



# The Mission Trail

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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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## Bible Conditions for Unity

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Good morning to each and every listener of the broadcast. What a privilege to come your way with a short Bible message. In the past we have covered many aspects of the Christian life. Today I want to go a little further and give more details of some conditions which are to be met for the unity of God's people. But first, this poem:

ARISE AND SHINE, O ZION  
Arise and shine, O Zion,  
Thou chosen of the Lord!  
Thy Maker beams upon thee;  
He is thy great reward.

The earth is wrapped in darkness,  
But thou art all aglow;  
Down from the throne of glory  
The light on thee doth flow.

The beauty of the morning  
Is on thy snowy brow;  
The Bridegroom doth adorn thee;  
His great delight art thou.

Thy children flow together  
From nations far and wide;  
By God himself united,  
May nothing e'er divide!

Thy door is ever open;  
A welcome home awaits  
The travel-weary pilgrim  
Who knocketh at thy gates.

The nation and the kingdom  
That will not serve thee well  
Shall utterly be wasted,  
So none their place can tell.

Though once despised and hated,  
Thy excellence divine  
Shall make the nations praise thee;  
Eternal joy is thine.

Within thy walls--salvation--  
Where glad hosannas swell,  
With lips all filled with praises,  
The holy only dwell.

Thy sun shall shine forever,  
Thy moon shall wane no more;  
For thine is light that cometh  
From God's eternal store.

Arise and shine, O Zion,  
Thou chosen of the Lord!  
Thy Maker beams upon thee;  
He is thy great reward.

And now for the conditions which are to be met by God's people that the glory of God may shine in His church, which is His body in the world today:

No. 1: The new birth for each member.  
"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." John 3:3. The condi-

tions under which a real Bible experience may be obtained is only to be had by obeying the instruction given in the word of God. The first step is the born-again experience. When the soul is hungering and thirsting after righteousness and true holiness, there are many other things to be taken into consideration. The state of holiness to be obtained is what the Bible terms heart purity, or sanctification. So as I say, the first condition to be met is justification. Unless one is clearly justified at the time when they are trying to obtain sanctification a failure will likely be made. But when this point is reached and the soul is clearly justified in the sight of God and a positive knowledge that all past sins are forgiven up to the present time, then there must be a knowledge of a need of a deeper work, which brings us to--

No. 2: Sanctification and the infilling of the Holy Ghost: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:" Acts 2:17-18. In another message over this microphone the subject of sanctification was discussed briefly, but there is, oh, so much more to this second definite work of grace. I wish I could only emphasize sufficiently the need that every born-again believer would earnestly seek and obtain this infilling of the Holy Spirit. Jesus in speaking of the Comforter said: "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." John

14:26. But even after this work of grace, there is more for the unity of God's people--

No. 3: Separation of God's people from all man-made cults, doctrines and religious creeds which divide and separate the true people of God. This includes everything which is displeasing to God; that is, as far as any spiritual alliance is concerned. We cannot take ourselves out of the world, yet at the same time we can be in the world, and not of the world. Every yoke must be taken off but the yoke of Christ. He says, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest to your souls." Matt. 11:29-30. People through past teaching have been taught so many things and brought under many yokes under the cloak of religion, which were not the yoke of Christ, and have joined religious creeds, orders, associations, and such like, in which were unbelievers and those who were not living in harmony with the word of God, and thereby have been bound together with such ones as the word of God condemns. Listen: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." 2 Cor. 6:14-18.



