

# The Last Days Caller

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*Looking unto  
Jesus*

*The author and finisher of our  
faith - Hebrews 12:2*

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International Overseer  
Rodger Tidwell

## Editorial Page

### WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Listed below are excerpts from a couple of encouraging emails that we received from people in different countries. We thought that others might be encouraged too, by reading them.

Dear my friends in Christ:

I am very blessed to get this good time to write to you. I want to say thank you so much for what you are doing for the kingdom and may God bless you. May God be with you and bless you in the name of Jesus Christ. I will be glad to see you in Rwanda.

Dear beloved children of God:

We are pleased and honored to let you know that your nurturing and nourishing Materials you put in your wonderful and precious website was a seed planted in our hearts and it will grow and bring forth much fruit when you will allow us to be part of the wonderful work you are doing so that together we can fulfill the will of God, lifting up the veil from the eyes of His people. Also our heartfelt goes out to everyone who continues to contribute in putting new teaching materials in your website for the benefit of God's people around the world.

### BTI SCHEDULED IN NIGERIA

BTI will be taking place February 28<sup>th</sup> through March 2<sup>nd</sup> in Nigeria, Africa. Church leaders from 3 countries will merge there under the Leadership of Bishop Ade Ojo for training. The church is reaching people that are new to the doctrine and how it operates, and this training is vital to the work there. We thank Bishop Ojo for all of his hard work. The church is moving forward on the continent of Africa.

### NATIONAL CONVENTION IN PERU

The church in Peru has just ended their National convention which convened on January 25<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>. The saints in Peru are excited about the Lord and His church and are a great inspiration to the church at large. They stay involved in activities such as marches where they carry church banners through the city streets. Thank you Brother Amiel Maypu Alvarado for your good work there.

### BTI SCHEDULED IN MEXICO

Bible Training in Mexico is schedule for May 15<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup> and there are great expectations there for this event. New ministers have joined with The Church of God and we are so excited about the work there. If you are interested in attending the training there please contact the International offices here or the national overseer of Mexico Bishop Jose Concepcion Tzuc Poot.

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A TIME FOR PRAYER AND FASTING



APRIL 1ST THROUGH APRIL 7TH

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## JESUS THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH

*Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Jesus is not only the author and finisher of “OUR FAITH,” that is our personal faith, but He is also the author and finisher of “THE FAITH” - the biblical teachings by which we are to build our lives on. It was the Apostle Paul who said, “I preach the faith that I once destroyed.” God’s intent for Christians is that they press forward in the pursuit of measuring up to “THE FAITH.” The writer of Hebrews here is encouraging us to allow the author of our salvation to finish or complete His work in us by bringing our Christian walk and beliefs (OUR FAITH) in line with His (THE FAITH). This is also what Paul is advocating in his writings to the Philippian church when he mentions pressing for the mark. (Philippians 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, Vs.14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.)

This verse in Hebrews also gives us encouragement, that if we follow the Lord’s plan for our lives we can have great expectations for the future. It speaks of the joy that was set before Him (the blessings and benefits to come) and also of his presence and position in heaven but the same verse also reminds us of the fierce opposition that Jesus experienced. God wants us to know that on our quest to live out the New Testament faith we too will experience opposition. There will be trials and temptations that come our way, to discourage us and to get us to abandon the faith but we must follow our leader’s example and stand firm. There has been a growing amount of pressure in the last few decades

for Christians to compromise with the world but that is a losing proposition for the child of God.

Our mission in The Church of God is not to establish a new faith or to change the faith but to contend for the faith of Jesus Christ – the faith that was once delivered to the saints. (Jude 3) God alone is its author and there is a somber warning from Him to anyone who tries to add to it or take away from it. We have not been given the privilege to change it just because we don’t like it or because it goes against the custom of the day. Many are trying to do just that in the day in which we live. They are trying to re-write the faith. We cannot change the faith (doctrine) just because the world is changing. It doesn’t matter if ninety-nine percent of the population now live a certain way. Customs and lifestyles may change but the Word of God doesn’t.

