Ky.: "Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. I love Him more each day. He has been so very good to me. God's love is never devalued. I want Him to help me to discover the way to be the right person in the right place at the right time. I want to be of some help to those with whom I come in contact... I don't get out to see people but have the desire to be an encouragement to those who come in to visit... We do enjoy the Mission Trail and read it through the day it arrives. I am some better, thank the Lord, but still have problems with digestion... I am depending on the Lord to see me through these troubled times and keep us all in the hollow of His almighty hand... pray with me for my family... I surely need prayer too."

--Sis. Marie Lindner

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From Calif.: "Holy greetings in the name of the one who died that we might have life. Glad to be able to report victory in my soul and able to get around. Oh, I can't express how glad I was to see you all and to speak face to face with you... I love The Mission Trail... Holy Love,"

--Sis. Katie Gaines

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It is a long trip from Jena, Louisiana to Salem, Oregon, but Don and Anneta Williamson and the children, Keith and Cynthia Don made the move safely. Don drove the pickup pulling a four-wheel trailer and Anneta drove the car pulling a two-wheel trailer. Don works for the U.S. Postal service and had received a transfer to Dallas, Oregon. In order to report for his first day's work on the new job Nov. 20, he was faced with several inches of white new-fallen snow. How glad they were this snow had not fallen earlier on the road over which they had to travel. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Psa. 34:7.

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at press time

we understand:

It is with deep sorrow that we announce Bro. Ray Key, a faithful minister of the gospel finished his earthly work when the Lord called for him Nov. 12. He was 80 years of age. His body was returned from Ohio to Loranger, La. for burial. Remember his companion in this time of sorrow. Her address is-- Sis. Nellie Key, 1702 Kenton Street, Springfield, Ohio 45505.

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Continue to pray for Melisa Doolittle, age 11, who suffered a severe injury to her head and scalp while riding a motorized "three-wheeler" similar to a "go-cart". She is the daughter of Melvin Dale and Elaine Doolittle. A recent report indicates she has greatly improved for which we are thankful.

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Through the interest and financial assistance of Sis. Ruby Hutchinson, R. 1, Box 83, Lyons, Ore. 97358 cassette tapes are available free on a loan basis containing a variety of sermons by Bro. Ostis B. Wilson, pastor of Jefferson, Oregon Church of God. For further information on choice of messages send your inquiries directly to the one handling this mail service--Bro. Clifford D. Smith, 600 Fairview SE, Salem, Oregon 97302.

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Bro. Robert and Sis. Aquila Benson are greatly missed since they sold their house and acreage to the Church and moved to Arkansas. The State Trustees of the Church of God plan to use the facilities near Guthrie for a "boarding home."

Sis. Sarah Brown, Enid, Okla. age 78 was called to her heavenly home Oct. 24. Sis. Brown had great faith in God, having experienced many healings. At one time she was given up to die by the doctors when she was in the sanitarium with T.B. But through the prayers of the ministers she was healed and lived many years to testify to the goodness of the Lord.

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From La.: "Do enjoy the Mission Trail; keep the good news on the air. Everything in Jena is on the go. Best wishes for both of you."

--Mrs. Miller

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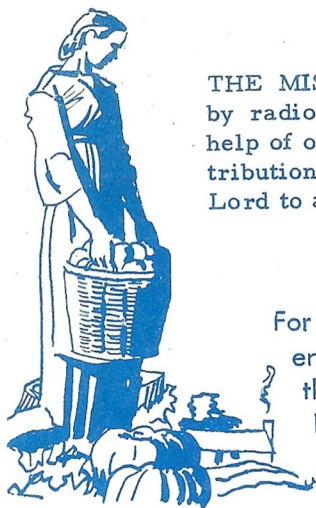
Congratulations to Delmar and Brenda Wilkins on the birth of their daughter Kriscinda Lee on November 18.

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Congratulations to James and Patricia Bell on the birth of their son, Phillip Matthew born Nov. 7; also to Dwane and Connie Sorrell who are the parents of a son, Lyndall Dwane born Oct. 15.

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When Joseph and Mary went up to Bethlehem to be taxed, they found no reservation awaiting them at the inn. There was no doubt much activity as folks rushed about their duties similar to that of today. This holiday season is turned into a commercial festival and so often Jesus is forgotten by the world. But the shepherds did not forget, for the angels made announcement of his birth. We are glad that "wise men still seek Him." Thanks to all who have made possible the broadcast another year!



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For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

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