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Striving to be among the remnant of her seed

## The Great Need of the Holy Spirit

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**Y**e shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”<sup>21</sup> God has left nothing undone that could in any way work for the recovering of man from the toils of the enemy. He poured upon the disciples the Holy Spirit, in order that they might be enabled to cooperate with divine agencies in reshaping and remodeling human character. Of the Holy Spirit Jesus said, “He will reprove [‘convince,’ margin] the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment.”<sup>22</sup> The Holy Spirit is not only to sanctify but to convict. No one can repent of his sins until he is convicted of his guilt. How necessary, then, it is that we should have the Holy Spirit with us as we labor to reach fallen souls. Our human abilities will be exercised in vain unless they are united with this heavenly agency.

Men have fallen low, they are sunk in depths of sinful degradation, and it is because of a lack of knowledge, of the want of connection with vitalizing truth, and because they are contaminated by the corrupting influence of error. In the work of saving men, men and angels are to work in harmony, teaching the truth of God to those who are unlearned therein, in order that they may be set free from the bonds of sin. Truth alone can make men free. The liberty that comes through a knowledge of truth is to be proclaimed to every creature. Our Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and the angels of heaven are all interested in this grand and holy work. To man has been given the exalted privilege of revealing the divine character by unselfishly seeking to rescue man from the pit of ruin into which he has been plunged. Every human being who will submit to be enlightened by the Holy Spirit, is to be used for the accomplishment of this divinely conceived purpose. Christ is the head of his church, and it will glorify him the more to have every portion of that church engaged in the work for the salvation of souls.

Our Saviour is to be more distinctly recognized, and acknowledged as the all sufficiency of his church. He alone can perfect the faith of his people. There is to be no wrestling for the supremacy among us, no exalting of self. No, brethren, let us lift up Jesus, and we shall reap a rich harvest. “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.”<sup>23</sup> Lift him up, then; exalt the Holy One; proclaim him “the Desire of all nations,”<sup>24</sup> the “chiefest among ten thousand,” the one “altogether lovely.”<sup>25</sup> Let every

church of every clime take hold with an intense interest to help advance the cause. And while you labor for your own locality, pray for the general prosperity and upbuilding of the church throughout the vast harvest field.

There is more joy in heaven over one sinner that repents, than over the ninety and nine who suppose they need no repentance. When we hear of the success of the truth in any locality, let the whole church join in songs of rejoicing, let praises ascend to God. Let the name of the Lord be glorified by us, and we shall be inspired with greater zeal to become workers together with God. The Lord urges us to fulfill the injunction, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”<sup>26</sup> But we need to leave more room for the working of the Holy Spirit, in order that laborers may be bound together and may move forward in the strength of a united body of soldiers. Let all remember that we are “a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.”<sup>27</sup> Therefore each one should inquire with meekness and fear, What is my path of duty? Entire consecration to the service of God will reveal the molding influence of the Holy Spirit at every step along the way. When apparent impossibilities arise in your path, present the ever-ready, complete efficiency of the Holy Spirit before your unbelieving heart, that it may shame away your over-cautious spirit. When your faith is weak, your efforts feeble, talk of the great Comforter, the Strength of heaven. When you are inclined to doubt that God is working by his Holy Spirit through human agents, remember that God has used the church and is using it to the glory of his own name. If men will not obstruct the way, God will move upon the minds of many more to engage in active service for him.

Christ’s prayer to his Father in behalf of his followers was not in the interest of a few; it embraced every believer in the Son of God. “Neither pray I,” said Christ, “for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 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.”<sup>28</sup> The words of this prayer are very precious. Notice what follows: “And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one; I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.”<sup>29</sup>

Of all persons on the earth the true Christian is the

1. Acts 1:8

2. John 16:8

6. Mark 16:15

7. 1 Cor. 4:9

8. John 17:20, 21

3. John 12:32

9. John 17:22, 23

4. Haggai 2:7

5. Song of Sol. 5:10, 16

one that the world has the most need of. But while they remain in the world, they are not to be of the world. The Saviour prayed: "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil."<sup>10</sup> The religion of the Bible is to be revealed in this world, in order that souls may be led to discern Christ, the Light of the world. As light is revealed, by following that light we

**11. John 8:12**

**10. John 17:15**

may escape from all darkness; for He has said, "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."<sup>11</sup> The rays of the Light of life shining from the Lord Jesus enable humanity to pick their ground, to wage successful warfare, and triumph over the powers of darkness.

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## Editorial

We, as the remnant people of God, by no means, believe that we have all there is to know concerning present truth. It is, however, our purpose to be continually advancing in the light, shining brighter and brighter unto the perfect day.

In "Signs of the Times, June 20, 1906," we read "In every age there is a new development of truth, a message of God to the people of that generation. The old truths are all essential; new truth is not independent of the old, but an unfolding of it. It is only as the old truths are understood that we can comprehend the new."

If we fail to become acquainted with or to comprehend what took place in the past, we will also fail in our comprehension of what is now taking place in our world today. New truths will come to test our faith and to prove whether we really want to follow on to know the Lord or not. At no point in our religious experience can we stop satisfied, thinking that we know all there is to know concerning the

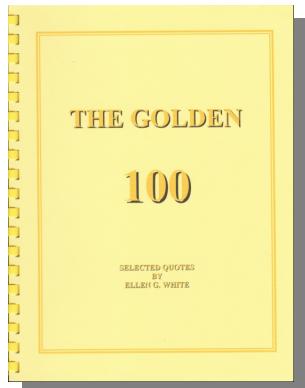
truth. Light and truth are progressive and constantly advancing. Our spiritual growth is dependent upon this. We cannot cease otherwise we too would fall away. Even in eternity there will be seen constant spiritual advancement and development. To stop advancing is to fail in our mission for Christ to the world.

Each successive reformatory movement, unfortunately, has had a stopping point, where it failed to continue on. Each one has added a little more light to the whole. The Reformation of the sixteenth century contributed some. Adventism was a great contributor. We are told in 4SP 429 "The Advent movement of 1840-44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God..."

But sadly, Adventism also failed and completely stalled out. As the remnant people of God in this final reformatory movement we have a big responsibility because in 4SP 429 it states "...these (former reformatory movements) are to be far exceeded by the mighty movement under the loud cry of the third message."

We must press on, continually advancing through the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, obtaining a clearer and still clearer understanding of the truth. The remnant movement is, according to prophecy, the final movement of the people of God in this world and we must press through to the gates of the city, the New Jerusalem! It is our purpose here at the SDRPA to do our part in contributing to the ever advancing light of the Loud Cry of the Third Angel's Message. God bless each and every one of us who has been privileged to be a part of this final movement and who is also advancing in the light!

Editor



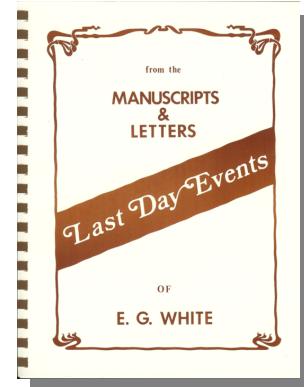
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# ARE YOU COVERED?

## Continued

We previously learned that it was out of infinite love for you and me that God the Father developed the plan of our salvation which involved the death of His Son to provide us a way of escape from sin. And it was also out of infinite love for us that Jesus voluntarily agreed to carry out this plan and provide His precious blood to wash away our sins, and His precious robe of righteousness to cover us so that we could be accepted as a real son or daughter of God.

It is this precious robe of righteousness, this garment of salvation, this covering, that the Lamb of God had to die in order to provide you and me with, that enables us to have heaven as our home because God sees us in it as being His sons and daughters, and no longer sees us as being the strange children of the wicked one. In fact, anyone who does not have on this robe of Christ's righteousness will not be saved, because they do not have on the "wedding garment" necessary in order to be admitted to the wedding feast in heaven!<sup>1</sup>

So if we confess our sins, then how completely are we cleansed? We are "cleansed from all unrighteousness," all our sins are washed away, all our filthy sin-stained garments are removed, and we are clothed with Christ's righteousness. And quite amazingly, we are now accepted by God as if we had never sinned at all! We are indeed perfect and righteous without the spot or stain of sin, because God accepts us in His Son's perfect righteousness, and does not look or investigate beneath this precious covering of the Lamb of God over us!