Listen to what the Lord says: "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." These cults, religious creeds and associations organized by men make a regular spiritual confusion, which the word of God terms Babylon; and the time has now come when God is calling his people out of such. He says in Col. 2:9-10: "For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:" In Rev. 18:4 the Word says: "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues," As the light of truth of God's word goes forth it draws the line between God's church and the creeds of men. From the scriptures just given we find that he is calling them out, because their rules and disciplines and regulations so separate and divide the people of God that they do not dare to believe alike, and God in his word says it is his will that they be of one mind, one accord, one heart, and all speak the same thing. People will never do so as long as they stay in the various creeds of division. This is one of the yokes that needs to be taken off for a person to get the experience set forth in the word of God. People often think they must join some so-called church or association in order to have a home, just as if the Word was not true where it says: "Ye are complete in him." All of God's children belong to the same family and are at home when we are in Christ Jesus. The children of God that are in heaven and those who are on earth are all of the same family. There are so many who fail to meet the conditions on this line, who are unwilling to take the Lord alone. Some say they join a visible church. The Word says, "Ye are members in particular," and

"He sets the members in the body as it pleaseth him." We are born into this family through a spiritual birth; therefore being members of the family of God, or his church through a spiritual birth, can we not be seen? God's church is visible here in this world. We are living in the last days when God is calling his children out from all such divisions wherein they have been unequally yoked together with unbelievers.

Everything that is in opposition to the will of God must be laid aside, and a separation be made from such; and until we reach that point where we are willing to do these things the conditions will not have been met. It is one thing to know what to do and how to do it, and what the results will be, and another to get at it and see that the work is done. It means a separation from everything that is not of God, a willingness to obey the whole will of God, and a perfect submission to the same. Everything must be placed completely into the hands of the Lord: time, talents reputation, self, and in fact, everything we know, and everything we do not know, and reach the point where we can call upon God saying, "Thy will, Lord, not mine be done." We dare not let the least thing stand in our way of making a complete surrender.

One of the most difficult points for some to reach is to die out to the world and the opinions of the people, and be willing to make a Bible separation from all that is ungodly. One may esteem his reputation very highly among worldly people in the social circle, or in business life; and the thought of these things, with the elements of the carnal mind drawing his heart after them, makes it quite difficult for some to reach the point where they will say farewell to things of earth in order to ob-



tain what lies beyond a perfect surrender to God's will.

We read in the Bible of a young man who came to Christ, and said: "Good Master, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" When Jesus told him some things, he said he had done all these, and then says: "What lack I yet?" Jesus told him to go and sell all he had, "and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven, and then come and follow me." But the young man went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions and he was not willing to meet the conditions; was not willing to give up this world in order to have the treasures of heaven. Oh how many there are when they find what it takes to reach a Bible experience because of some worldly wealth, reputation, or something of the kind, turn away sorrowfully and go back into the ways of sin rather than do the will of God... May this not be the case of any listener today.

Our Father, bless the message to the good of every listener. May there be a willingness in each heart to go all the way, pay the price and obtain the prize of eternal life and thine shall be the praise in Jesus name. Amen.

Thank you for a few moments of your time. If we may be of some spiritual help to you be sure to let us know. Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphy saying God bless and keep you and a very cheerful goodbye!

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Jesus didn't come to this world to give us our "rights" but to take away our "wrongs"!... "he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for transgressors." Isa. 53:12.

## Testimonies



Bro. Lloyd Eck (center) and Sis. Judy Eck (left) with their four children, (left to right): Linda, Scott, Paula and Debbie. This picture was taken in June, 1978 which was before the fire destroyed their home Dec. 4, 1978. Debbie has since married. The others of the family now live in House Trailer on homesite.

"Bro. Willie and Sis. Frances: The saints have shown so much love and concern for us and we are so deeply grateful and thankful and feel so indebted to so many. Surely God will reward and repay each one for "He is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His name." We humbly submit all our questions and sorrows of heart to our great loving and compassionate Father who has entrusted to us this rocky pathway, knowing we will not fall if we cling to His hand and trust His leadings without murmurings. He wants us to be strong but how can this be done without some strong winds blowing against us? I often think of the scripture in Jeremiah 12:5, which is surely a great challenge. Can we say, "Awake O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out." Can we say, "Here am I, prove me." May God help us to dig down and grow strong in these last days."--Lloyd and Judy Eck and family, Route 7, Box 147E, Edmond, Oklahoma 73034.



