

that we can thank God for His presence with us. Not that we feel there is nothing more could have been accomplished, surely there is much that our hearts have desired to see that has not been brought to pass on all parts of the circuit. Yet in that time there are those who have taken a definite stand for the Lord, and show evidence of His saving and sanctifying power in their lives.

The people of the circuit have taken care to make us feel we have been one of them, and that they were interested in us. Besides the many donations, gifts, etc., which we have mentioned at other times in the Highway, the people of Millville gave us another very generous donation in April. Lower Hainesville gave us a letter containing another fine gift of money.

On Mrs. Anderson's birthday, which has just recently passed, the women of Millville and Maple Ridge gathered at the parsonage for a party, and presented her with a very pretty autographed quilt, hankies, hose and money, also a well decorated and delicious birthday cake, which they served, together with other tasty refreshments.

Again we thank God for the kind friends of the circuit, and wish them and their next pastor every success in the work of the Lord.

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THE CALLED-OUT ONES

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The word which is translated "Church" in our language comes from a Greek word which literally means "The called-out ones." This thought comes from the custom in those early days, when they had no other way to get word of some notable person's approach to the people whom he wished to see except by a messenger, for the one in authority to send such a person on ahead of the dignitary, and announce that such a person was coming, and to call out such persons as he wished to interview. So when the Christian Church was begun, this same thought was carried over to those who gathered to worship the Kings of kings. How wonderful to think that we are thus "chosen" to meet with Him.

The Scriptures have a great deal to say about those who are "called," and we wish to notice a few of these remarkable passages.

1. By whom are we called? I. Thess. 2:12. "That ye should walk worthily of God, who hath called you unto His kingdom and glory." I. Thess. 4:7. "For God hath not called you unto uncleanness, but unto holiness." I. Tim. 1:9. "Who hath saved us and called us with an holy calling."

2. From what are we called? Isa. 55:7. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." I. John 2:15-16. "Love not the world, neither the things in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." 2 Cor. 6:17. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you."

3. Who are called? I Cor. 1:26-29. "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God hath

chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence."

4. We are called unto liberty. Gal. 5:13. "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not your liberty for occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another."

5. We are called to peace. I. Cor. 7:15. "... but God hath called us to peace" What a contrast this is to the state of the wicked! Isa. 48:22, "There is no peace, saith the Lord, to the wicked."

6. We are called to the fellowship of Christ. 1 Cor. 1:9. "God is faithful, by whom ye are called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ." What an honor is thus conferred upon us.

7. We are called to service. Luke 1:74. "Being delivered out of the hand of our enemies that ye might serve Him without fear."

8. We are called unto holiness. I Thess. 4:7. "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness."

9. We are called to be saints. Rom. 1:7. "To all that are in Rome, called to be saints."

10. Called unto eternal life. 1 Tim. 6:12. "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold of eternal life, whereunto ye are also called."

11. We are called to share God's glory. 2 Peter 1:3 "... through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue."

12. We are called unto the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Rev. 19:9. "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the lamb."

13. God's followers are a select crowd. Rev. 17:14. "For He is the Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they that are with Him are CALLED, and CHOSEN, and FAITHFUL." Brethren, this is our privilege. Let us embrace it. Amen.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Dewey O. Miller

Sermons that are light have very little illumination about them.

The pastor's dilemma: Some of his members seem to be quite promising folks. They promise everything and do nothing.

Religious gad-about's are only sermon tasters. When they get real hungry they will stay at home.

The time for a man to put on the brakes is sometime before his health breaks.

After all it is more refined to chew the rag outside of the church than to chew gum inside.

It doesn't take a fan to air your troubles. Though suppressed many of them will get out.

The watch ticks off the minutes the pastor is preaching and the congregation counts them.

Even though occasionally a sermon bores you, the influence will make the message effective.

In order for one to make comeback, he must show ability to overcome his setback.

God means to make us like Himself, and so pleasing to Himself, and has no other end in all the varieties of His gifts and bestowments, but only this, the production of character.—Alexander MacLean.

JESUS AND THE SECOND WORK OF GRACE

By Edwin N. Garvin

Many times able exponents of Bible holiness, or a second definite work of grace, clinch their arguments by quoting Wesley, Finney, Lowery, Wood, or some other equally able expositor. This gives the enemies of the doctrine an opportunity of charging our followers with being led of men rather than God. Indeed, some in this day even attempt to discredit the apostle Paul, saying he preached another gospel than did the Master.

Other able holiness preachers get all, or nearly all, of their holiness teachings from the types of the Old Testament. This is truly a rich source from which to draw abundant material. Yet, so say the opponents, Jesus is the final answer, and the fulfillment of the types. Their argument is that they preach Jesus, not Paul, or the Old Testament, or the doctrines of men.

Let us then return to the Fountain Head, the Giver of all light, in whom and by whom are all things.

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me as the scripture had said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given: because that Jesus was not yet glorified)" (John 7:37, 39). The invitation was to any man. All men are included in this general invitation to come to Jesus. The only qualification mentioned is that they be thirsty men.

Please notice now the next verse, "He that believeth on me." This promise is to the believer who continues in his belief. "Out of his inward parts shall flow rivers of living water." The first is for thirsty men, to slake their thirst; the next to become sources of thirst-quenching waters.

The next verse explains the allegory, "This spake he of the Spirit. For the Holy Ghost was not yet given." This is in direct opposition to the theory that we receive the Holy Ghost at conversion. For Jesus tells the disciples to rejoice that their names are written in heaven. Still they had not received the Holy Ghost because Jesus was not yet glorified.

During Christ's earthly ministry many wonderful works were done. Men were raised from the dead; lepers were cleansed; the blind received their sight; the lame walked; the dumb spake; sins were forgiven; wrongs were made right; fishermen became fishers of men.

All of these things were wonderful, yet something was reserved even more wonderful, because Jesus was not yet glorified. It required the fulfillment of the whole scope and plan of the atonement to sanctify men. It was necessary that Jesus be crucified, risen and ascended to the right hand of God, in order that men have the rivers of living waters flowing to a thirsty world.

Thank God for all the able exponents of this glorious truth. Thank God for the apostles, the martyrs, and all down to this present day who hold forth this provision to thirsty believers. But most of all, thank God for His dear Son who makes it possible.—Free Methodist.