The Bible refers to this amazing miracle of transformation from being a defiled sinner into being a perfect righteous man or woman clothed in Christ's righteousness, as becoming a "new creature;"<sup>2</sup> a "new lump,"<sup>3</sup> a "new man,"<sup>4</sup> a "new bottle,"<sup>5</sup> and being "born again."<sup>6</sup>

Now after all our sins are forgiven, and we are justified and clothed in the precious robe of Christ by faith and are accepted by God as if we had never sinned, what are we then to do? Some believe that it does not matter what you do from now on, because once you are justified, you are justified forever—even for any sins you may commit in the future! But this is not what the Scriptures teach.

"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God... without the deeds of the law."<sup>7</sup>

So justification, or being made righteous, is only for the remission or forgiveness of all the sins that we have already committed: it is only for the "sins that are past." Thus justification is not a blank check which covers our continued sinning, but is only good

for our past sins! And being justified freely by His grace comes to us as a free gift, without cost and without works, it is by faith alone.

Then what are we to do after we have been justified and cleansed from all unrighteousness—becoming this new creature, this new bottle, this new born again man or woman in Christ because we have accepted the gift of righteousness by faith alone?

"The just shall live by faith..."<sup>8</sup>

"...the just shall live by his faith."<sup>9</sup>

So not only are we justified by faith alone, but now what are we to do in this justified condition? We are now to begin to live this new life! Before we were justified, we were dead in trespasses and sins.<sup>10</sup> But after being justified by faith, God has given us His grace, strength and power to begin to live. And how are we to live our new life? By our faith. And what must we do with our faith?

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God... For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."<sup>11</sup>

So what are we to do with our faith? We are to use it with grace to stand up!

"...for by faith ye stand."<sup>12</sup>

While we were living in sin, and were unlike God in character—or being ungodly, we were dead, had no strength, and thus could not stand before God. But Christ died in order to justify and make us righteous so that we could exercise our faith and obtain the strength or grace or power necessary to live and stand up. Whereas before, it was a Righteousness by faith alone experience that allowed us to be justified and made righteousness. But after being justified, we now have access to the grace and strength found in Christ necessary for us to live and to stand up.

Now, will God stand us up? No, He gives us through Christ all the grace and strength we need in order to stand. But we must exercise our faith, we must grab hold of the grace and strength of Christ and then use it in putting forth all the efforts necessary to stand up.

But the Devil is ready to immediately attack any new born Christian who tries to stand up. Satan hates this robe of Christ's righteousness, and wants to try and remove it from us so that we will not be recognized as being children of God. So to help defeat Satan's plans, God offers all of His new born sons and daughters some extra help which will enable them to retain their robe of righteousness and not allow the devil to strip it off!

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."<sup>13</sup>

8. Gal. 3:11

9. Hab. 2:4

10. Eph. 2:1

1. See Matt. 22:8-14

11. Rom. 5:1-2, 6

12. 2 Cor. 1:24

2. 2 Cor. 5:17;  
Gal. 6:15

3. 1 Cor. 5:7

4. Eph. 4:24;  
Col. 3:10

5. Mark 2:21-22;  
Matt. 9:16-17;  
Luke 5:36-39

6. John 3:3-8;  
1 Pet. 1:23

7. Rom. 3:24-25, 28

13. Eph. 6:10-11

So we are to use the strength and grace of God to put on this armor of God. Why? So that we can protect this precious covering of righteousness and avoid being hit and wounded by any of the wiles of the devil as we are standing up. And what does this armour consist of?

"Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."<sup>14</sup>

Now after we have successfully put on this armor of God and have stood up, what are we then to do?

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of the world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."<sup>15</sup>

So what are we to do while standing with the armour of God upon us? We are to use it to resist all the wiles or temptations of the Devil, to fend off all the fiery darts of the wicked, and to wrestle against all darkness and spiritual wickedness so we can remain standing and not fall. This means that we have to continue putting forth efforts in the strength and grace of Christ to fight against all of these evil things whenever and wherever they come against us. And through what are we to fight against evil? Through our faith. Faith in who, ourselves? No, faith in God and His power to gain the victory in us. And we have God's assurance that He will not allow the Devil to send so many darts against us all at the same time that we would have no chance to fend them all off!

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."<sup>16</sup>

All I can say is, dear ones, what a merciful God our Father is towards His children!

Now, why are we having to do battle against all these evil things in the first place? One reason is because the Devil does not want to let us go. We were once his children, children of darkness, children of disobedience, children of sin and wickedness. But since we have longed for a better life, have chosen to escape from the hard taskmaster that the Devil is, and have fled to Jesus Christ, then Christ has given us new clothing, God has accepted us as His children, and has given us shining armor with which to fight off the Devil in his desperate efforts to try and get us back into his service of evil.

But it is more than this: the last great evil day—or Jacob's time of trouble—is just ahead of us. So the Lord allows just enough darts and temptations to come against us so that we are forced to exert efforts to battle against all these evil things. And the more at-

14. Eph. 6:14-18

17. 2 Pet. 3:17-18

18. 1 Tim. 6:12

15. Eph. 6:12-13

19. Rom. 6:4

16. 1 Cor. 10:13

20. Jer. 7:23-24

21. Jer. 6:16

22. Psa. 86:11

23. Psa. 119:151

24. 2 John 1:6

tacks we successfully fend off, the more victories we win, which means that we are growing more proficient in living as being the sons or daughters of God that we are. Thus, as we fight, we grow in grace, becoming stronger and stronger in the Lord, becoming better and better prepared, and all so that we can remain standing and not fall and be lost during the last great evil day! That is why we are called upon by God to exercise our faith, and through our faith in God granting us the grace and strength we need to grow, we can then fight against the power of evil wherever it is found.

"Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."<sup>17</sup>

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."<sup>18</sup>

And you know, when we succeed in fending off the darts or attacks of the wicked one, and have gained the victory, we feel so good and are led to rejoice and glorify God who has helped us gain the victory in His strength! But we need to fight in order to do what? To lay hold upon eternal life! Those who refuse to fight, believing the false doctrine that while they sit back and relax, Christ will do it all for them, will be lost.

So we are to fight the good fight against evil—how? By faith. Now in this fight of faith, are we to remain standing in the same place where we first stood up in? No.

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."<sup>19</sup>

Hence after we are standing in the armour of God and fending off all evil, then we are to walk in the newness of life. But which direction are we to walk?

"But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward."<sup>20</sup>

So we are not to follow the ways of evil by walking backward, but we are to walk forward following in the ways of God. Now where are we to walk forward?

"Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."<sup>21</sup>

What are these old paths and the good way that we are to walk in?

"Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth..."<sup>22</sup>

"Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy commandments are truth."<sup>23</sup>

"And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it."<sup>24</sup>

Then once we are standing justified and righteous by faith, clothed in the precious garments of salvation and covered with the armour of God, we are to ask for and find and then to walk in the old paths of truth, walking in God's commandments given us in the beginning, while continuing to resist all the Devil's efforts to try and get us back into our past life of sin.

In doing this, we are actually keeping our justification and righteousness from being taken away from us, which we received as gifts by faith alone. We are tenaciously holding on to these precious gifts and not giving them up. So you can see that it is not just righteousness by faith without works that entitles us to salvation. But it is also remaining righteous through faith by works and efforts that we put forth in the strength and grace given us by God.

This grace and strength from God is also a free gift which Christ purchased for us: we cannot earn it, nor can we work for it. Yet many have been taught that this grace only serves as a free ticket to salvation and eternal life, and so they again believe that all they need to do is just sit back and relax while Christ does it all for them. But listen to what God states is the real reason why He gives us His grace.

"By whom [Christ] we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name."<sup>25</sup>

So God gives us His grace so that we can obey the truth through faith. Then grace is not given us so that we can sit back and relax and do nothing. But grace is given us so that we can through faith obey God unto salvation. Now with this correct understanding of grace, let us examine the passage that many quote

to supposedly prove that grace is only a free ticket to heaven without any works or efforts needed.

