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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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## *"Ye Are not Your Own"*

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A cheerful good morning to every listener. What a pleasure it is to be coming your way again by means of radio. Many thanks to every one of you who have helped to make this possible from week to week. I am indebted to you. I hope I shall be able to pay that debt to you and also the debt I owe to the One who has called me into this ministry. What a privilege it is to proclaim His word over the air waves to the shut-ins, the sick and those unable to lead an active life. Then there are those who do lead active lives, but take time to listen to the broadcast. I appreciate it. God bless every one of you.

And now this scripture, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor. 6:19-20. A person doesn't like to admit he is not his own. He wants to be free to do as he pleases and to be let alone. Especially is this true in the earlier years of life. As one grows older they realize that freedom has its responsibilities as well as its privileges. Every one of us have an obligation. Think of the care our parents and others have invested in us as infants when we were unable to care for ourselves. It is often said that no one pays for his own raising until they have children of their own to raise. That's the substance of it anyway.

Well, let us say it this way, at least one learns what it is all about to a greater extent when they have the responsibility of their own children.

Think of the obligation we have to those who have brought us the truth. Where would be be if there had not been those who were willing to suffer and even die for the stand of the truth? The book of Hebrews in speaking of those who suffered, put it this way: "And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth." Hebrews 11:36-38. Wouldn't you say we were obligated to them? I would!

Not one of us can rightfully say as we go out the door in a morning, "I am free to do as I please." Why? Because we are under obligation to God and to others. Remember that text: "Ye are not your own". How true that is.

There is one thing we do have a choice in--that is which yoke we shall put on. We can be under bondage to Satan and do his bidding which many folks are. That is what I really call slavery. Or we can do what Jesus said: "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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matt. 11:28-30.

We are wise when we discover that there is one form of subordination which is better than being free to go our own way--that is the subordination to love. You might say it is a lost freedom, but a duty of love is not slavery. Submission to the love of God and His will is the attitude which sets the man free who lives it out.

Former president Woodrow Wilson, is credited with the statement: "Only free peoples can hold their purpose and their honor steady to a common end, and prefer the interests of mankind to any narrow interest of their own." That is exactly the course Jesus took when he prayed: "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me, nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." Matt. 26:39.

To those who think they can live in sin and still be free let me remind you of this scripture: "For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage." 2 Peter 2: 18 - 19. Now dear

ones, do you want that sort of a bondage? I don't. I would much rather be the servant of the Lord and recognize that I am not my own, but I am bought with a price--the price of Calvary.

To further bring out this point of not belonging to ourselves, let me present this scripture to you: "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again." 2 Cor. 5:14-15. Now just what does "constrain" mean? Glance at its use in the New Testament for the answer. The crowd "thronged" Jesus. The soldiers came and "took" Jesus. A woman was sick with a great "fever." In each case the crowd used is a form of our "constraineth" here. Paul is saying that the love of Jesus is like a crowd that sweeps a man off his feet; like a band of soldiers no individual can resist; like a fever in which a man is no longer master of himself. What he really says in effect is: "I let Christ's love have its way with me."

Dear ones, do you realize you are not your own, but you are bought with a price? Listen to this poem:

#### SERVICE

I asked the Lord to let me do  
Some mighty work for him;  
To fight amidst his battle hosts,  
Then sing the victor's hymn;  
I longed for ardent love to show,  
But Jesus would not have it so.

He placed me in a quiet home,  
Whose life was calm and still,  
And gave me little things to do  
My daily round to fill;  
I could not think it good to be  
Just put aside so silently.

Small duties gathered round my way;  
 Them seemed of earth alone.  
 I, who had longed for conquest bright  
 To lay before his throne,  
 Had common things to do and bear,  
 To watch and strive with daily care.

So as I thought my prayer unheard,  
 I asked the Lord once more  
 That he would give me work for him,  
 And open wide the door--  
 Forgetting that my Master knew  
 Just what was best for me to do.

Then quietly the answer came,  
 "My child, I hear thy cry,  
 Think not that mighty deeds alone  
 Will bring the victory;  
 The battle has been planned by me;  
 Let daily life thy conquests see."