One of God’s warnings about the end time is the abandonment of the faith. All we have to do is look around us and we can see this happening today. In many church organizations the membership would be shocked if they knew all the beliefs that have been abandoned by their organization down through the years. The Church of God stands firm on all those things that the church stood on when former overseers, A. J. Tomlinson and M. A. Tomlinson were in office. Those of us who have been in the church for a while have saw a departure of some people from those things the church has taught through the years. When we see people departing from doctrinal issues that have been taught for years there is a tendency to re-evaluate what we believe, to see if we may have misinterpreted God’s Word. I will be honest with you today, when some of those people departed from the truth it caused me to take a second look at what the church has taught to see if it is in line with the faith of the bible but each time I have looked, I continue to be persuaded that her beliefs are all based on the Word of God. If you are a member of The Church of God, I want you to know that the church which you are a part of continues to be committed



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to the same mission and doctrine that both A.J. Tomlinson and M.A. Tomlinson were committed to and most importantly we continue to be committed to the **“AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF THE FAITH.”**

*2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

When Paul speaks of “Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God” this would include not only evil thoughts but also evil beliefs that are contrary to the faith. Nothing has the right to replace the faith that Christ instituted and has passed on to the church. It is **“ONLY JESUS”** who is the author and finisher of the faith. Centuries have come and gone since Christ was here but the faith does not change with time. Political systems may change but the faith doesn’t. Customs change but the faith doesn’t. Christ is still the head of the church and people must not take it upon themselves to determine what the faith should look like or consist of. Our responsibility lies not in trying to perfect the Faith but in preaching the Faith and seeking to live out the Faith.

While others are entertaining and exalting beliefs that are contrary to the faith, as the church we must never give room to the pressures of the day, regardless of how beneficial it may appear to be. We will be navigating through some hard and difficult waters in these last days and unless Jesus is in charge we will surely not make it but if He is the captain of this ship, we cannot fail.

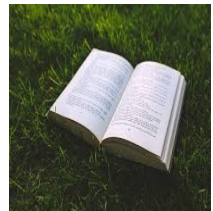
*Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable,*

*and perfect, will of God.*

When Hebrews tells us that Jesus is the finisher of our faith, He is saying that Jesus is able to bring our “PERSONAL FAITH” in line with “THE FAITH” if we allow Him to. This should be the desire of every Christian, to measure up to Christ’s standard but there is a powerful force at work today to influence God’s people in the wrong direction. Paul’s advice in Roman’s 12 is a timely admonishment for us today. He says, “be not conformed to this world.”

Do not be swayed by the big buildings, the big crowds, nor by the large amount of financial support that flows into the treasury of some religious groups. There is something more important than those things. God’s church will never be identified by those things that the world counts important. What will identify the church will be her uncompromising commitment to God and His Word, the working of God’s power in her and the holiness of her people. Big buildings, big crowds and big bank accounts are not proof of God’s favor upon a people. The prophets of old, along with the New Testament church, has clearly illustrated this for us. Often the prophet of God stood alone and the false prophets were endowed with an abundance of supporters and material gifts.

People have tried to replace the power of God with things like, flashy personalities and lustrous words but It has not worked and never will. These things will not get people to heaven but holiness along with the power of God will. There is no substitute for the power of God and a life of holiness.



*Looking unto Jesus*

*The author and finisher of our faith - Hebrews 12:2*

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES IN SWAZILAND**

To the right is a picture sent by the overseer of Swaziland, Africa of people who attended a WMB convention in that country. The WMB director is Sister Pauline Zulu.

They also had a national youth convention in late December (28th — 30th. The national youth director is Kukhanya M. Dlamini and the convention took place at Emlonyeni Mission in Manzini. The theme for the convention was from Matthew 22:14, “For many are called but few are chosen.”

The following are words of the national overseer.

“I gladly report that we had a very wonderful VLB Convention, 6 people were sanctified. It was marvelous indeed. I am soon to send you the year plan for Swaziland.”

Mandlenkhosi Lucky Vilane



**CHURCH ACTIVITIES IN MEXICO**

Pictured to the left is a group of ministers. Among this group of ministers are two or three new ministers. The National Overseer of Mexico is standing on the left with the microphone.



**CHURCH ACTIVITIES IN PERU**

To the right is a picture of the national convention in Peru on January 25th through 27th. The convention took place at Chimbote, Ancash, Peru.





*Meet some of our wonderful people around the world!*



## *The Revelations of God's Spirit Through Time*

*By  
Keith Murphy*



God gave the prophet Isaiah the understanding of what was happening in his day and also of what was going to happen far into the future. God allowed him to see these things because of his obedience to him.

*Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

Isaiah spoke these words in front of Ahaz and the house of David. They probably made fun of him and mocked him. "A virgin shall conceive? It will never happen." It did happen.

*Mat 1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.*

*Mat 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.*

*Mat 1:22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,*

*Mat 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*

The scripture in Isaiah was fulfilled but not may noticed. When Mary's time was fulfilled, an angel came to some shepherds that were abiding in the same country and who were tending their sheep at night. The angel told them not to be afraid and that the Christ child was born in the city of David and that they would find Him lying in a manger. The heavens opened and a multitude of the heavenly host were praising God.

I wonder if the shepherds sat around and pondered whether they should leave their sheep? It doesn't appear to have occupied their minds, in fact the Bible tells us that they went in haste. (Read Luke 2:8-18) These shepherds would never had seen the angels had they not been men of faith. Then there are the wise men who saw His star and recognized its importance when others didn't. God moved upon men before the birth of Christ (as with Isaiah) and also after His birth, showing them these things. He moved upon those who would follow His leading.

Today we must walk in the Spirit and follow God's word if we are to be His church. We must, as the scripture teaches us, walk in the light to the best of our ability. The shepherds never knew or came in contact with the wise men but they were of the same mind and of one accord. That is how it should be in these last days. Though we may never personally meet other members



of the church, whether they be in Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Mexico, Peru or some other country, it is the same Spirit that speaks to us and helps us to be of that "one mind and one accord." We serve the same Lord and thus it should be the same doctrine, the same love and unity.

God places within each of His children a hunger for the knowledge of the truth and it is His Spirit that reveals it to us. There should be a desire in us to be filled with His Spirit.

*1Co 2:10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.*

*1Co 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*

*1Co 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*

*1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

All of God's prophecies in the Old Testament for that time came to pass. There were also Old Testament prophecies concerning Jesus and the ushering in of the grace period which others were able to see come to pass. God's prophecies during this time when we are waiting for Christ to come back after His saints, are still unfolding.

*Isa 9:5 For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.*

*Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

While Isaiah here makes reference to the coming of the Lord, its affect is still being ex-

perienced today. Just think about what verse 5 is really saying. God's plan does not include fighting as Christians. The burning and fuel of fire mentioned here is the Holy Ghost. There may be differences in things like doctrine but for those who will hear, the Holy Ghost is able to reveal truth and work out differences.

Our Lord and Savior did not have to come down to this world of torment, but because God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, He did. Jesus was all but unnoticed for who He really was to most of the world around Him.

Ask yourself, who took care of all those sheep when the shepherds went to see the Christ child. I happen to believe that two or three angels watched over them. The shepherds were probably not well-educated men and the wise men were from another country and not Jews but God chose them. Not everyone saw what they saw. There were a lot of things hid from the world back then.

Today the church has been given the opportunity through Christ Jesus to have our spiritual eyes opened, our ears sharpened to full hearing capacity and our minds enlightened, all by the Spirit and through the scriptures.

We are in the last days. Let us be mindful of what is happening around us, remembering your calling.

*2Pe 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:*

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Jesus was born into this world to endow His church with love and power and to unshackle those who are burdened down by the chains of this world. There is nothing that can't be accomplished through Him.



## *A Call To Prayer and Fasting*



*In recognizing our need for the divine hand of God upon all our efforts in the Church of God, we are asking that each local church and member in every country mark the following date for a time of prayer and fasting. God is moving in the church and we are experiencing growth but we seek His perfect will and His mighty presence in such a way that multitudes will be rescued from the grip of the enemy and that His church may fully accomplish His will.*

*Please unite with us in spending some time in prayer and fasting the week of April 1st through April 7th. Pastors on April 7th please climax the week of prayer with a special time of prayer with all your people.*

*International Overseer  
Rodger Tidwell*



*Luke 5:4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.*

## *March World Mission Month*

*Theme for March World Mission Drive is  
“Launching Out Into The Deep.”*

At the moment we have received requests from people in different countries who want to know more about the Church of God. Some of them wish to join but we are limited on what we can do because of the large expense involved in travel. We are trying to get organized in such a way that we can have representatives (Field Secretaries) in various parts of the world who can help in these endeavors. These Field Secretaries that are closer to people interested in joining the church can assist headquarters at times and save on expenditures because there will be less distance to travel.