"And you hath he [God] quickened [made alive], who were dead in trespasses and sins: Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is [what is? This Grace is] the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." [So this grace is a gift of God that cannot be purchased by any amount of works, but is freely given to us. And why is it given to us? So that we can obey God and show to the world that we are no longer the children of disobedience, but now we are the children of God and show forth the good works to prove it! Listen to what Paul then states:] "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus [to just sit back and relax? No, but created in Christ Jesus] unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."<sup>26</sup> (*To be continued*)

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25. Rom. 1:5

26. Eph. 2:1-10

**"Only the covering which Christ Himself has provided  
can make us meet to appear in God's presence.  
This covering, the robe of His own righteousness,  
Christ will put upon every repenting, believing soul.  
'I counsel thee,' He says, 'to buy of Me . . . white raiment,  
that thou mayest be clothed,  
and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear.'"**

**Rev. 3:18.—*Christ Object Lessons*, p. 311.**

# REVELATION NINE—Reviewed

## Concluded

**I**t was on July 27, A.D., 1299," says Gibbon, "that Othman first invaded the territory of Nicomedia; and the singular accuracy of the date seems to disclose some foresight of the rapid and destructive growth of the monster."<sup>1</sup> More than human foresight recorded this date with such definiteness. To the prophet on Patmos, it had been revealed that "their power was to hurt men five months."<sup>2</sup>

Five prophetic months is the equivalent of one hundred and fifty literal years, one day meaning a year, and counting thirty days to the month. Since the exact day for the beginning of this power is given, the expiration of the five months may be reckoned to the day. It closed July 27, 1449. It is these dates which enable the student of the trumpets, to locate the events which take place under each trumpet. These dates are "nails in a sure place"<sup>3</sup> for both the first and the second woe.

To show that in 1299 power was given "to hurt men five months"<sup>4</sup> we have the testimony of historians. After speaking of the invasion by Othman of Nicomedia, which was the eastern frontier of the Greek Empire, Gibbon continues: "The annals of the twenty-seven years of his reign would exhibit a repetition of the same inroads; and his hereditary troops were multiplied in each campaign by the accession of captives and volunteers."<sup>5</sup>

The successors of Othman, the founder of the Ottoman Empire, each pushed his conquests nearer to the coveted seat of power. A regular standing army of twenty-five thousand Moslems was organized by the son of Othman. Asia Minor was completely in his hands, and the seven churches referred to in the first chapter of Revelation were desecrated by the religion of Mohammed.

So near was the Turkish rule to the throne that in 1346 Orchan, the successor of Othman, demanded and obtained, as a wife, the daughter of the Greek emperor, and the princess left her home in Constantinople to live in the harem of the Turk.

Between 1360 and 1389, the third sovereign of the Turks, conquered Thrace, and fixed the capital of his empire and his religion at Adrianople, almost within the shadow of Constantinople. Never before had the Greek Empire been surrounded on all sides by the foe. The fourth king, Bajazet by name, was surnamed Ilderim, or "the lightning,"<sup>6</sup> because of the fiery energy of his soul, and the rapidity of his destructive marches. Constantinople was sorely pressed, and were not the hand of God recognized, the fact that the downfall was delayed for another fifty years might seem a mere accident.

Called to contend with a Scythian force from the East, the Turks were obliged to postpone activities in Greece for a number of years. The Byzantine (Greek) court, instead of profiting by the imminent danger, grew weaker. The one hundred and fifty years of tor-

ment, not destruction, was about to close. "One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter."<sup>7</sup> The restraining hand of God had held contending forces in check, waiting, waiting, until the extreme limit of time, for men to acknowledge the righteousness of Jehovah.

But at the sounding of the sixth trumpet a voice was heard from the four horns of the altar,—the altar before which Christ offers the prayers of saints,—saying, "Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates."<sup>8</sup> During the one hundred and fifty years, the Turks had power to torment, but when their armies seemed on the very verge of victory over the Greek Empire, their force was abated by troubles from the regions of the Euphrates. The time was coming when they would not only torment, but kill.

In 1448 the death of John Palaeologus left the throne of Constantinople in a weak and precarious condition. Constantine, his successor, could claim no territory beyond the limits of the city, and the throne was already held by virtue of the grace of Amurath, the Turkish ruler. The gracious approbation of the Turkish sultan announced the supremacy of Constantine, it was July 27, 1449. The Turkish power had been bound, in a measure, by Rome; for as long as Rome held Constantinople, the Arabian power was limited in the East. When the sultan dictated to Rome, then, were fulfilled the words, "Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates."<sup>9</sup> These words seem especially to refer to Bagdad, Damascus, Aleppo and Iconium,—four sultanies bordering on the region of the Euphrates. No power could now resist, and the Moslem ruler soon gained the long coveted fortress on the Bosphorus.

The death of Amurath in 1451, and the succession of Mohammed II, a wily man full of ambition and restless of restraint, did not retard the conquest. Mohammed's one design was to capture Constantinople. "Peace was on his lips but war was in his heart,"<sup>10</sup> and every energy was bent toward the accomplishment of this design. At midnight he once started from his bed, and demanded the immediate attendance of his prime vizier. The man came trembling, fearing the detection of some previous crime. He made his offering to the sultan, but was met with the words, "I ask a present far more valuable and important,—Constantinople."<sup>11</sup>

Mohammed II tested the loyalty of his soldiers, warned his ministers against the bribery of the Romans, studied the art of war and the use of firearms. He engaged the services of a founder of cannon, who promised weapons that could batter down the walls of the city. In April, 1453, the memorable siege was formed. At the sound of the war trumpet, the forces of Mohammed II were increased by swarms of fearless fanatics until, as Phranza has said, the besieging army numbered two hundred and fifty-eight thousand.

7. Rev. 9:12

1. Edward Gibbon, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* page 2228.

2. Rev. 9:10

8. Rev. 9:14

3. Stephen Haskell, *The Book of Revelation* page 172.

4. Rev. 9:10

5. Edward Gibbon, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* page 2228.

9. Rev. 9:14

10. Edward Gibbon, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* page 2329.

11. Edward Gibbon, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* page 2233.

6. Edward Gibbon, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* page 2235.

Constantinople fell; the last vestige of Roman greatness was gone, and the Moslem conquerors trampled the religion of Rome in the dust. This memorable event affected all future history. The fall shocked Europe; and the convulsions had not passed, before the light of the Reformation broke the darkness which shrouded the Western Empire. While the smoke from the “bottomless pit”<sup>12</sup> was settling over the East, streaks of light heralded a coming dawn in the nations of Europe.

The characteristics, given by the prophet in describing the Turkish forces under the second woe, are similar to the description of the cavalry who fought for Mohammed under the first woe. The breastplate of iron and the scimitar of the Arabians, had been replaced by the firearms of the Turks, but the fury of the charge in the fifteenth century had lost none of the terrors of those earlier horsemen. Fire, smoke, and brimstone issued from the mouths of these warriors. The discharge of the firearms, as seen by the prophet in vision, appeared like fire issuing from the mouths of the horses. The power was also in their tail. Isaiah says, “The ancient and honorable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.”<sup>13</sup> Their military valor was one thing in favor of the Turks; the unity of the faith of Mohammed and the zeal inspired by that prophet to kill the “infidels” (Christians), was a factor equally as potent.

The power which came on the stage of action July 27, 1449, was to bear sway for an hour and a day and a month and a year,—three hundred ninety-one years and fifteen days, literally speaking. This is a wonderful prophecy, the time of the fulfillment is given to the very day.

At the end of this period, Turkey would cease to be an independent power. Three hundred and ninety-one years and fifteen days from July 27, 1449, brings us to August 11, 1840.

There are four great waymarks in the world’s history connected with Constantinople. First, when it was founded in 330 A.D. second, its capture by the Turks July 27, 1449; third, when the sultan of Turkey signed away his independence on August 11, 1840; and the fourth one is yet to be explained.<sup>14</sup>

In 1838 Josiah Litch and William Miller, after a careful study of the prophecies, came to the conclusion that on this last date nations might expect to see the Turkish sultan surrender his power. This prophecy was published to the world, but there were events transpiring which also called the attention of nations to Constantinople. The sultan of Turkey and Mehemet Ali, pasha of Egypt, were at war, the pasha refusing an indemnity demanded by the ruler of Turkey. In 1839 the pasha was victorious in battle over the Turkish army, and he sent another force under com-

12. Rev. 9:12

13. Isa. 9:15

15. Moniteur Ottoman, August 22, 1840, quoted by Stephen Haskell The Book of Revelation page 178.

16. Rev. 9:20-21

14. Stephen Haskell The Book of Revelation page 177.

mand of his son into Syria and Asia Minor, and threatened to carry his victorious arms against Constantinople. At this juncture, England, Austria, Prussia and Russia, combined in the demand that the pasha should confine himself to Syria and Egypt. A council of these four powers was held July 15, 1840. The ruler of Turkey agreed to abide by their decision, and was only too glad to have his life saved by their intervention. He thereby voluntarily surrendered all rights into the hands of the combined forces of Western Europe. In the official document drawn up by the representatives of the nations concerned, are these words: “It having been felt that all the zealous labors of the conferences of London in the settlement of the pasha’s pretensions were useless, and that the only public way was to have recourse to coercive measures to reduce him to obedience in case he persisted in not listening to pacific overtures, the powers have, together with the Ottoman plenipotentiary, drawn up and signed a treaty whereby the sultan offers the pasha the hereditary government of Egypt,... the pasha, on his part, evacuating all other parts of the sultan’s dominions now occupied by him and returning the Ottoman fleet... If the pasha refuses to accede to them, it is evident that the evil consequences to fall upon him will be attributable solely to his own fault.”<sup>15</sup>

This treaty was signed, and the ultimatum was officially put in the power of Mehemet Ali on August 11, 1840. From then until the fall of the Ottoman Empire in 1922, Turkey was known everywhere as the “Sick Man of the East.”

