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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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## *Sanctification Is Needed by All of God's People!*

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Good morning to all the listeners of the broadcast! I have something special for you today so I hope you will stay tuned for the next few moments. In fact, it is about something very special which God has for every one of His people--that is the second definite work of grace wrought in the heart of every believer by the Holy Spirit!

The work of sanctification is so very often misunderstood, misinterpreted, feared by some and rejected by others! But it is the will of God and is taught in the scriptures. It is an absolute necessity for victory in the Christian life by every believer. Our authority for this statement is the Word of the Lord, so let us look into the scriptures.

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;" 1 Thess. 4:3-4. And in 2 Thess. 2:13 we find these words: "But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:"

Another in 1 Pet. 1:2--"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:" Now if you will, hold these verses in mind for just a moment while I give you this poem:

### PRESENT EXPERIENCE

Some say that in heaven a sinner  
There shall never, no, never be found,  
But that in this lowland of sorrow  
To the lusts of the flesh we are bound;  
But those who have come to the Savior,  
Have washed in the all-cleansing tide,  
Are now singing of perfect salvation  
As they stand, all redeemed, by  
his side.

They think that the Spirit of promise,  
Which to the disciples was given  
To fit and prepare them for service,  
Has long since gone back up to heaven;  
But we find that the promise included  
The saints that are living today,  
For he strengthens and comforts and  
guides us,  
And says he'll be with us always.

They say that away in a new world  
In a city with streets of pure gold,  
That after our life's race is ended  
We shall drink of its pleasures untold;  
But the spiritual city of Zion,  
We enter through Jesus today,  
And the saints in its glory are walking;  
Their sins have been all washed away.

They tell us that over in glory  
All the Christians shall there be made  
    one,  
But here amid so much confusion  
That surely can never be done;  
But the glory that Jesus has given  
From Babylon bondage sets free,  
And the sanctified saints now are dwelling  
In a perfect and sweet unity.

May I point out that the disciples were saved men whom Jesus had called forth from the world. They were not in their sins, yet there remained in them the seed of sin which we call "inherited sin." There is cleansing for this in sanctification. Jesus when praying for his followers said: "they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil." Again he prayed, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

From this prayer we see Jesus knew there was a cleansing for his disciples, which was accomplished on the day of pentecost with the giving of the Holy Ghost... This cleansing agent burned out the last traces of the "Adamic nature." The Spirit purged and cleansed their hearts by faith. Why should anyone draw back or refuse to go on to this experience? I believe I can answer this by giving three reasons--

1. Discouragements
2. Friends and Enemies
3. The inward foe.

The escape of the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage is a type of the sinner's escape from the bondage of sin. And the wilderness life from the passage through the Red sea to the cross-

ing the river Jordan, is a type of the life of those who have obtained the pardon of their sins, until they reach the experience of entire sanctification. While in the wilderness they were fed with manna from heaven, and always got along well as long as they obeyed God; but when they disobeyed and wandered away they were chastised, and sometimes when they murmured against Moses, or against the dealings of the Lord with them, they were even visited with severe chastisements before they were willing to do what was right.

There was a number of them who kept murmuring and complaining, and the Lord let them die in the wilderness, while the others who were willing to obey passed over into Canaan. This was a symbol of sanctification or heart purity. To be free from the bondage of sin, a person has access to God, through his word, as never before. While yet a sinner it is so difficult to believe or have faith so as to get any benefit from the Word, but then the blessings of heaven begin to come down as manna and the soul is fed daily. All the wants and desires can be made known unto Him who is able to give, and we can come in such sweet assurance and confidence that he hears our humble petitions. Yet a person will not advance very far in this divine life until the deeper experience of sanctification is reached. In other words, God wants this person to cross the Jordan river into the Canaan land.

Although there may be many happy seasons and wonderful outpourings of Spirit of the Lord, yet sooner or later one should realize and seek earnestly for this deeper work of grace.

Now, the reasons for not attaining this experience: 1. Discouragements. This



is one of the strongest pitfalls the devil has for entrapped souls. It matters not what stage of life one has attained, if the enemy can discourage him, a great step is taken towards the capture of the poor wandering one. Let one become discouraged and he allows his shield of faith to fall, and then the enemy will begin trying on some line, or in some way to put a web of his power around this unfortunate one until things appear to go wrong and the way begins to grow dark. If the enemy can get one to believe that he or she is no longer a child of God it becomes more difficult for them to have faith for their needs. Satan tells them the Lord will not hear their prayer any longer, but remember God is still on the throne and He has this power over all the power of the enemy. I would encourage that one to go on unto perfection. Get a deeper experience. God is able and willing to break every chain the enemy puts around you.