We want to thank those who have given to the work of missions. Some give often and others give as they have to give. We are grateful for whatever the Lord has laid on your heart to give. We have seen a wonderful amount of growth over the last two years and each of you have had a part in it. The potential for growth is very great over the coming months as we are hearing from people in different countries.

Please ask God what He would have you to give in our **“March World Mission Drive.”**

## *Women's Missionary Band*

*Tenna Tidwell*

Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. John 4:35

The signs of the time are everywhere signaling the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We have no time to waste. In the natural sense, a farmer prepares the soil, plants the seeds, waters and weeds the crop, then comes the tricky part, “The Harvest”! If he gets in a hurry and gathers the grain too soon it will not be good. On the other hand if he waits too late it will be ruined. A farmer must be patient and know the right time to harvest or all the hard work and care he has already done will be in vain.

As in the above scripture, we should never feel like we have plenty of time to lead someone to Christ because the reality is that none of us are promised tomorrow. How many times has someone passed away and we question ourselves if we have done all that we could have done to show that person the love of God. Let us pray that God will show us the harvest! Jesus is still saying to “Look on the harvest for it is white and ready for harvest. Let us be obedient to His call!

We may feel like we have done all we know to see souls saved perhaps like Simon felt in his effort to catch fish. Jesus said to Simon, **“Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught”**. And Simon said, “Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.” When he was obedient to Jesus’ command he caught so many fish that his nets broke and he had to call to his partners in another ship to come and help. They caught so many fish that they filled both ships to the point that they began to sink! Jesus then told them, **“Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.”** They wasted no time because when they got to the shore they forsook all and followed Jesus. What a wonderful example of what God can do when we are obedient to His call. What may seem out of our reach is more than attainable through God’s power. We need revival as never before all over the world. Unlike Simon who lacked expectation, let us move forward with great expectancy.

There are many needs all over the world and God has called all Christians to do their part in the mission work. We must pray and seek God and be obedient to His Word. We must give as God has given to us.

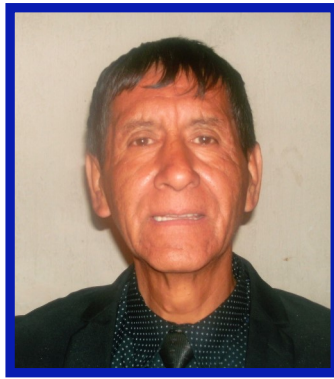
### **How long are Christians asked to give?**

“Go break to the needy sweet charity’s bread,  
For giving is living,” the angel said.  
“What, giving again?” I asked in dismay.  
“Must I keep giving and giving away?”  
“Oh, no,” said the angel, piercing me through,  
“Just give till the Father stops giving to you.”

*Taken from White Wing Messenger 11/15/86*







Julio Alayo Cabrera

Brother Julio Cabrera has been appointed as Field Secretary to South America. Brother Cabrera joined the church over forty years ago and will assist General Headquarters in corresponding with South American countries.

## Two New Appointments



Mayco Adonias Soto Zunun

Brother Mayco Zunun has been in the church for several years and has worked close with the Overseer of Mexico. Brother Mayco will assist General Headquarters in corresponding with Central American countries.

## A Special Thank You

A special thank you goes out to all our overseers, and members for the wonderful work that you are doing for God and His church. We are experiencing growth and seeing souls saved and nurtured in the Lord. This is what it is all about. Do not think that your work goes unnoticed. Though we may not be able to mention every soul that is saved and every activity that takes place, God sees it all and it is he that will reward us mightily some day. There is also the present joy that we experience in serving Him. If only the world could know what we feel. Keep the good work going and may the Lord bless you abundantly.

# One Language - One Level of Membership - One Heart & Soul

**ONE LANGUAGE:** There is one language in The Church of God that we place above all other languages. We seek to speak this language in every country. You might be saying, "What language is it." It is the "LANGUAGE OF LOVE AND TRUTH." According to the words of the Apostle Paul, any other language is *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. You will find in The Church of God some of the most loving and caring people on earth and they are people who have committed themselves to stand for BIBLE TRUTH.