The closing words of the ninth chapter are a sad commentary on the condition of the world, and although the revelation of Jesus Christ is given in the Word, in nature, and may be read in the revelation of nations to each other, yet “the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood... Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.”<sup>16</sup>

As the end draws near iniquity waxes greater. The fall of nations has ever been used as a symbol of the final destruction of the earth. Men see these things and yet continue in their idolatry, their theft, and their fornication. How precious in the sight of the Lord is that little company who by faith see Jesus, and following Him in His work above, reflect His character to the world! The faithful ones are today being sealed; for we are nearing the close of time, and eternity will soon open to the redeemed.

Adapted from Stephen N. Haskell  
by Jim Snipes

“We should study the great waymarks  
that point out the times in which we are living.”  
*Review & Herald, June 23, 1896.*

# Children's Story—Katie's Tongue

Ephesians 6:1

Four year old Katie stood at the window looking down the road. Her large blue eyes were filled with excitement. Her golden brown hair was pulled smoothly into two small braids. She hated the way it felt, all smooth and tight to her head. As she stood at the window she reached up to one side and pulled at the ribbon. As soon as the braid was loose, she pulled out the ribbon on the other side. She loved to feel her hair loose and falling down her back in unruly waves. She shook her head so she could feel the loose hair slap at her face.

But she wasn't really thinking about her hair right now. Why didn't Papa come? He had been gone to town all day long. Soon it would be supper time and Katie was hoping Papa would bring a letter from grandma. Just then she saw the horses come over the top of the hill and start down the long stretch of road to the house. Papa was sitting straight and tall on the wagon seat.

Leaving the window, Katie ran to the kitchen. "Mama! Mama! Papa is coming!" she yelled as ran through the kitchen.

"Katie! Do not run—" But the door slammed before she could finish. Katie knew what mama was about to say and she didn't care. Mama was always telling her not to do things. Don't run in the house, don't stick your tongue between your teeth, don't pull your braids out, don't slam the door, don't yell in the house. She knew mama would put her on the chair in the corner for running and slamming the door, but right now she didn't care.

She stood on one foot then the other as Papa pulled the horses up in front of the door. "Papa, papa, did we get a letter?"

"Yes we did, Katie girl." His stern face relaxed into a smile as she jumped up and down.

"Give it to me! Give it to me, Papa! Is it from grandma?"

"Yes, it's from grandma." Papa climbed down from the wagon and tied the reigns to the post in front of the door. Then he turned and took an envelope out of his pocket.

"Here it is. Your mama will be very glad, we haven't heard from grandma for a long time."

Eagerly she followed papa into the kitchen. He kissed mama and handed her the

letter. Her eyes lit up. "Oh, John, it's been so long since we've had a letter from my family in Portland."

Then she caught sight of Katie. "Katie!" She sighed. "You have disobeyed me again. You know better than to run in the house and slam the door. What is it going to take for you to learn to listen? You've even pulled your braids out again, for the fifth time today. I am going to have to put you on the chair again."

Katie looked at her feet. "I'm sorry mama," she said in a small voice. "I was excited about papa coming home and I forgot."

Papa looked at her sternly. "To forget is not an excuse. You are to mind your mother and listen to what she tells you." He took a chair and set it facing into the corner.

"Now, you sit here until supper."

Katie sat on the chair and stared at the wall. It wasn't the first time she had been sat in the corner for not listening. It happened several times a day. She kicked her feet against the chair legs. She didn't like sitting on the chair but for some reason she never could remember to do as mama said. It seemed like hours before mama called her to come to the table, but at last she was allowed to get off the chair.

After the supper dishes were put away and the baby put to bed, mama opened the letter and sat down in the rocker to read it. Katie stood by the chair and waited impatiently. "What does grandma say? What does she say?" she asked eagerly.

"Just be patient, Katie." said mama.

Mama looked at the letter. Then smiled. "Why, Katie, grandma says that she and aunty are coming to visit! Isn't that wonderful? She says she can't wait to see you and Helen and meet the new baby."

"Oh goody! When's she coming?"

"Well, it looks like it will be about two weeks. Now, I want you to be a good girl when they are here. Do you understand?"

"Yes, mama."

The next two weeks were filled with excitement. Mama was very busy getting the guest room ready and cleaning and cooking. Katie was filled with plans for all the things she could do and talk about with grandma. Grandma had lived most of her life in the old country of Germany and Katie loved to hear her stories and ask questions. Several times a day she would

ask mama, "Is grandma coming today?"

Finally mama said "Yes, grandma will be here today."

Katie was so excited she jumped up and down and ran to look out the window.

"Katie, I know you are excited, but please be a good girl and don't run in the house," sighed mama.

Katie tried to remember not to run. But she was so excited she could not sit or stand still. She waited all morning. Finally, about mid afternoon she heard the horses driving into the front yard. Forgetting all about what mama had said, she raced to the window to see if it was grandma. But just as she got to the window, her foot caught in the rag rug and she fell forward hitting her chin on the window sill. Her teeth sank deep into the tip of her tongue. Instantly her mouth filled with blood. Oh it hurt! Katie opened her mouth and started to scream. Blood ran from her tongue and dripped down the front the special dress she had put on for grandma.

Mama hurried into the room. "Katie, what happened? Let me see."

Big tears rolled down her cheeks as she stuck out her tongue.

"Oh, it looks like you've bitten a chunk out of your tongue. Let me get a rag." Mama got a rag and held to Katie's tongue. Papa, grandma, and Aunty came in.

"What happened?" Asked grandma, hurrying over. "Do you have some cold milk in the cellar? Maybe we could soak a rag in it and stop the bleeding."

Papa went to the cellar and got the milk, Aunty soaked a clean rag in it and held it to the hurt tongue.

"Well, Katie," Said papa. "Maybe now you will realize that Mama and Papa have reasons for telling you not to do things. I hope you will learn to listen to from now on."

After a long time the bleeding stopped. But then her tongue started to swell. It got bigger and bigger until her mouth was so full that she couldn't talk. She couldn't talk to grandma and tell her all those things she wanted to, or ask her all the questions she had planned on. It hurt so bad she couldn't eat. Mama and grandma had to mash all her food up so it was nice and soft and it still hurt to eat.

It took a long time for her tongue to go

back to its normal size, but by then grandma's visit was over and she had gone back to Portland.

Katie's tongue finally healed. But for the

rest of her life, she was missing a little chunk from the very tip of it. Whenever she was tempted to put her tongue between her teeth or run in the house after

that, she would feel that missing piece in her tongue and decide that it wasn't wise to disobey.

by Virginia Markwell

## The Great Need of the Holy Spirit—(Continued from page 2)

This glorious Light reveals the abundant entrance into the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Walking in its beams we find ready admittance there.

The great General is not only leading a few soldiers; but the Captain of the Lord's host is leading the armies of both heaven and earth to battle; they are marching on to a glorious victory. Every soldier is to put on the whole armor of God, and fight courageously, realizing that he is battling in full view of the invisible universe. If the Lord's army will obey orders, they will find themselves influenced by the Holy Spirit to work the works of God. The battlefield is glorified with the light shining from the cross of Calvary.

The prayer of Christ; "that they may be one in us,"<sup>12</sup> should be responded to by every Christian. Each one should show an example of holy devotion, of unreserved consecration, to his service. They should be models of self-denying, self-sacrificing laborers, after the example of Jesus, that God may be glorified on the earth, and that, beholding the love which binds the believers together, the world may realize that God has sent his Son to save them from their sins; and that, believing, many souls may be sanctified through the truth.

The promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit is not comprehended as it should be. The privileges to be enjoyed through its acceptance are not appreciated as they might be. God desires that his church shall lay hold by faith upon his promises, and ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to help them in every place. He assures us that he is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him, than parents are to give good gifts unto their children. Since it is possible for everyone to have the heavenly unction, "ye need not that any man teach you,"<sup>13</sup> and there is no excuse for shunning responsibilities. No duty should be unwelcome, no obligation evaded. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally."<sup>14</sup> Place more confidence in "Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."<sup>15</sup> The work of God is retarded by criminal unbelief in his power to use the common people to carry forward his work successfully. Because men cannot see every step forward distinctly marked out before them, they question, doubt, and hesitate, under the plea of caution. They will not walk by faith, but move by sight alone. O that frail man would realize that it is the General of the armies of heaven that is leading and directing the movements of his allies on earth. Christ himself is the renewing power, working in and through every soldier by the agency of the Holy Spirit. Every individual is to become an instrument in his hands to work for the salvation of souls. Not one who desires to labor

12. John 17:21

16. John 15:5

13. 1 John 2:27

17. Rev. 2:4

14. Jam. 1:5

15. 1 Cor. 1:30

18. Rev. 2:5

for the Master is to be refused a place, if he is a true follower of Christ. Everyone has his responsibilities to bear in the cause of Christ. The efficiency of the Spirit of God will make effective the labors of all who are willing to submit to his guidance. Therefore, how careful every officer in the Lord's army should be that he does not interpose the commandments and rulings of men between the soldier and his Captain. "Without me," says Christ, "ye can do nothing."<sup>16</sup> If the officers abide not in Christ, they can do nothing. How careful, how humble, should every soul be that is enrolled in the Lord's army; how meek and free from self-sufficiency should all his officers prove themselves to be.

The end of all things is at hand. God is moving upon every mind that is open to receive the impressions of his Holy Spirit. He is sending out messengers that they may give the warning in every locality. God is testing the devotion of his churches and their willingness to render obedience to the Spirit's guidance. Knowledge is to be increased. The messengers of Heaven are to be seen running to and fro, seeking in every possible way to warn the people of the coming judgments, and presenting the glad tidings of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. The standard of righteousness is to be exalted. The Spirit of God is moving upon men's hearts, and those who respond to its influence will become lights in the world. Everywhere they are seen going forth to communicate to others the light they have received as they did after the descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. And as they let their light shine, they receive more and more of the Spirit's power. The earth is lighted with the glory of God.

But O, sad picture! those who do not submit to the influence of the Holy Spirit soon lose the blessings received when they acknowledged the truth as from Heaven. They fall into a cold, spiritless formality; they lose their interest in perishing souls: they have "left their first love."<sup>17</sup> And Christ says unto them, "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."<sup>18</sup> He will take his Holy Spirit from the church, and give it to others who will appreciate it.

There is no greater evidence that those who have received great light do not appreciate that light, than is given by their refusal to let their light shine upon those who are in darkness, and devoting their time and energies in celebrating forms and ceremonies. Thoughts of the inner work, the necessary purity of heart, are not entertained. The absence of harmony with God becomes apparent. The light grows dim, goes out; the candlestick has been removed. There is much exercising of manmade authority by those to

whom God has not given his wisdom because they did not feel the need of the wisdom from above. This wisdom, "first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy,"<sup>19</sup> is contrary to their disposition. They have not the ornament of a

19. Jam. 3:17    20. 1 Pet. 3:4

meek and quiet spirit, with which the believer in Jesus should be adorned. They do not represent the meek and lowly Carpenter of Nazareth. They set aside as of little value that which God has said "is of great price."<sup>20</sup> (*To Be Continued*)

by Mrs. E. G. White

## —Letters to the Editor—

### KENYA

Hi. Thanks to our Almighty Father and you too for good direction. We started with 5 people but now we are over 15. Hoping by end of this year we will increase more than that. I just wanted to inform you that we will have a great crusade here in \_\_\_\_\_ district in October for three weeks. We are praying for it and we know God will be on our side. The work is not going well because we are financially poor. But we know that Our God won't let us alone. Keep on praying for us. Sincerely I. O. Kenya.

( Correspondence consisting of several e-mails with a Pastor in Kenya )

Dear servants of the Lord, receive much greetings, hoping and trusting that you are under the good care of our Almighty Father. I am very much grateful for the teachings you sent to us. Please we would like to learn more from you. Pass my greetings to the church. I hope to hear from you soon. Yours. Pastor J\_\_\_\_\_.

Dear brother J\_\_\_\_\_, Greetings from California, USA. Thank you for your encouraging e-mail! The Voice magazine is a quarterly magazine and we will definitely continue sending it to you as they are issued. We do have a web site at: [www.sdrvoice.org](http://www.sdrvoice.org) if you would like to read past issues of the Voice. In addition to the Voice magazine the website also has books, articles, Bible studies, etc. If you have any questions I would be happy to answer them. I sincerely hope that you and your church will be blessed by the Voice Magazine! God bless you! Rick.

Dear Brother Rick, Receive much greetings, hoping and trusting that you are doing well. I am very thankful to the Lord for your wonderful message. I shall be learning from your website and I pray that God will at one time open ways for you to come and teach us. Pass my greetings to your family and the church. I hope to hear from you soon. Yours in Christ Brother J\_\_\_\_\_.

Dear brother J\_\_\_\_\_, I am very happy for your appreciation of the messages that are in the Voice magazine. Personally I am unable to come and share with you, but I can send a mission worker to share more with you about the message. What Country do you live in? Please let me know and I will forward it on to our nearest worker so he can get in contact with you. Sincerely, Rick. Editor.

Dearest Servant of God, Receive much Christian greetings, hoping and trusting that you are under the good care of our Almighty Father. Thank you for the wonderful message. I am based in \_\_\_\_\_ Kenya. Pass my greetings to your family and the church. [Editors Note: Our worker in Uganda has contacted this brother and will be meeting together with him soon, if he hasn't already!] Pastor J. O. Kenya.

### RWANDA

Dear brother Rick, I hope that this e-mail finds you doing well. I got an e-mail from brother S\_\_\_\_ from Uganda [Editors Note: brother S is our worker from Uganda], he mentioned to me that He'd like to come over here in Rwanda to meet with me in person. I also e-mailed him back and I gave him my full contact so that he may be able to get in touch with me easily. Brother thanks for your communication with me, may the grace of our Lord Jesus be with you and your household. Your brother in Faith. R. F. Rwanda.

### GHANA

Dear remnant, am sending this e-mail because I want the lord to change the heart of a loved one. Her name is L\_\_\_\_ G\_\_\_\_ from Ghana. Please pray for her so her life will turn around, and be more interested in the things of God. I believe with God all things are possible. He can even change the hardest of hearts and turn them around. Your brother, S. A Ghana.

### PHILIPPINES

Brother Rick, I just wanted to share with you this recent blessing in the work. God bless.

Sister N\_\_\_\_ met a brother online awhile back and his name is L\_\_\_\_ who is a Filipino teacher working in Thailand. She gave to him the sdaapostasy.org and remnantofGod.org website and shared with him the truth. He has responded nicely and is a true brother. Months later his brother, named C\_\_\_\_\_, a lawyer by profession, met a paralyzing accident and had spinal cord injury. He is half paralyzed now. So, because of this accident his old brother had asked us if we could please visit C\_\_\_\_\_ and share the truth with him. He said that C\_\_\_\_\_, his brother, was very depressed because of the drastic change in his life. So last week we took advantage of this opportunity with a call to share the truth with him. When we arrived, I walked into the room, I could clearly see the chastening of the Lord upon this brother. I could discern the presence of peace filling this room. It was one of the biggest blessings I have ever encountered while being in the present truth. I sat down next to him after praying and when I opened my Bible it was like the verses came flying off the page at me and a beautiful guidance directing my path to each one of those verses from Genesis to Revelation.

After I was done, I was amazed at what had just happened because that was not me at work, it was God and He is to be glorified in all this. I will never forget what happened in that room. I wanted to cry with joy. His family members who were all Catholic and Protestant heard the Sabbath truth message and the peace in their eyes said it all. Just before we left they said that they had spent their time going to the market buying and shopping on Saturday, but from now on they will no longer be doing that. They want to help us with the work now and join POGM. They are a very blessed family and a nice one heaven has gained. They now want to be baptized and are studying the materials we had sent to them, including the Bible study lessons. God bless. C. K. Philippines.