From Alberta, Canada: "Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus. His love is still dear to me in the presence of the Holy Ghost! I truly enjoy being gloriously saved and healed from the wounds of a past sinful life. Praise the Lord forever and ever! Thank you for regularly sending me The Mission Trail paper. May the good Lord continue to bless your labours in reaching many unsaved souls with the pure gospel... Hoping we will see you again some time, I remain always your fellow servant for the whole truth,"

--Bro. Reinhard Mueller

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From S. Car.: "I am glad and thanking the Lord I am feeling much better. I am still not as active as I was but I am asking the Lord to help me with my memory... I haven't written a testimony in a long time, but I have a lot to thank the Lord for. He has spared me to see 71 birthdays... I can't thank Him enough. I desire the prayers that I'll be able to put my all and all on the altar... Request prayer for me and my companion..."

--Sis. Minnie Boulden

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From Ark.: "...do pray for the work here that all will be more interested in meeting together. There are such a very few now. We have lost a dear Sister Della. That was a great loss to us it seems. But we don't want to question it. God knows best but we miss her so much... keep sending The Mission Trail paper. It is a blessing to me."

--Sis. Johnnie West

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From Okla.: "I am so blind I have to wear thick magnifying glasses. But I thank the Lord for what I can see. The sun is so bright today. I got tired of so much bad weather. Hope all is well with you. Just pray for me. That's about all I can do for you folks."

--Sis. Minnie Adcock

From La.: "Greetings in Jesus' name. We appreciate getting The Mission Trail paper. We have missed hearing the broadcast. We are thankful for all the efforts put forth to get the true gospel out. There is so much false doctrine till no wonder people are so confused and mixed up. We are so blessed in having been taught this truth, yet we had to want salvation to receive it. The Lord's way is always the best way. I want to always remember that."

--Sis. Virgie Flynn

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From Miss.: "The Mission Trail is a welcome visitor in my home always. I have a special unspoken prayer request I would ask you to remember... May the Lord bless your efforts in getting the gospel to the lost and meet the needs."

--Sis. Olen Williamson

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From Ill.: "We are much improved. I am about normal and Andrew isn't experiencing as much pain and can get up and down much better. He can rest better lying down, so tries to get his share of rest. I'm thinking of those seeds that soon will be needing to be in the ground, but he says "not yet." We appreciate your and the church's prayers. It was a real source of strength!... The Ohio river is dropping very slowly. Several people had to move out--usually a few every spring but more this year... So many shut in and sick ones--we try to visit some, hoping to be a blessing to them. Christian love,"

--Sis. Thelma Reineking

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From Ark.: "Greetings in the name of Jesus our abundant Giver, giver of all good things to care for every need, any time or place. It is wonderful to be in His presence... My desire is to do all I can for my Lord, so pray for me that there will be nothing in my life that isn't like Christ."

--Sis. Lou Bray

From Calif.: "Sorry I have been so long about writing. I think of you often. I appreciate the goodness of the Lord. Truly, none of us liveth to himself. I am so glad the Lord said, "Vengeance is mine." The Plan God gave us is so beautiful. We are both up and busy, but we do feel our age. Lee had to retire because of arthritis...I give out the papers and tracts and pray that good results will come of it. Pray for all of us and I will for you."

--Sis. Edith Reavis

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From Kans.: "These are some troublesome times and we sure need to be in the ark of safety. I am so thankful to be saved and glad I can say that I enjoy my salvation and love my Lord very much. The Lord is calling us to a deeper depth and I am willing to sink on down into the depths of his love. We really need much power in our lives and the Lord wants to give us more power if we will let him empty us of self so we can have room for it. He wants us to get the great faith we need to use his power in us to defeat the devil with daily. I am praying that all saints will let the Lord have complete control of their lives so the church can shine and show forth God's power."

--Sis. Shirley A. Knight

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From Oregon: "I am home again so you can send my Mission Trail to Prineville now. The weather is warming up some. ... The cold weather bursted a pipe in my well-house and water ran for days before it was discovered by the ones who looked after my place while I was gone. I left my hot water heater connected to the electricity all the time and when the water was shut off to the house, the heater was going without water. However, the Lord protected it from causing a fire."

