



## PAUL'S RELIGION

By: David Chancellor

Friend, do you long for joy and happiness? The joy that can only be found in the favor of God and man. In the Bible we have an example of one who had such a longing in the person of the Apostle Paul. He grew up knowing about God. He had been taught by the greatest teachers of his day. He spoke of his life and said as far as the righteousness of the law was concerned he was blameless. Yet, he, like the rich young ruler, found something lacking. So he endeavored to make up for it by being more zealous in his religion, even to the point of persecuting the Christians. But, it left him still searching and kicking against the pricks of his conscience, until one day he came face to face with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus. In the person of Christ he found the very thing he was looking for. He found one who by his blood could forgive his sin and remove that which stood between him and God's favor. He found that he could not only have the smile and favor of God, but the very presence of God. He had the very presence of God to help him do always those things that pleased God. He spoke of his relationship and said in him we live and move and have our being. Today you may be going along and working as Paul to keep the traditions of your fathers. However good they may have been, it will not bring joy to your soul, either. You may strive very hard to be faithful to the ideals of your grandparents or your parents but you will still be lacking. The answer is in Christ. In the cleansing and forgiveness found in his blood. In the new life found in his resurrection. In the abiding presence of his Holy Spirit. Do you know him? If not, seek him today. He that seeks will find. He that knocks, to him it will be opened.

## God is Calling

By: Martha Clayton

God is calling you, dear brother; Do you hear his voice today?  
Quickly leave your sinful pathway, Enter in the narrow way.

God is calling you, my sister, From the downward way of sin;  
Oh, return from all your wand'rings, There's a prize that you may win.

God has called and still is calling To those far and near at hand;  
Heed the invitation given, Join the holy, happy band.

Yes, he calls from sin and sorrow To a life so pure and true;  
Oh, his call has come to many; Are you of the chosen few?

List! He calls you to repentance; All your sinful life forsake,  
Turn from all the sins that bind you, He will ev'ry fetter break.

Let your heart be filled with sorrow For the wrongs that you have done;  
Quick confess them, plead for mercy, Surely to your help he'll come.

Hark! He speaks of restitution, Of those you wronged in days gone by;  
Heed his voice and do his bidding, Reason not nor ask him why.

Surely as you thus obey him, He forgiveness will impart,  
Fill your soul with grace and glory, Oh, how glad will be your heart!

Next the call is consecration, What he says you'll surely do;  
Yield yourself and all within you, It will pay you to be true.

Ev'ry foe he'll quickly conquer Leave the temple clean and white;  
Then he'll come and dwell within you, Help you always do the right.

Oh, how good that we may ever, In this blessed state abide,  
Our dear Savior ever with us, In him ever to confide.

He will lead us home to glory; Give us grace from day to day;  
In each battle he will conquer, Make us happy all the way.

## SAFELY THROUGH ANOTHER WEEK

By John Newton

Safely through another week God has brought us on our way;  
Let us now a blessing seek, Waiting in His courts today.  
Day of all the week the best, Emblem of eternal rest!  
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Here we come Thy name to praise; May we feel Thy presence near.  
May Thy glory meet our eyes, While we in Thy house appear.  
Here afford us, Lord, a taste, Of our everlasting feast;  
Here afford us, Lord, a taste, Of our everlasting feast.

May Thy gospel's joyful sound Conquer sinners, comfort saints,  
Make the fruits of grace abound, Bring relief for all complaints.  
Thus may all our Sabbaths prove, Till we join the Church above;  
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## TESTIMONIES

I was never a religious person. I was more like every other kid in town, always on the go, playing football and going to movies and stuff like that. In April 1981, I received word through the Red Cross that my mother had died. I took it very hard. I was overseas (Okinawa, Japan) and all I could think of was I was going to hell, there was no doubt about that. I always knew that my mother prayed for me and she was church of God. But when she died I knew God wouldn't listen to me, a sinner. In April of 1983 I was visiting the church of God in Corpus Christi, Texas. I had retired from the Marine Corps and was living with my aunt and one of my sisters. I went in the morning and heard the word of God. I felt like all the word was only about me. I was mad and felt like somebody had been talking about me. That evening my aunt asked me if I was going to church, and I told her what I thought. She explained to me that it was God talking to my heart and showing me my condition. That evening I went back. At the end of the service, I knew I had to go and get right with God. So, I went to the altar, confessed I was a sinner and needed salvation. I received help that day, and my life made a complete turnaround since then. I was 32 years old when I got saved. Now I'm 50 and don't regret that decision at all.

Bro. Carlos De La Cruz

## Excerpts from Twelve Baskets Full

By: A. K. Chancellor

(Available for ordering through the website)

No man can avoid the entanglement of this life - without the Lord leading.

Anyone who justifies himself must be both lawgiver and judge.

There is a cause behind people falling into bad habits - it is not the law of necessity, but of moral weakness.

Holiness originated with God, is of God, is not realized apart from God - because it gives a true picture of God.