Let us pray. Our Father, we are glad  
 you have purchased us for thine own.  
 Now help us to fully understand we are  
 not our own. May we be willing to give  
 of ourselves that others also may have  
 the knowledge of the truth. Bless each  
 listener of the broadcast in a very  
 special way according to their needs.

And may the truth find receptive hearts  
 where it can spring up and grow, bring-  
 ing forth fruit to thine own glory and  
 thine shall be the praise through  
 Christ. Amen.

Friends, if the message proves a bless-  
 ing to you we would be so happy to hear  
 from you. If we may be a help to you  
 with some spiritual problem be sure to  
 let us know. You may address your  
 letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie,  
 Oklahoma. You pray for us as we also  
 pray for you.

Until we meet again this is Willie Mur-  
 phey, saying God bless and keep you  
 always and a very cheerful goodbye!

## Testimonies

From CA: "Thanks for all your prayers  
 for me. I am ye saved, sanctified and  
 encouraged more than ever before to  
 trust the Lord for all my needs; I just  
 want you to continue praying that I get  
 closer and be careful not to be led off  
 by any other of the spirits that have  
 taken captive so many of the saints who  
 used to be in our midst. My heart is  
 sad just to see so many of the older  
 saints' children on the wrong road. . .  
 Keep me my Lord." --Sis. Flora B. Davis

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From PA: "Greetings from PA in the  
 great Redeemer's precious Holy name,  
 the only name whereby we can be saved;  
 in whom we live and have our being. I  
 am thankful to God for sparing my life,  
 giving me the use of all our limbs and  
 senses. I know I am unworthy and unde-  
 serving. It is no credit or merit that  
 I have. I owe God all the thanks and  
 praise. The Word admonishes us to give  
 thanks in everything for this is the  
 will of Christ Jesus concerning you. I  
 am sorry I am so late to thank you and  
 give my appreciation for the calendar  
 you sent us. It's so nice with  
 pictures along with scripture verses  
 each month. I thank you very much for  
 your kindness." --Sister Cora Slifer

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Christ is coming soon, my brother,  
 See the signs proclaim him near.  
 War and famines now surround us;  
 The end I'm sure is almost here.

But are we ready for His coming;  
 Have our lamps been filled with oil?  
 Or will we be as the foolish virgins,  
 Who hold their lamp but have no oil?

We're warned of Him to ever be watching  
 To ready stand with garments white;  
 For when the world is least expecting  
 The Lord will come as a thief at night.

--Sister Cora Slifer

From KS: "Dear Brother in Lord, I will try to tell you how I appreciate your message on the Land Mark, that I have wanted to hear for years. It was a joy, comfort, spiritual strength and wonderful blessing. I had to shed tears of joy. It seems we have let down, compromised right and left. We took a life style of Satan in early twenties after World War I. Holiness, truth is cut short with to please the crowd today. . . How true man loves darkness more than light. . . How wonderful is God's Word--comfort, strength, guidance in our journey to just know and trust God. . . I am so thankful for God's promises to never leave or forsake us." --C. M. Waller

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From KS: "I enjoyed the meeting and would like to have stayed longer but had to come home. We are praying that the Lord will bless in the other meetings this summer and we hope to spend 3 or 4 days at Monark this year. I trust it will be a really triumphant meeting this year. . . Christian love,"

--Sis. Shirley Knight

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From LA: "May God ever bless and keep you is my prayer. I am able to be up and do for myself as best I can. My health is not too good but I am sure thankful I am as well as I am. I know God can take care of me. He sure has done a lot for me. I sure give him all of the praise. He is the only true God and I pray for all of you and need all of your prayers. I sure do enjoy the Mission Trail. If I fail to write for a while please don't stop sending my Mission Trail as I enjoy reading it and other good books and papers a lot. I can still see good for my age. If I live 'til July 14 I will be 78. Always remember me when you pray. I will be praying for all of you."