Reason No. 2: Friends and enemies are often a hindrance. We would not usually think of a friend being a hindrance, but this is sometimes the case. The way of the cross may well be termed a way of warfare, because there are friends and enemies all along the way. To the one who is thoroughly decided to go through at all costs, with the heart fixed, and the mind stayed upon Christ, it is a line of victories, even though the enemy may occasionally take his stand by the wayside and give a fierce battle; but victory always crowns a faithful walk with the Lord. However, there must always be a positive decision to go through for God and follow as he may lead and direct. It is those who lose their decision for going through, or drop the shield of faith, who are tossed about by the enemy and his suggestions. At this change of life... in other words we make a change in life and we change

masters. We also make a change of friends. Often those who were the most devoted and true friends now become the most bitter enemies. Even those of our own household may be among our worst foes. But Jesus says: "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross and followeth after me, is not worthy of me." Matt. 10:38. Persecutions seem to go hand in hand with the promised blessings of the Lord, but He will give abundance of grace, that we may be able to bear them, and even rejoice through them all.

The third hindrance to this second definite work of grace known as sanctification is the "inward foe" or the "Adamic nature." This was passed along to all mankind after the disobedience in the Garden. Sin passed upon all. This is also known as the "carnal mind," spoken of in Rom. 8:7, and is "enmity against God." Although it is not imputed as sin unto us, yet it is a sinful nature, or such as naturally inclines the heart, or leads one into the ways of sin as soon as they become old enough to know what sin is, and realize its effects. The little child knows no sin, and is innocent in the sight of God, yet it has that "carnal mind," which is manifest long before it knows anything about sin. Anger is often manifested in children's lives and grown folks too, for that matter! Yet, there is no sin committed by the child who is not yet of the age of accountability. But after the age of accountability the child becomes a sinner. Then it takes heart purity or the two works of grace, pardon and sanctification to bring us back into this state of heart purity with the Lord. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."



Matt. 5:6. Our Father, bless the message to the good of every listener and reader. We know the enemy doesn't like the doctrine of holiness and heart purity, but this is the teaching of thy Word. So let thy Spirit work upon every heart and thine shall be the praise in Christ Jesus! Amen....

## *Testimonies*

A while back I was reading the history of some ancient civilizations and how though so long ago, their customs, inventions, taxation, and bureaucratic governmental systems were so similar to what we know today, it made me think of the verses in Eccl. 1:9-10, "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun." I read of the awful spiritual darkness, heathenism and superstition. When the Spaniards conquered the Aztecs they found a skull rack with 126,000 human skulls, all victims of their religious ceremonies. They thought their gods required a daily human blood sacrifice. As I read I felt so thankful to live at this point in time and have the privilege to know the truth and the God that sacrificed himself and shed his blood for us, and to know what he requires of us. Micah 6:8--"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" When I think of the multiplied millions who have inhabited this earth it makes me feel so little and insignificant, but I think how God seeks us each out personally and deals with us individually! It's hard to comprehend such a mighty and merciful God. I'm so thankful he sought me out, and has been so merciful, patient and long suffering to me.

--Linda Craddock

From La.: "Greetings of love to you this cold dreary morning in the name of Jesus our Saviour...I wanted to make mention of your Jan. Mission Trail. The story of the redemption of the big doll was interesting and so beautiful in comparing it to us who were in the ditch of sin, picked up and cleaned up by the precious blood of Jesus, thus redeemed back to God. There is one little word I want to call your attention to that is misquoted, even tho' it is true and beautiful just as it is written that the Lord calls us by His name and Jesus in His prayer to His Father said "I have kept them in thy name" and surely His people, the church, is called by and kept in His name. But in this particular verse, Isa. 43:1, He said "I have called thee by thy name. To me, that gives a different thought and blessing. He loves us and pays particular attention to us individually calling us each one by name, as Jesus said He goes before His sheep and calls them by name. I suppose I especially noticed that "my" instead of "thy" because that verse, or thought has been a blessing to me in a special way since Aunt Della Perry told me that was the verse and words the Lord spoke to her in such a special way, that it flooded her soul with joy and helped her to soon come out of that mental distressed condition she was in from 1965 to 1967. Just thought I'd mention it to you as it gives a different thought and so precious too, for Him to say "I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine." (those last 3 words are precious) just as it is precious and encouraging to think that He so high and lofty would call us unworthy creatures of earth by His name."--Sis. Alta Flynn