**ONE LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP:** There are none of us in The Church of God that is any more valuable to God than the other. God may have different roles for us to fulfill in the church but all of us are important to Him. Precious Saints, never let the enemy make any of you feel second-class in the church. There are no second-class members in The Church of God. All parts of the body of Christ are important and none more important than the other. The Apostle Paul says to the Corinthian church that all members of the body are necessary and that we should have the same care one for another.

**ONE HEART:** If a person has a heart that is set on finding fame or fortune through God's work, they will not fit well in The Church of God. Our heart is somewhere else. Winning souls to the kingdom and seeing God's church reach her completion is what has captured our hearts. (Acts 4:32) And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul....



**Joh 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.**

# YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE

THIS INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE BY A. J. TOMLINSON CAME OUT IN THE  
DECEMBER 15, 1923 EDITION OF THE WHITE WING MESSENGER

Jesus is wonderful! His name is “Wonderful”! His life was one of thrills and wonders. His death was an exception. No one ever died as He died. He is justly described as the fairest of ten thousand and altogether lovely. We cannot say too many good things of Him. He is ever to be remembered, and to praise Him is glorious. My breast heaves now with emotion as I begin this message. I wonder what will be by the time I am through. I feel something crawling up in my throat until I have to swallow quickly, while my eyes are moistened. What is all this? Well, I do not know, only I am honoring, extolling and exalting my Savior’s name above all others.

I have been introduced to some new experiences of freedom in the last few weeks in which some of my brethren and sisters have shared. My body is full of freedom; my soul is full of freedom; my heart is full of freedom; my mind is filled with freedom. This is all freedom in the Holy Ghost and it all comes through Jesus of whom it has been said, He was sent “to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound... to comfort all that mourn.” It was the mission of Jesus in the world to set men free. The Jewish religion kept people bound – they were not free. Sin kept people bound and thus they could not be free. People were crippled, blind and sick, and such as these were not free. Jesus came to set all kinds and classes free if they would only meet certain conditions required of them. Multitudes were set free during His three years’ ministry.

In a conversation in the temple one day with the Jews who believed on Him, He made use of certain words that are ever full of the silvery light of encouragement and blessing. He said, “If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31, 32).

I conclude these words are as applicable to us now as they were to those Jews then. If I would be Christ’s disciple indeed, I must continue in His Word;

then, if I would be free, I must know the truth. It does not concern me so much about the final decision of those Jews, but I am more than interested in freedom in the Holy Ghost. And, if knowing the truth makes me free, which it does, I become interested in knowing the truth, and knowing the who truth.

I wonder if knowing some truth will give some freedom, and knowing the whole truth will give all freedom. It is not for me to discuss this question, but since I am so greatly interested in freedom, I want to know all about it that I can learn. Who would not be interested in as great and wonderful an experience as freedom?

Common people of the world want freedom. They do not like to be in prison. They want to be loose to go and come as they please. Laws of a country are sometimes made that bring the subjects into more or less bondage. This has caused much war and bloodshed. Some have been so determined to have their freedom that they have cried out, “Give me liberty or give me death!” They preferred death to bondage. Only a short time since, citizens of Ireland went on a “hunger strike” and died because they preferred death to a life of bondage. Liberty is dear to the hearts of people everywhere.

The Pilgrim Fathers came across the great Atlantic Ocean in the Mayflower in search of a country where they could enjoy religious liberty. They were tired of creeds and manmade rules and laws that were so bitter to bear. When they landed at Plymouth Rock on the American shore, they proclaimed liberty—religious liberty. And thank God for a country where we can enjoy religious freedom today.

But the freedom that Jesus gives is above the freedom of any country. The freedom that Jesus gives is a spiritual freedom that far surpasses what we term religious liberty of a country. I do not know how to describe it. There seems to be no way to give a description. One said, “I feel so free.” Others

have used other similar expressions to express their feelings of freedom. Still others have leaped and danced about over the floor like children at play in the home of their parents, where they almost “take the place” with their capers, pranks, and didoes. They are free because they are not afraid of being called down by Him who has the authority. They know the truth and the truth has made them free, and each one is at liberty to express himself as he feels will best please the Lord who made him free.