--Sister Beulah Johnson

From LA: "The blessing of the Lord rest upon you. This is what makes us rich; Rich in eternal values. 'There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.' Praise our God I can be among that class, poor yet rich. But God help us to first make ourselves poor. (Prov. 13:7)." --Lavern Manuel

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From MO: "It is so wonderful that we have a personal Saviour--One who saves and keeps from sin. How thankful we are for the Holy Spirit who strives with our hearts to surrender and is so faithful to lead and guide aright, comfort and encourage, ever pointing us to the Word of Truth. I am so glad there is still freedom in this land of ours to spread the gospel and praise the Lord for all who are called and qualified to do so--those who are willing to deny self for the good of souls for whom Christ died. How we love to recall the faithfulness of God to us as individuals and how blessed to hear and know of experiences of our brothers and sisters in the Lord whose hearts have been made so glad, the dear Lord leading along in each case in His own precious way, all working for the praise and honor of His name. May the joy of the Lord continue to be your strength as you gladly deny self for His glory."

--Bro. Richard and Sis. Rosella Scott

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From CA: "Greetings in our Saviour's matchless name. What would we do without our Saviour? He is our life, our light, our joy and our peace. Without him we would be eternally lost. I find the way grows sweeter as the years go by. May God richly bless you as you labor for his cause. Our blessings from God are too many to quote. May our Lord help us to press the battle on with victory in our soul to the end of our journey."

--Sis. Letha Reece

HOW TO MEET HARD THINGS!  
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Jesus said that in this world we would have tribulation (John 16:33) which means that we would have hard things to meet after we become true followers of Him. Satan the prince of this world, will use everything over which he has any power to annoy and oppress us. He uses people who are not true saints, and sometimes in their early Christian life he can even use them. Jesus tells us to fear not, for He has overcome the world—which means that He will give us victory over every hard thing we have to meet, especially if we meet it according to the plan that He gives in the Scriptures. God uses the hard things that people say and do to us to perfect our Christian characters, if we meet it rightly. This thought is brought out in Hebrews 12:11, where we are told that "no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

God's plan for meeting the hard things that people do to us is to not resent it nor touch it at all by our efforts, but to turn the whole matter over to Him to deal with. "For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened

not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: 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. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls." 1 Pet. 2:19-25.

He says it is worthy of thanks from God if we "endure grief, suffering wrongfully," and take it patiently. And this is the very pathway we are called upon to walk in. It is the same path which Jesus trod. Paul says in Romans, that we are not to avenge ourselves, but to get out of the way and let God deal with the matter, "For it is written, vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

We are to be clothed with humility, that is, with a disposition to suffer what is said and done to us in patience leaving our wrongs in the hands of the righteous Judge. If we thus humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, He will exalt us in due time. All our care about it is to be cast on Him, which will enable us to prove that "He careth for us."

We are to have the same disposition toward bearing the evil things that are done to us that He had. He became obedient in this line of suffering without resentment or one effort to right His wrongs; and even died on the cross without a word of resentment. If we are to be obedient in the same way, God Himself will work in us, "both to will and to do of His good pleasure;" and we can shine as true lights in the world, and be the true Sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of all the sin, sorrow and suffering around us. This is real victory through Christ.

## *"Think on These Things"*

God wants us to learn to walk by faith, not by sight. Paul said, "We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen." Faith sees the things invisible. Moses "endured, as seeing him who is invisible," and thereby had respect unto the recompense of reward. We see the same in the patriarchs and prophets who were able to bear all things, visible, enduring all that their cruel enemies could heap upon them. They had a decision that carried them through everything, for their faith saw not only the promises, but also the One who had promised.

Faith does not need any visible results for its reward, it can afford to leave all the results with the One who has promised, and go on its way rejoicing, knowing that there can be no failure in its efforts.

Sometimes when found in error we are disposed to let ourselves down easy, excusing ourselves for what has occurred, and justifying ourselves in it all. We must not be afraid to let ourselves down hard, for only in this way will we get the real benefit. If we let ourselves down right the Lord will not have to let us down. If we humble ourselves the Lord will not have to humble us. There is a great blessing in self-humiliation and it is the much easier way of getting the benefits of our mistakes.

It is not well to be too careful to spare ourselves; some need to be more careful to sacrifice themselves. Let us choose to suffer for Jesus' sake and the welfare of his cause. When weary we can find rest in him.

Zion has been redeemed with judgment, and it is by the same judgment that she will be kept pure. It was because of the lack of judgment that the church went into apostasy, or rather, that the apostasy was imposed upon the church. As the judgments of the Word of God are kept the church will be kept free from Babylon.