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Thank you, Sis. Alta, for bringing this to my attention. You are so right. The Bible does say "thy name" and that is so very encouraging. --Bro. Willie



From Kans.: "We are thankful for the refreshings from the Lord, and for the courage he gives us to move forward in his name ... We enjoy hearing you each Sunday morning and there are others who listen to you and say they enjoy it... We want to tell you how the Lord blessed us last Thursday. We had a black raised spot on our body and it remained there for some time. It caused us concern. We prayed for the Lord to remove it or give us grace for the future. Thank the good Lord he removed it... I noticed it looked like it was dry on the edge and it just came off. I sure want to give honor to him who is able to help us out of our distresses." --Bro. Ralph, Sis. Inez Beisly

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From Ark.: "We are thankful we can report victory in our souls. Thankful for the grace he gives day by day to keep pressing the battle against sin and the devil. We trust the Lord is blessing you and Sis. Frances both soul and body and in all your labors and effort you put forth in his great cause. We do appreciate the Mission Trail and pray God for it to continue to bless many hearts. We do thank the Lord for how the Lord has helped wife. She is able to be up and around and able to do many things about the place. Her hands give her lots of trouble. She is not able to use them without giving her pain. Her trust is still in God and expecting him to remove every trace of the affliction. Please continue to pray for her. The Lord is blessing us here in our little congregation. We have battles and trials. Everyone seems encouraged to keep pressing on for God. The Lord has been especially good to us in sending Bro. & Sis. Roy Harmon to be with us. We are looking to the Lord to bless in all things pertaining to our spiritual well being."

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

From Mo.: "Greetings of love, and a prayer that the Lord will bless you and the work on the radio and through the printed page, through this year of 1979. God has been so good to us, and brought us thus far, and we are trusting Him to guide and lead us home. We desire your prayers that we ever keep watchful and keep in His will... we realize how short life can be, when we see our loved ones being called, and so many of our dear sisters and brothers going on. Sis. Helen and Sis. Vena, we do miss so... I do enjoy the radio broadcast. Just wish it could be longer. A few times I don't get out to meeting. So the radio message is very welcome. I also enjoy the Mission Trail paper. May God bless you and yours in this new year of 1979."

--Sis. Eunice Cole

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From Calif.: "We are glad to start another year with victory in our souls. The Lord has been so good to us. We surely praise and thank him for all he has done for us. I enjoy reading The Mission Trail paper. Please keep me on your mailing list... May God bless you both for your labors of love for his cause."

--Sis. Mable Carter

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From Kansas: "I am sending an article on foot washing. I don't know whether there are very many who believe in doing that any more. As for me, it may be a little old fashioned, but I believe it should be done by all Christian people. I have done it, but not lately, for I don't know of anyone here that would let me wash their feet, but after all Jesus said, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." Peter told Jesus he would never wash his feet, but he soon changed his mind. "why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" It seems like it just comes down to one thing--a person's belief in Jesus."

--Bro. C. A. Stone

From Pa.: "Thank God for a New Year He has permitted us to live. When we see all the tragedies going on around the world, we can be so thankful that God drew us to Him. Oh! we know not what day or hour He will come, but it looks like it will be soon as the Scriptures are being fulfilled ... God bless you in this New Year..."

--Sis. Eva Cox

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From Okla.: "I thank God for his holy presence and for his guidance. We do know his voice when our heart is in obedience to his will. The Christian life is a beautiful life and the most peaceful, I guess because we have the prince of peace, which is Jesus...I am saved by the grace of God. He keepeth me in peace. I enjoy reading the Mission Trail...I hope and pray you can continue in the good work in sending out the good news far and near ... God's goodness and mercy has followed all the days of my life and surely by his help I want to be with him forever."

--Sis. Julia Llewellyn

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From N. Mex.: "... thank God for sparing our lives another year to live for him. I want to live closer and be pleasing in his sight this year, also thank and praise him more and more. He is our present help in every time of need."