I do not think I ever quite realized such freedom as was manifested in our last Assembly (1923). I have been free before, and others have been free, but there seemed to be a kind of an extra power of freedom displayed until it could be truthfully said by many, “I never saw it on this fashion before.” The ministers were free, the workers were free, the members were free. No one seemed to be afraid of somebody else. All seemed on an equality. God was with us. We knew the truth and the truth made us free.

I saw a few there, who were not identified with us, that looked long-faced and sad. But our people were free. And sometimes things occurred that made me think of Paul’s experience when he said he was “made a spectacle (show-theatre) unto the world, and to angels, and to men.” Such as this is freedom in the Holy Ghost. Our own showing in the flesh is worthless, but when the Holy Ghost is in it, it is both edifying and effective for good.

Paul further teaches that he does not want people pin their faith to beautiful and eloquent words, but to the power of God. In his explanations further, he says he did not come to the people at Corinth with excellency of speech or of wisdom, or with enticing words, but in “demonstration of the Spirit and of power.” If Paul were a show, a theater, and a demonstrator, we conclude he was very active and demonstrative at times when he was before the public. And even angels were interested in his performances.

This reminds me of some of the prophets of old who were moved and operated by the power of the Holy Ghost. They did many things that were queer to the eyes of men, but they were moved by the power of God. On the Day of Pentecost they were accused of being drunk. When people are really free in the Holy Ghost, there will be times of peculi-

ar demonstrations. It might be in laughing, or in crying, or an extreme amount of joy that is inexpressible, or running, or shouting, or speaking with other tongues, in prophesying, in leaping, or dancing. But when one is really free indeed, and made so by Jesus, it is sure to be manifest in some manner.

As for myself, when those streaks of power and glory play up and down in my body and soul, no one knows what I’ll do.

I like the spells all right, but I never have anything planned only to give over to the Holy Ghost any time He wants me. I may act strange at times, but I declare, if the same streaks of glory and power should see-saw in those who wonder at me, I feel very sure they would have spells and act strange too. People may be free without these demonstrations, but truly the demonstrations are fine when the Holy Ghost is the operator.

It is apparent that those Jews never obtained this freedom because they did not go on to know the truth so it could make them free. Doubtless there are many precious souls today bound down with trouble and sadness, and even in distress, because they fail to go on to know the truth.

Some people do not want the truth. It is too straight for them—they are set in their ways and do not want any change. They seem to think religion is a kind of melancholy affair. And their religion may be that kind, but the Christian religion calls for another sort, Jesus said, “I want you to have my joy.” Paul said, “Rejoice evermore.” Multitudes have danced and shouted for joy. The Christian religion is a joyous religion — a religion of freedom. “If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”

Who would not want to know the truth that will make them free? This freedom may be possessed by all who know the truth. But false things and wrong applications of the Bible will bind the believer so he cannot be free. If one is afraid to speak when he feels he should, he is not free.

Children, loved ones, obtain your freedom in the Holy Ghost by knowing the truth and sticking to it, and life will be one grand plane of good old summertime, with no frozen zones to cross or snows to wade through. Keep the fire of freedom burning, and you will be more able to help others to be free.





#### THE CHURCH OF GOD SUNDAY SCHOOLS

##### (What a Potential We Have)

Think about this, we have as our master textbook the Bible. There has never been a textbook like it and as is mentioned in this issue of The Last Days Caller, the words found in the Bible are full of life. It has the potential to improve every student that will hear and heed its message. While there are many and various kinds of schools that can complement a person's life, none holds as much influence for good as does the school who has as its primary text the Word of God.

Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent, what an opportunity you have to literally change the lives of individuals and families. The words you offer them can be like an anchor. It can help them anchor their soul in Jesus. Those words can take the form of a foundation in which they can build their lives upon. The words your Sunday School offers them can be a healing medicine to the emotional and spiritual pain they are feeling. What an opportunity you have to help others.

Sunday School is a wonderful venue where a relationship with Jesus can be offered – Christian character building can take place – life's tough questions can be answered – fellowship with God and other Christians can be found. You offer so much to the people in your communities. The work that the Sunday School does is of vast importance to the work of the church.

### *Does Daddy Go*

Daddy had a little boy,  
His soul was white as snow;  
He never went to Sunday School,  
Cause daddy wouldn't go.

He never heard the Word of God  
That thrills the childish mind;  
While other children went to class,  
This child was left behind.

