

"Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him. Little children, let no man deceive you. He that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous." 1st Jn. 3:6-7. The 1st Epistle of St. John contains some rich truths concerning this abiding place.

It would be inconsistent to doubt God's power to irradiate sin from our hearts in the face of this and many other passages of scripture. That would be limiting the power of God and doubting His precious word. If we have not obtained this experience of Grace, the fault must lie with us. It must be that we have not wholly abandoned ourselves to the Lord. So to reach this abiding place we must be dead indeed unto sin, our own will, dead to public opinion and let God come first in everything. Then there are certain conditions we must follow in order to keep this abiding. I will mention some.

I. We must be willing to learn. The sooner we find out we do not know very much, the sooner God can teach us through His Word and by His Spirit. We as young people have much to learn. Let us keep our hearts and minds wide open to God's truths. In this way we will save ourselves from many mistakes and regrets. If at times we must turn to some earthly friend for advice, it should be one who has kept close to God. We can receive much help from the older ones of the holiness faith who have had experience with the dealings of God's Spirit and human nature. Those who have suffered and sacrificed for the cause that has helped and blessed us, may God bless and reward them!

Even Paul had to learn some things. In Phil. 4:11 he states: "For I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." This was a good lesson to learn. I have often wondered if Paul had to learn some other things, like we do. Now as we study, the best text-book is the Bible, the best teacher is God's Holy Spirit. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things."

II. Then we need to keep patient as we learn and grow in grace. We must keep steady—"keep on keeping on." Here is where so many dear Christians fail. When God's Spirit chastens them, as He does all His children, instead of pleading for more grace to overcome, they become discouraged. Then discouragement leads to doubt, and doubt is followed by disobedience and finally results in failure. It seems so difficult for young Christians to realize that they cannot attain in a few weeks, as much grace and spiritual depth as others have through years of experience, privileges and suffering. There is where we need to "run the race with patience." There are many wonderful Christians to whom we can never "catch up." As we grow in grace they grow too and thus keep far ahead of us. For this reason and many others, we must keep our eyes off of people and on Jesus. He is a perfect example—one that is patient with us and never makes mistakes.

III. We must depend on God for virtue and control which He will give through His word and by His Spirit. Jn. 15:v. 4, 5 He is the One that is worthy of our confidence. One who is always the same yesterday, today and forever. Praise His Name!

IV. We must be willing to bear the reproach which seems more prevalent these days than ever before, due to the fact there

are such a few that are going this way. Not very many are willing to be a "marked Christian." It takes real grace sometimes to be "different" from even fine, cultured, educated friends. I am glad that God's word says we will be a "peculiar people, zealous of good works." We need to be brave, strong and of good courage in these days of indifference.

V. In order to keep abiding we must be humble, dead to conceit and pride. May God help us to see the folly of pride. We see manifestations of it on every hand. We appreciate the humility of Jesus as never before. Also we must keep sweet in spirit, and exhibit a Christ-like attitude toward every trial and problem. If we do not, we grieve God's Spirit and forfeit a blessing.

In conclusion we may say that if we have reached this abiding place we will bear much fruit according to St. John 15:5. It may be that we can not do anything great but God is reasonable and only expects our reasonable service. He expects us to be a blessing to others, also a witness to this world. One has said words to this effect: "Real Christian success is having constant victory in spite of personal, household and neighborly difficulties and handicaps. So, dear, young people, may we with God's help, live a successful Christian life in our own little sphere. Let us pray for one another and keep faithful. It's worth it to pay the full price whatever the cost.

Yours for Holiness,

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### MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

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many keep true to God even with such odds against them, and we do thank Him for it.

I had noticed a woman in the church with the heathen head dress but wearing a dress and I thought she might be a recent seeker, but after the service she went to our evangelist's wife Trifina and asked her why she had never had prayers in her kraal. Trifina told her that the women were dressed and she thought they were all Christians from another church but the woman assured Trifina that they were just dressed heathen and they wanted our people to come and have prayers with them.

I felt that this was a good ending to our service. Hungry heathen, desiring prayer and coming and asking for it. We do thank God very much for this, truly He is working in our midst in many ways. May God help us to be faithful to our calling and in that place where He can use us to help these people, is my earnest prayer.

A year ago today we were still on ship-board and were just entering the Cape rollers. I shall never forget the feelings we had as the ship rolled and tossed, and to-day I thank the Lord that I am on dry land. I also thank Him that when we were on the ocean with rough seas, etc., we had an anchor that kept our souls, safe and secure while the billows rolled, for we had anchored safe and secure in the Saviour's love. We have been here nearly one year and I'm so glad to be able to say that the anchor still holds. We realize the powers of Satan around us but we know that with Jesus we shall win if we continue to fight the good fight, always looking unto Jesus for His help. I do thank God for His leadings in all ways.

Our class meetings on Thursday were especially good. We had two men present who

have recently given themselves to the Lord. We do thank the Lord for them for it seems to be especially hard for the men to become Christians. They do love to have many wives and they are also very fond of their beer. I think these two things are their greatest hindrances. We are praying that God may help many more to take this stand for Christ for we do need men in our churches.

We have already begun to pray for the services at Beulah this year. We do especially pray that many will attend and be blessed and strengthened while there. May God bless you all is our daily prayer.

Yours in Him,

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Altona Mission,

Dear Highway Friends:

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During our missionary tour of our Canadian churches, different individuals asked me what the native Christians contributed towards the African work. At that time I could not give a very satisfactory answer. Even now, my answer may not be complete. I cannot speak for the whole of our African field. I shall merely tell you what I have learned about the work in the Transvaal.

Just at the moment I am looking at some of the Sterritt Sisters' financial records. I notice that the Altona church cost \$480. Of that the natives contributed \$57. A second record regarding the buying of church seats states that the natives contributed \$25 of the total cost of \$50. It is also stated that the natives raised \$25 to buy a bell. There are other records that show that they raised money at Christmas time for various feasts that they held.

During the past nine months the natives in the Transvaal section have contributed money or produce to the value of \$94. Besides this they have promised \$35 for building churches.

The larger portion of this money has been given in Big Sunday offerings at the various preaching places. The offerings have varied from 50c to \$6. \$1.00 would probably be the average.

After the crops are reaped the Christians begin by bringing in their tenth of corn, beans, peanuts, pumpkins and so on. We keep an account of what is brought in and credit each with the value of what is received. Last fall this tenth amounted to \$17.

The native workers also give a tenth of their allowances to the native workers' fund. Their tenth is enough to support a woman worker.

The rest of the contributions are in the nature of pledges. These vary from 2 cents to \$1.25 or more.

Your first impression may be that the natives do not give very much. It is true that it does not seem to be much, but when one considers their income or earning capacity, they are doing very well indeed. Wages are 25c a day for men, 12c for women and 6c for older children.

The prospect of self-supporting native churches is not one of near realization unless we abandon the principle of free-will offerings and levy church fees as the churches around us, or, a change in economic conditions increase the natives' earning capacity.

Yours in Him,

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Politeness is good nature regulated by good sense.—Sydney Smith.