--Sis. Ruth Doolittle

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From Oregon: "Greetings in Jesus' name. We pray all is well your way. We just got back from Pacoima as my brother El passed away 2 weeks ago... He is at rest but we do miss him as he always had a sweet smile even if he couldn't talk. Mother will miss him as they were across the hall from each other in rest home...we do enjoy your "Mission Trail" very much, keep up the good work."

--Bro. Ostis and Sis. Evelyn Wilson

From Ill.: "We haven't sent a note your way for some time, so wanted to let you know that we are still pressing on toward the goal and eternal home. To be with the Lord and the redeemed of all ages is more than human mind can really take in, but I know it waits for the faithful. The Lord continues to bless us in keeping us well and supplying our needs, and answering prayer. We have requests before him and still are waiting expectantly for him to work. We trust all is well at your house and may the Lord be very near to guide and keep. The article in February issue, "No one lives to himself" was especially good. When we receive the "Trail" we can hardly wait to read the news, notes, letters and sermon...Christian love,"

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From Miss.: "My only trust is in God. ...I praise him for what he has done for me. Pray that I will always do what he wants me to do. I love you saints very much. What I loved before I got saved I have hated ever since and I have enjoyed giving ever since."

--Sis. Dorothy Bridges

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From Okla.: "Almost a month of this new year has swiftly passed by. As we wade out into the sea of life in '79, we do not know what lies ahead of us. We do know, that if we hold tightly to God's unchanging word and hand, that even though the billows roll over us at times, God will never leave or forsake us. Let us trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in this world and the world to come, but to trust and obey."

--Sis. Doris Bowers

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From Calif.: "God bless you both in labor you are doing. The song says, "Trust and obey for there's no other way ..." I love to obey. Praise His name."

--Sis. Lessie Davenport



# at press time

we understand:



Sis. Evelyn and Bro. Wm. McCoy

Bro. & Sis. McCoy are surely missed in Guthrie since they left for Ohio Monday, Feb. 12. Both are greatly afflicted and much in need of prayer. Pray the Lord to strengthen their bodies. Two of his sons, Paul and Cecil along with their wives, Dorothy and Ann, as well as his daughter, Helen came and spent a few days in Guthrie and thought it best that Bro. and Sis. McCoy return to Dayton where the children could help care for them. Bro. Curtis Williams offered his services and his van, and they spent a long day on the road, but arrived safely Feb. 13. At this time get-well cards may be sent in care of his daughter, Sis. Helen Underdown, 339 Marjorie, Dayton, Ohio 45404. These dear ones are greatly missed in the services at the chapel where so often they would have a prayer, a scripture, or a devotional reading and testimony. Through tender loving care and prayers of the saints, may they soon be restored to health. His children expressed their appreciation in this way:

We want to thank you one and all  
For all the things you've done for Dad;  
For all the prayers that have gone up,  
This makes us all feel glad.

Although our visit here this time  
Was very very brief,  
To know that so many cared  
Brings us all relief.

We know that you will miss him here  
In many different ways,  
Especially in the services,  
When his voice rings out in praise.

It's been a real real pleasure  
Of seeing all of you this time;  
May God bless and keep each one  
For treating us so fine.

Bro. William McCoy's children  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul McCoy  
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil McCoy  
Mrs. Helen Underdown and daughter  
Cheryl

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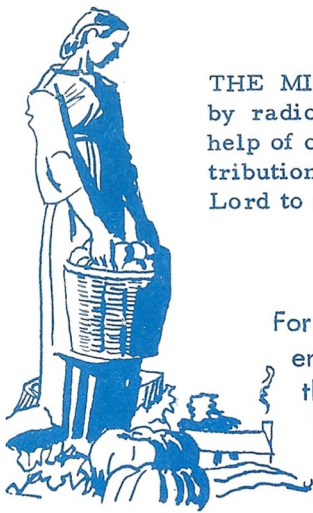
Another pair of gospel warriors who  
need much help in body: Bro. Sam and  
Sis. Armilda Abbott, 1435 S. Towne,  
Pomona, Calif. 91766.

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We extend our heart-felt sympathy to  
Dorothy Porter, upon the death of her  
father, Ezra Gibson, who died Jan. 19  
in Springfield, Mo.

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Our Oklahoma winter has been quite  
severe with lots of snow and ice. Many  
thanks to all who have helped us keep  
the messages going forth.



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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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