As he grew from babe to youth,  
Dad saw to his dismay,  
A soul that once was snowy white  
Became a dingy gray.

Realizing that his son was lost,  
Dad tried to win him back;  
But now the soul that once was white  
Had turned to ugly black.

Dad even started back to church,  
And Bible study too;  
He begged the preacher, "isn't there  
A thing that you can do?"

The preacher tried, failed, and said,  
"We're just too far behind;  
I tried to tell you years ago,  
But you would pay no mind."

And so another soul was lost  
That once was white as snow;  
Sunday School would have helped,  
But daddy wouldn't go!

*The low view of God entertained almost universally among Christians is the cause of a hundred lesser evils everywhere among us. A whole new philosophy of the Christian life has Resulted from this one basis error in our religious thinking.*

*With our loss of the sense of majesty has come the further loss of religious awe and consciousness of the divine presence. We have lost our spirit of worship and our ability to withdraw inwardly to meet God in adoring silence. Modern Christianity is simply not producing the kind of Christian who can appreciate or experience the life in the Spirit. The words, "Be still, and know that I am God," mean next to nothing to the self-confident, bustling worshiper in this middle period of the twentieth century.*

*This loss of the concept of majesty has come just when the forces of religion are making dramatic gains and the churches are more prosperous than at any time within the past several hundred years. But the alarming thing is that our gains are mostly external and our losses wholly internal; and since it is the quality of our religion that is affected by internal conditions, it may be that our supposed gains are but losses spread over a wider field.*

*The only way to recoup our spiritual losses is to go back to the cause of them and make such corrections as the truth warrants. The decline of the knowledge of the holy has brought on our troubles. A rediscovery of the majesty of God will go a long way toward curing them. It is impossible to keep our moral practices sound and our inward attitudes right while our idea of God is erroneous or inadequate. If we would bring back spiritual power to our lives, we must begin to think of God more nearly as He is.*

*A. W. Tozer*

# FAITH AND FAMILY TALK

## Churches and Children

While there is no way that the church can replace the parents of a child in fulfilling their responsibilities, there are things that the church can do to assist parents in bringing their child up to be faithful to God. **tivities for a time of talking and visiting with God. Explain how to give and tithe instead of just telling them that they should do these things. Learning how to apply God’s word at an early age will enhance their ability to do so the rest of their lives.**

Many children grow up in church but after they reach their later teens or adulthood they cease to serve God. We need to ask ourselves, “What can we do to prevent this from happening.” There are two things mentioned here that will greatly aid the church in accomplishing this goal.

The first thing we mention is Children need to have shared with them the practical application of God’s Word. Show them how the scripture relates to their own life and how to apply what they have learned. When children are able to make a connection between the Word of God and their own lives, it will amplify the Bible lessons they are being taught in church. Pastors and teachers, when talking about prayer, show children how to make time in their lives by pushing aside other ac-



The second thing we want to mention is Christian example. Some children will never see Christianity modeled at home because they do not have Christian parents and even if they do, church members can reinforce godly character. The church must understand how important this part of their ministry is and each member can play a role in loving children and showing them what being a

Christian really is.

Children need teachers who love their students extremely and take their responsibility to teach them very seriously. Church your place in children’s lives are very important.

There are many things in the world today that competes for the family’s time. Things like cell phones, the ipad and televisions are literally robbing our children of time with God. While these devises can be used for the good, often the enemy uses these things against us. He will continue to do so unless parents deliberately set limits and safeguards on these things. Finding a way to get the Word of God into our children is a must. Parents must be diligent in this day and age to safeguard their children’s mind and to direct their attention toward spiritual matters, such as prayer and study of God’s Word.

# THE HOLY BIBLE

**An old professor of biology used to hold a little brown seed in his hand. “I know just exactly the composition of this seed. It has in it nitrogen, hydrogen, and carbon. I know the exact proportions. I can make a seed that will look exactly like it, but if I plant my seed it will come to naught; its elements will simply be absorbed in the soil. If I plant the seed God made, it will become a plant, because it contains the mysterious principle which we call the life principle.” This Bible looks like other books. We cannot understand altogether its marvelous power. Planted in good ground, it shows that it has the life principle in itself; it brings forth spiritual life; it bears fruitage.**