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Dear Mr. Markwell, May the Lord Bless you and your staff in a mighty way! We just read Bob Sessler's newsletter on "Independence". It was very well written on Unity. We are convinced that we need to be apart of God's Remnant People for these last days. A quote by Bob Sessler, "God is desiring to perfect our characters through uniting together as one, and thus this process of our uniting together is actually preparing us for translation and eternal life." [Editors Note: I am very much in agreement!]

This past Sabbath, we heard a well known minister give a sermon and he mentioned that he believed in the Trinity and that there is ONLY ONE TRUE GOD! We had just gotten out the booklet on the Godhead by Bob Sessler. We shared the truth of this message of the Godhead many years ago with a friend of ours and gave her Bob's book on the Godhead. The Lord helped me to find this booklet before we heard this sermon on Sabbath. God is so good to His children. He has always provided for us and led us each step of the way in every area. In fact we separated from the church [SDA denomination] over 18 years ago and withdrew our membership from the church. We are so thankful to the Lord for helping us to make that decision. [Editors Note: Praise God!]

Thanks so much for all your advice. We are praying for you and would like your phone number if you don't mind giving it to us. Ours is \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_. Talk to you soon! Look forward to hearing from you soon! Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers. III John 2. Always in Christ, L., P., and J.

## **INTERNET**

Dear Rick, Praise be to our beloved eternal Father. Who has allowed you to write my name on your mailing list. I am so grateful for that. Keep it up. Thank you very much for sending me the Seventh-day Remnant voice magazine. It is too educative. This is the message I have been looking for, for years. Once more, keep it up!

I therefore request you to shed more light on how the GC [SDA General Conference] has become Babylon. My aim is to help fellow Adventists see the wrong direction the GC is heading to. I am an historic Adventist, believing in our historical teachings. Our major problem here in the third world countries is that of lacking the spirit of Prophecy books, and I hope you know this.

Thirdly, I H \_\_\_\_\_ SM, I am a self supporting Evangelist. I am looking for a Ministry which is going to help me with the truth field literature to be given to those who sit in darkness. If therefore your Ministry is willing to help me in this field, I will be so grateful.

Also send me your Bible correspondence lessons. Yours, Elder SM. H. Internet.

Good evening Sir, We don't know how you have gotten a hold of our name, but it looks as though you are doing a worthy work. God bless your work and be faithful to Him. In the Hope offered within the veil of the Most Holy Place—M. R. Internet.

Praise the Lord dear brethren!! This is great!! God's richest blessings to continue with His work. Your sister-in-Christ, C. K. Internet

I greatly appreciate your spiritual information! D. Internet.

Many thanks for your good work. God bless you. C. Internet.

# **RECIPE—*Easy Zucchini Dish***

### **Ingredients:**

1-2—Zucchini

Soy Mozzarella Cheese, or Nut Cheese

Seasonings of your Choice

### **Directions:**

- Cut Zucchini into slices.
- Cook till done.
- Grate the Soy Cheese.
- After Zucchini is done cooking, drain and put on a plate.
- Top with Seasonings and then add the grated Soy Cheese over all. Enjoy!!

by Michele Sessler

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**"Those who do not submit to the influence of the Holy Spirit  
soon lose the blessings received  
when they acknowledged the truth as from Heaven."  
*Review & Herald, July 16, 1895.***

# Health Nugget—The Dangers of Fluoride!

“Tell a lie loud enough and long enough and people will believe it.” [Adolf Hitler]

“Fluoridation is the greatest case of scientific fraud of this century.” [Robert Carlton, Ph.D, former EPA scientist, 1992]

The history of forcing fluoride on humans through the fluoridation of drinking water is wrought with lies, greed and deception. Governments that add fluoride to drinking water supplies insist that it is safe, beneficial and necessary. However, scientific evidence shows that fluoride is not safe to ingest and areas that fluoridate their drinking water supplies have higher rates of cavities, cancer, dental fluorosis, osteoporosis and other health problems. Because of the push from the aluminum industry, pharmaceutical companies and weapons manufacturers, fluoride continues to be added to water supplies all over North America and due to recent legal actions against water companies that fluoridate drinking water supplies, precedent has been set that will make it impossible for suits to be filed against water suppliers that fluoridate. There is a growing resistance against adding toxic fluoride to our water supplies, but unfortunately, because fluoride has become “the lifeblood of the modern industrial economy” (Bryson 2004), there is too much money at stake for those who endorse water fluoridation. The lies of the benefits of water fluoridation will continue to be fed to the public, not to encourage health benefits to a large number of people, but to profit the military-industrial complex.

The story begins in 1924, when Interessen Gemeinschaft Farben (I.G. Farben), a German chemical manufacturing company, began receiving loans from American bankers, gradually leading to the creation of the huge I.G. Farben cartel. In 1928 Henry Ford and American Standard Oil Company (The Rockefellers) merged their assets with I.G. Farben, and by the early thirties, there were more than a hundred American corporations which had subsidiaries and co-operative understandings in Germany. The I.G. Farben assets in America were controlled by a holding Company, American I.G. Farben, which listed on its board of directors: Edsel Ford, President of the Ford Motor Company, Chas. E. Mitchell, President of Rockefeller's National City Bank of New York, Walter Teagle, President of Standard Oil New York, Paul Warburg, Chairman of

the federal reserve and brother of Max Warburg, financier of Germany's War effort, Herman Metz, a director of the Bank of Manhattan, controlled by the Warburgs, and a number of other members, three of which were tried and convicted as German war criminals for their crimes against humanity. In 1939 under the Alted agreement, the American Aluminum Company (ALCOA), then the worlds largest producer of sodium fluoride, and the Dow Chemical Company transferred its technology to Germany. Colgate, Kellogg, Dupont and many other companies eventually signed cartel agreements with I.G. Farben, creating a powerful lobby group accurately dubbed “the fluoride mafia” (Stephen 1995).

At the end of World War II, the US government sent Charles Eliot Perkins, a research worker in chemistry, biochemistry, physiology and pathology, to take charge of the vast Farben chemical plants in Germany. The German chemists told Perkins of a scheme which they had devised during the war and had been adapted by the German General Staff. The German chemists explained of their attempt to control the population in any given area through the mass medication of drinking water with sodium fluoride, a tactic used in German and Russian prisoner of war camps to make the prisoners “stupid and docile” (Stephen 1995). Farben had developed plans during the war to fluoridate the occupied countries because it was found that fluoridation caused slight damage to a specific part of the brain, making it more difficult for the person affected to defend his freedom and causing the individual to become more docile towards authority. Fluoride remains one of the strongest anti-psychotic substances known, and is contained in twenty-five percent of the major tranquilizers. It may not seem surprising that Hitler's regime practiced the concept of mind control through chemical means, but the American military continued Nazi research, exploring techniques to incapacitate an enemy or medicate an entire nation. As stated in the Rockerfeller Report, a Presidential briefing on CIA activities, “the drug program was part of a much larger CIA program to study possible means of controlling human behavior” (Stephen 1995).

The dental caries prevention myth associated with fluoride, originated in the

United States in 1939, when a scientist, named Gerald J. Cox, employed by AL-COA, the largest producer of toxic fluoride waste and at the time being threatened by fluoride damage claims, fluoridated some lab rats, concluded that fluoride reduced cavities and claimed that it should be added to the nation's water supplies. In 1947, Oscar R. Ewing, a long time AL-COA lawyer, was appointed head of the Federal Security Agency, a position that placed him in charge of the Public Health Service (PHS). Over the next three years, eighty-seven new American cities began fluoridating their water, including the control city in a water fluoridation study in Michigan, thus eliminating the most scientifically objective test of safety and benefit before it was ever completed.

American education and research was funded by the Aluminum Manufacturing, Fertilizer and Weapons Industry looking for an outlet for the increasingly mounting fluoride industrial waste while attaining positive profit increase. The discovery that fluoride benefited teeth, was paid for by the industry that needed to be able to defend “lawsuits from workers and communities poisoned by industrial fluoride emissions” (Bryson 1995) and turn a liability into an asset. Fluoride, a waste constituent in the manufacturing processes of explosives, fertilizers and other necessities, was expensive to dispose of properly and until a use was found for it in America's water supplies, the substance was only considered a toxic, hazardous waste. Through sly public re-education, fluoride, once a waste product, became the active ingredient in fluorinated pesticides, fungicides, rodenticides, anesthetics, tranquilizers, fluorinated pharmaceuticals, and a number of industrial and domestic products, fluorinated dental gels, rinses and toothpastes. Fluoride is so much a part of a multibillion-dollar industrial and pharmaceutical income, that any withdrawal of support from pro-fluoridationists is financially impossible, legally unthinkable and potentially devastating for their career and reputation.