--Sis. Lucille Trimble

From Okla.: "I give thanks to our Heavenly Father for his many blessings, also for broadcast. It encourages my heart to hear the messages. I love to read the Mission Trail and good testimonies. Abe and I went to Enid last Sunday, was in service. It was good to be there ... Pray for us as I also remember you in prayer as the Holy Spirit brings to remembrance."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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From Okla.: "I am truly thankful to God for you, and for the word of God, the encouraging thoughts of reading more of it. And for seeking each day for his holy will concerning my life. We can seek his face when things are going in a satisfactory manner, also where adverse conditions arise we can seek to see him smiling on us by the graceful attitude we manifest concerning them. This is when we find pure joy. Oh the cross, the precious cross, 'tis there I find the purest gold and joy that never can be told. I am happy for the faithful few standing for the old time truth. I really enjoy The Mission Trail. It helps me and helps give me strength to help others." --Sis. Mattie Simpson

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From Calif.: "Greetings this beautiful day. We had a rain yesterday and last night but the sun is shining bright this morning. We thank the Lord for victory in our soul. The Lord blesses so richly that we cannot thank him enough. We enjoy living for the Lord. The tests and trials we go through make us strong soldiers for the Lord. We cannot conquer the enemy if we are a weak vessel in God's hands. Our prayer is that God will put such a stir in his children that we will all be on fire for God so that he will be able to manifest miracles among us. God is blessing us richly here in Orland. As the song... "What would we do without Jesus." --Sis. Letha Reece



# at press time

we understand:

It is with deep sorrow and a sense of great loss both in a personal way and also to the Church of God that we report the death of Bro. William A. McCoy on February 26, 1979 at the age of 78. In the March issue it was reported that Bro. and Sis. McCoy had left for Ohio on February 12. It proved to be a hard trip for both of them, especially Bro. McCoy as he was very sick. Although he received tender loving care for two weeks his condition worsened and soon he finished his earthly battles, slipping away to be with the Lord Feb. 26. It was an inspiration to visit with him as he was a man of great faith. He had seen God do marvelous things in answer to prayer. There was one date which stood out in his memory above many others. That was the date of his conversion or "new birth" March 3, 1930. He recalled it vividly while we visited together shortly before he left Guthrie. His first birthday was May 24, 1900, but to him it did not seem quite as important as his second birth date! Sis. Evelyn McCoy is now back home at 1205 W. Warner, Guthrie, Okla. 73044. Telephone (405) 282-5415.

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Many thanks to all who remembered us and our beloved companion and father, Bro. William A. McCoy in his time of sickness and passing. Your prayers, telephone calls, get-well cards and sympathy cards, also the offerings are greatly appreciated. You have shared our sorrow and helped us bear the great loss.--Family of Bro. Wm. A. McCoy  
--Family of Sis. Evelyn McCoy

"Greeting in Jesus dear name. Lord willing, the Church of God at Hoffman, Okla. will have a gospel singing on Saturday night May 12th, followed by all-day meeting on Sunday, May 13th. Everyone is welcome and urged to attend these services. For further information contact the pastor, Brother Woodrow Warren, 810 N. Porter, Okmulgee, Okla. (918) 756-6425.

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"We have a new member in our congregation, a little girl 7 pounds and 13 ounces born to Sis. Candice and Bro. K. C. Rich March 3rd...Bro. Gene is about as usual. At times he feels fairly good; other times he doesn't. His breathing is bad at times. Keep him on your prayer list."

--Sis. Loretta Harmon

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From Mo.: "The dear Lord has been so good to us. David is up and going by being careful. We are thankful for what God has done for him and expecting complete healing. Pray for us."

--The Glen Inmans

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With the coming of spring it will not be unusual to see folks working in their gardens getting ready and planting the seeds. How symbolic this is to the gospel sowing. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:6. Thanks to all who help us sow by way of radio and mail. May the Lord of the harvest reward you!



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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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