Christ is now sitting on his throne of glory, able, willing, and ready to help any soul in need - if that soul will but trust him.

The foolishness of preaching to save believers does not stop at conversion - it is a process which lasts the life of the convert.

How can anyone hope to be more spiritual than is warranted by the things he indulges in?

## Stories for Boys & Girls

### Something Handy

By: Geneva Garman (published in the Remnant)



Hello children. Have you ever needed something and could not find it? Then to accomplish your task, you had to use something else? Let me tell you a story of how something very special helped out in the time of need.

I was just 12 years old when my dad let me know that he felt it was time for me to join the church we attended. Somehow, I did not feel right about this but I wanted to please and obey my father.

One Sunday morning at the close of the message, the minister invited anyone who wanted to join the church to come to the front. He talked with us for a while then went to the entrance doors and said that he was opening the doors of the church to take us in as members. He also asked the people to stand as a vote of acceptance for those just "taken in."

The minister then took a bowl of water and told us he was going to baptize each new member. Immediately I remembered reading in my New Testament of how Jesus went down into the water and as baptized of John. I believed that this was the biblical way of baptism. My New Testament came in handy that day! I decided then and there that I wanted to be baptized just like Jesus so I left the front and returned to the pew with my parents. They were surprised and very embarrassed.

My father asked me why I had done such a thing. With tears in my eyes I told him how I felt. He understood and told me not to worry; he would take care of the matter. I felt the minister was quite displeased with me, but I also felt I had pleased God.

After church, my father invited the minister and his wife to our home for dinner. He explained that his little girl desired to be water baptized and this would be taken care of after the meal. The minister quickly replied that he would not be able to perform the baptism because he had left his prayer book at home.

Later, this little church closed its doors for service. Since there was another church close by, our family began attending there. Soon the minister approached me about teaching Sunday School. Although I was young, I felt God wanted me to work with the children.

I still wanted to be baptized. I explained this to the minister and he graciously offered to baptize me even though this church also believed in sprinkling. The minister announced the forthcoming baptismal service at a nearby run. To my surprise, about 30 people, many of them young people, showed up desiring to be baptized.

Now you can see why my little New Testament came in so handy. The Bible tells us in Psalms 119:105, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Let me encourage you children to read your Bible so you will know what it teaches. It will come in handy as you grow older!

### Self - Control:

#### Excerpt from 3000 Quotations from the Writings of Matthew

#### Henry

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Our blessed Redeemer was perfectly holy, and so free from sin that no temptation, no provocation whatsoever, could extort from him so much as the least sinful or indecent word. Provocations to sin can never justify the commission of it. The rudeness, cruelty, and injustice of enemies, will not justify Christians in reviling and revenge; the reasons for sin can never be so great, but we have always stronger reasons to avoid it.

*1 Peter 2*

## He Is Waiting

By: W. J. Henry

Come, poor sinner, come to Jesus, Bring him all your sin and care;  
Tho' your soul be bowed with anguish, He will all your trouble share.

Tho' your sins arise like mountains, Tho' like crimson they appear,  
Thro' the precious blood of Jesus They shall be like crystal clear.

Oh, the precious blood that bought you! Oh, the sufferings on the tree!  
Can you slight his offered mercy, And his love so pure and free?

Jesus, pleading, calls the wand'rer, Stands with outstretched arms to save;  
See the wounds received on Cal'ry, Freely there his life he gave.

Come, then, precious soul, to Jesus, Hasten now, your sins forsake;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, Come, oh, come before too late.

He is waiting, he is waiting, Freely he will all forgive,  
He will pardon, he will pardon, Look to Jesus, look and live.

### Power in the Blood of Jesus

By: B. E. Warren

There's power in the blood to save from sin,  
To bring the peace of God where guilt hath been;  
A new and happy life will then begin,  
There's power in the blood of Jesus.

There's power in the blood today, I see,  
As when he set the palsied sinner free;  
And now his saving grace extends to me,  
There's power in the blood of Jesus.

No righteousness of ours can e'er avail,  
But through the Lamb of God we shall prevail;  
There's power in his blood, all else will fail,  
There's power in the blood of Jesus.

There's power in the blood for our release,  
There's power in the blood to bring soul-peace;  
The merits of his blood will not decrease,  
There's power in the blood of Jesus.

There's power in the blood of Jesus, There's power in the blood of Jesus;  
To save a soul today, Wash ev'ry sin away  
There's power in the blood of Jesus.

### Prayer of the Month



Dear Jesus,

Thank you for this year. It has had its hard times, but you have promised us that all things work together for our good, and we are trusting in this promise.

In Jesus name, Amen

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### Service Times:

Wednesday Prayer Meeting	7:00p.m.
Sunday School	9:30a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30a.m.
Sunday Young People's Service	4:45p.m.
Sunday Children's Service	5:00p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00p.m.

We have literature available for those who would like to study the Word of God in the confines of their home. Let us know if you are interested by contacting us at the above telephone number, address, or website.