Funded by US industrialists, in an attempt to encourage public acceptance of fluoride, Edward Bernays, known also as the father of PR, or the original spin doctor, began a campaign of deception to persuade public opinion. Barnays explained “you can get practically any idea accepted

if doctors are in favor. The public is willing to accept it because a doctor is an authority to most people, regardless of how much he knows or doesn't know" (Bryson 2004). Doctors who endorsed fluoridation didn't know that research discrediting fluoride's safety was either suppressed or not conducted in the first place. Fluoride became equated with scientific progress and since it was introduced to the public as a health-enhancing substance, added to the environment for the children's sake, those opposing fluoride were dismissed as cranks, quacks and lunatics. Fluoride became impervious to criticism because of a relentless PR offensive, but also because of its overall toxicity. Unlike chemicals that have a signature effect, fluoride, a systemic poison, produces a range of health problems, so its effects are more difficult to diagnose.

Recently declassified US Military documents such as the Manhattan Project, shows how fluoride is the key chemical in atomic bomb production and millions of tons of it were needed for the manufacture of bomb-grade uranium and plutonium. Fluoride poisoning, not radiation poisoning, emerged as the leading chemical health hazard for both workers and nearby communities. A-bomb scientists were ordered to provide evidence useful for defense in litigation, so they began secretly testing fluoride on unsuspecting hospital patients and indignant, mentally retarded children. "The August 1948 Journal of the American Dental Association shows that evidence of adverse effects from fluoride was censored by the US Atomic Energy Commission for reasons of "national security" (Griffiths 1998). The only report released stated that fluoride was safe for humans in small doses.

During the Cold War, Dr. Harold C. Hodge, who had been the toxicologist for the US Army Manhattan Project, was the leading scientific promoter of water fluoridation. While Dr. Hodge was reassuring congress of the safety of water fluoridation, he was covertly conducting one of the nation's first public water fluoridation experiments in Newburgh, New York, secretly studying biological samples from Newburgh citizens at his US laboratory at the University of Rochester. Since there are no legal constraints against the suppression of scientific data, the only published conclusion resulting from these experiments was that fluoride was safe in low doses, a profoundly helpful verdict for the US Military who feared lawsuits for fluoride injury from workers in nuclear power plants and munitions factories. Fluoride pollution was one of the biggest leg-

al worries facing key US industrial sectors during the cold war. A secret group of corporate attorneys, known as the Fluorine Lawyers Committee, whose members included US Steel, ALCOA, Kaiser Aluminum, and Reynolds Metals, commissioned research at the Kettering Laboratory at the University of Cincinnati to "provide ammunition" (Bryson 2004) for those corporations who were fighting a wave of citizen claims for fluoride injury. The Fluorine Lawyers Committee and their medical ambassadors were in personal and frequent contact with the senior officials of the federal National Institute for Dental Research, and have been implied in the burying of the forty year old Kettering study, which showed that fluoride poisoned the lungs and lymph nodes in laboratory animals. Private interests, sought to destroy careers and censor information by ensuring that scientific studies raising doubts about the safety of fluoride never got funded, and if they did, never got published.

During the 1990s, research conducted by Harvard toxicologist Phyllis Mullenix showed that fluoride in water may lead to lower IQs, and produced symptoms in rats strongly resembling attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Just days before her research was accepted for publication, Mullenix was fired as the head of toxicology at the Forsyth Dental Center in Boston. Then her application for a grant to continue her fluoride and central nervous system research was turned down by the US National Institute of Health (NIH), when an NIH panel told her that "fluoride does not have central nervous system effects" (Griffiths 1998).

Despite growing evidence that it is harmful to public health, US federal and state public health agencies and large dental and medical organizations such as the American Dental Association (ADA), continue to promote fluoride. Water fluoridation continues, despite the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) own scientists, whose union, Chapter 280 of the National Treasury Employees Union, has taken a strong stand against it. Dr. William Hirzy, vice president of Chapter 280, stated that "fluoride (that is added to municipal water) is a hazardous waste product for which there is substantial evidence of adverse health effects and, contrary to public perception, virtually no evidence of significant benefits" (Mullenix 1998). Although fluoride is up to fifty times more toxic than sulfur dioxide, it is still not regulated as an air pollutant by the American Clean Air Act. Since thousands of tons of industrial fluoride waste is poured into drinking water sup-

plies all over North America, supposedly to encourage gleaming smiles in our children, big industry in the US has the benefit of emitting as much fluoride waste into the environment as they like with absolutely no requirement to measure emissions and no way of being held accountable for poisoning people, animals and vegetation.

In August, 2003, the EPA requested that the National Research Council, the research arm of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), re-evaluate water fluoride safety standards by reviewing recent scientific literature, because the last review in 1993 had major gaps in research. "Neither the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), nor the National Institute for Dental Research (NIDR), nor the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry has any proof on fluoride's safety or effectiveness" (Sterling 1993). The International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology has classified fluoride as an unapproved dental medicament due to its high toxicity and the US National Cancer Institute Toxicological Program has found fluoride to be an "equivocal carcinogen" (Maurer 1990).

Currently the US government is continuing to introduce further fluoridation schemes throughout the country, including the Water Act passed in November, 2003, which has made it impossible for water companies to undergo civil or criminal hearings as a result of adding fluoride to public water supplies.

In a society where products containing asbestos, lead, beryllium and many other carcinogens have been recalled from the marketplace, it is surprising that fluoride is embraced so thoroughly and blindly. It seems absurd that we would consider paying the chemical industry to dispose of their toxic waste by adding it to our water supply. Hiding the hazards of fluoride pollution from the public is a capitalist-style con job of epic proportions that has occurred because a powerful lobby wishes to manipulate public opinion in order to protect its own financial interests. "Those who manipulate this unseen mechanism of society constitute an invisible government which is the true ruling power of our country... our minds are molded, our tastes formed, our ideas suggested, largely by men we have never heard of" (Bernays 1991).

[Editors Note: To find out more information and to see a list of the communities that have rejected fluoridation since 1990 visit <http://www.fluoridealert.org/communities.htm>].

# MISSION REPORTS

## Philippines

### PHILIPPINES

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Hello there brothers and sisters.

Wonderful Sabbath and blessing to you all. God bless in the Lord in all that you may do to expand His soon to come heavenly kingdom. Today I would like to give a third missionary report and a brief introduction from when I first came out here two years ago till now. Many are new to the SDR family and I would like them to understand.

Before I entered the Philippines I had the blessed privilege to meet sister A\_\_\_\_\_ in Singapore where we got married. Before I came out here my intentions were to start a new life in the Lord, get married, raise a family, spread the truth, and get ready to go home to heaven if found worthy. Never in my entire uneducated life did I expect all that has happened to occur, but I Love the Lord and fell in love with Sister A\_\_\_\_\_ and became a minister in the midst of all this. Becoming a minister was not registered in my head but the call was clearly there and I had a choice to make. One thing is for sure I was not about to turn down the God that I love and owe my service to.

Some in the ministry have had a chance to visit the Philippines and understand it somewhat. It is much different out here when you live it and make it a home. If you stay long enough and live here, you begin to see things are not what they appear to be, as is the case for most places and people. Real truths begin to unfold and the surface is removed. Real fruits are discovered.

I share this missionary report with you to inform you of the truth. Giving you only the good stuff would not be giving you a real report but a happy report. There is the good and the bad in all things. There are ups and downs when you are working for the Lord. You are most certainly going to experience turbulence even within our own numbers, sad to say the least, but it is true as it was the experience of our dear apostles when they first started out to spread the gospel. Satan is working everywhere he can find ground to work. Most of you know the things that I had encountered with some groups and some brethren. Things are getting better as long as we understand that God is in control

and not man. Just as long as we stay focused on the work where God has placed us and not worry so much about others in what they are doing, we will remain united in truth and in spirit under the direction of God. "God will use ways and means by which it will be seen that He is taking the reins in His own hands. The workers will be surprised by the simple means that He will use to bring about and perfect His work of righteousness."—[Testimonies to Ministers, page 300].