It is by the Word of God that the truth has come to us on the subject of justification, sanctification, healing, unity, and every other precious truth that has distinguished the true Church from those who teach the doctrines of men.

In order to be able to understand the word of God properly, it is necessary that we do not pervert it in any respect. Should we do so, it would cause us to misunderstand it in other respects.

Some people accept and teach a doctrine that requires them to misconstrue the Word of God so they can fit it to their doctrine. It is so much better to fit every doctrine to the Word of God.

We all want joy in our Christian experience. We are exhorted to count it all joy when we fall into divers temptations. It is not hard to count it joy when we come out of the temptations, but we are to count it so when we fall in. It is certainly not by feeling that we can count it joy, it must be by faith.

# at press time

we understand:

## OKLAHOMA CAMPMEETING

The Lord richly blessed and saints came from near and far to be in the June services in Guthrie. Perhaps the one coming from the farthest was Brother John Varghese coming from India. He also attended Jefferson, OR meeting and plans to be at Monark before returning to his family and gospel work in India. Monark meeting date is July 19-28.

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From TX: "I really enjoyed the meeting but saddened about so many requests for lost loved ones to be saved. Seems I want to pray Lord delay your coming a little longer. Maybe they will be saved; may the Lord keep you all in the center of His will."-Sis. Nellie Lovell

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From OK: "I am thankful to be able to be up and and going again. I know it was prayers of the saints . . . continue remembering me in your prayer. That is all that keeps me going."

--Sister Mentie Nurse

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## EARNEST PRAYER IS REQUESTED

Elijah prayed and God sent the answer--rain from heaven. The saints prayed and Peter was released from prison. Now we request the saints to pray that Sister Dorothy Wilson be released from affliction. The days of healing are not over. God is still on the throne and His eyes are over the righteous and His ears are open unto their cries. There is power in agreement of prayer with two or three. Your card of encouragement could be sent to 234 S. Foreman, Vinita, OK 74301

## CONGRATULAIONS TO

Glenetta Lynn Inman and Mark Hamilton Carpenter who have announced their plan to exchange marriage vows July 6th, 2 p.m. in Lord's Park, Harrisonville, MO. We wish for them much happiness and the Lord's richest blessings.

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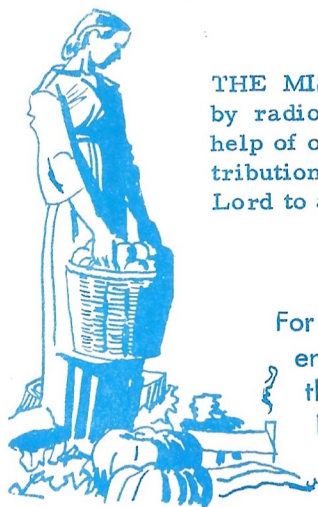
Our hearts were saddened with the passing of Sister Mina Schneider on May 27. She had suffered from the hand of affliction and God saw it was time for rest. She was 78 years of age and lived in Purcell, OK. Funeral was in Guthrie chapel and burial in the Taylor cemetery south of town.

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"THE HARVEST IS PAST, . . .  
THE SUMMER IS ENDED, . . .  
AND WE ARE NOT SAVED". . .

--Jer. 8:20

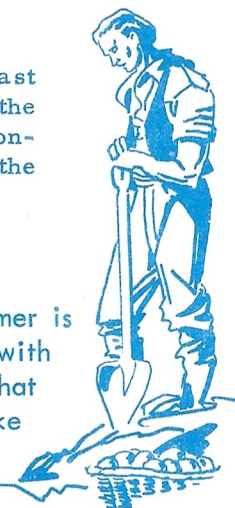
At this time of year the natural harvest often brings a flood of thoughts concerning the spiritual. Already the combines have passed through the fields and the golden grain has been gathered into the bins. But some was lost and wasted. This loss is nothing compared to the great loss of souls which are perishing daily. What more can the Lord do than He has done? Redemption has been paid. The invitation is freely given. Many have accepted and come. And yet there is room. Christ willeth not the death of any but that all should come to repentance. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that many will come in before the summer is over. Time is swiftly running out and the night cometh when no man can work.



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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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