Just to give you a brief locality and description of the Philippines, it is located in Asia which happens to be the 9th kingdom in the club of Rome and has a reported population total of 94.6 million <http://www.tradingeconomics.com/philippines/population> The Philippines is composed of about 95% Christian believers, with 80% belonging to the Roman Catholic Church and an estimated 5% are Muslims.

<http://www.spainexchange.com/guide/PH-religion.htm>

The weather here is very hot most of the time unless you live in the mountains. It is very humid. I grew up in this kind of weather living in Austin, Texas most of my life and moving back and forth to Florida, so I was made for this.

As many of you may know, Brother R\_\_\_\_\_, in the early 90s and again in the late 90s, did come out here to the Philippines to share the present truth. The message created a good thing for sure. Many people got a chance to hear the present truth and are living it still to this day. They are growing, from what I can see, at least with those that I have been able to spend time with and those that are currently with me. While others have turned the message into cold formalism which is opposite of extreme fanaticism, it is more or less on the lines of lukewarmness. They don't care or will not apply what they have learned as truth, that kind of thing.

In the first two missionary reports we had spent most of our time in two localities. We were in L\_\_\_\_\_ where we were building a home church and teaching students who at the present time are now going abroad to work and preach the truth. The other locality was the main church that we call the farm church. We would go back and forth from time to time. When

we could not be there, we would just simply call and share a message to the church. The farm church was the biggest church that we know of that reached to around 40 to 60 people on a good Sabbath at one time, but some people have passed away, moved to other places, children went to sleep and things of that sort. "Many will be laid away to sleep in Jesus before the fiery ordeal of the time of trouble shall come upon our world."—[General Conference Daily Bulletin, February 26, 1897 par. 6].

During our first year or so we were able to preach on the radio in three different cities (M\_\_\_\_\_, Z\_\_\_\_\_, L\_\_\_\_\_.) "Enter the large cities, and create an interest among the high and the low." [Evangelism, p. 74]. A\_\_\_\_\_ was answering a lot of phone calls from being on the radio and passing out tracts. We supplied our ministry contact number and website along with Brother R\_\_\_\_\_'s and Brother N\_\_\_\_\_'s as well on the tracts. There have been a few that have contacted Brother N\_\_\_\_\_ as well from out here that we are in contact with till this day. One of those was actually in the process of getting ready to kill someone. We were compelled to contact him. We now have been speaking to him for some time and he has converted to the truth and is working fast to give the truth in his area and the university that he is attending. He does not live far from us and is a bright young man who was very lost and upset with the world. Praise the Lord for this brother's transformation.

Almost everywhere A\_\_\_\_\_ and I would go we would have tracts in hand with a backpack full of them. "Let all be fully prepared to disseminate the light by word and by pamphlet. There should be hundreds of little tracts scattered as the leaves of autumn..."—[The Publishing Ministry, page 227]. Never leave home without them. If you have a printer at home I would use it for this purpose. Buy a ream of 500 papers and print the mark of the Beast tract and pass them out until you run out and then start again. Don't just let your computer and printer sit there not doing these things. God is watching and He sees who are working. If you are afraid to hand out the tracts place them in places where people can find them like in the

books in the library, bus station, subway, train, car windows, mailboxes, tables and anywhere you can. If you don't practice doing it now it will be very difficult for you to want to do this when it gets really bad. Strive to do this and don't be discouraged if you fail to do it. Pray about it and ask God for help.

We have been working so hard to build up the ministry. In that first year or so, we printed around 100,000 pieces of paper with 5 printers in all from what I can remember. We bought 200 reams of bond papers. Each ream has 500 sheets of white paper.

In the midst of all this, many people have come into the present truth in such a short time. This is what happens when we all work together as the body of Christ is supposed to, even though we are scattered and may never see each other.

A\_\_\_\_\_ and I were meeting a lot of people, preached in many churches, home churches, and baptized several. One ended up becoming a minister. His name is Brother J\_\_\_\_\_. Between Brother J\_\_\_\_\_ and I, there have been maybe around 100 baptisms. We stopped counting and there are more to be baptized. The Lord is working fast with those who want to accomplish His work. This has all taken place within a two and half year time. Many still need to be baptized. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."—[Matthew 28:19-20].

Brother J\_\_\_\_\_ is a wonderful worker and spends a lot of his time traveling from church to church and to home churches, including his own while passing out tracts. I know that he loves passing out tracts and talking to people. Everyone that he usually teaches, we end up sending materials to. A\_\_\_\_\_ does all the interpreting from what we have gathered from Brother R\_\_\_\_\_'s website.

Brother J\_\_\_\_\_ is currently still working with Brother L\_\_\_\_\_ who lives about a days travel from Brother J\_\_\_\_\_ by ship and bus. It is a long distance away. Brother J\_\_\_\_\_ goes to visit Brother L\_\_\_\_\_ from time to time and has been doing this now for almost two years.

Brother L\_\_\_\_\_ has been working for the ministry because after he received the truth a while back he was working in an SDA GC Book store selling books. They found out about him and what he and his family started to preach so they of course disfellowshipped him and his family and

are continuing to threaten him. He has a wife and a young son. They have been threatened with death from the SDA Church that if they don't stop preaching they would be killed. It is not like in America where you can just call the police and arrest people. It is a third world country for most of the Philippines. Brother L\_\_\_\_\_ is in our prayers and his family. Brother L\_\_\_\_\_ soon will be ordained in God's timing as many of us are all united in this and are in agreement.

Brother L\_\_\_\_\_ is also training some people in another area close to his home where he may move his family to get away from SDA GC in that area where he was threatened. Also Brother J\_\_\_\_\_ has been threatened many times and has decided to move into another home. Everything is okay now.

Brother J\_\_\_\_\_ is currently with the farm church training several and a brother that we are expecting to do great things for the farm church as he has been doing for many years now. His name is Brother B\_\_\_\_\_. He has been training now for not quite a year but he grew up in the SDA church knowing things already and was the elder of our church before I arrived. He worked hand and hand with Brother D\_\_\_\_\_ who was A\_\_\_\_\_'s dad but has since gone to sleep. Brother B\_\_\_\_\_ is very strong in faith and stands for the truth. This is one brother that I am very excited about. God is calling him to take the next position as a minister. We can all see it clearly. The church is moving on this and are very happy about it. We are all taking our time on this as well and as he has said he wants to make sure this is the right thing. He only needs some brushing up which we have been doing now for almost a year. This is a respected man in the community and sets a great example for the church. He has much experience and is a hard working, Christlike, family man. He has a God fearing wife who has raised one teen daughter and is raising two little girls, and three young boys that are zealous for the work and were two of my outstanding students in Bible prophecy. They want to stop elementary schooling to come be with A\_\_\_\_\_ and I here to be trained like their older sister H\_\_\_\_\_ who is with us right now. Sister H\_\_\_\_\_ is currently living with A\_\_\_\_\_ and I. She is 16 years old and has already finished high school. She is very bright and a sharp student. So, brother B\_\_\_\_\_ and his family need prayers. The enemy will try to attack it.

Brother B\_\_\_\_\_ has been going door to door with Brother J\_\_\_\_\_ in the surrounding areas with our church layman

brother C\_\_\_\_\_. They now have four people whom Brother J\_\_\_\_\_ just baptized. It looks like what we are doing with the farm church is splitting it in half and moving some of them to our new small church that will be built soon. The reason is because there are more new people in that area who need experienced brethren with them that can get them grounded in the truth and be with them on Sabbath. We will call that church the small farm church. It is slowly getting organized into a full working church is our prayer.

Many of you may remember that A\_\_\_\_\_ and I left the city L\_\_\_\_\_ to go back home to the farm church to clean up the church, fix it, build a pastoral house, and get everyone more grounded in the deeper understanding of things in prophecy and such. This is where I got to spend some time with the church and observe things a little more. The farm church is where I was ordained myself. It was one of the most organized and well sized physical churches in the present truth that I know of. During this time A\_\_\_\_\_ and I were thinking that this is where God was going to move us for good because we were building a pastoral house, A\_\_\_\_\_ having a baby, our rice farm was there and the physical church. Everything seemed perfect, but also during this time I was thinking, this can't be were God wants to keep us for the rest of our life. Why was I thinking that? We are out in the country but no more passing out tracts, traveling, speaking to many on the internet, building the website, sending materials or any of those things that we were able to while living by the city. So, as time passed doors begin to open and we realized that God wanted us to build the pastoral house for visitors like Brother J\_\_\_\_\_, Brother L\_\_\_\_\_, and such to have a place to stay when coming to preach or checking up on the church from time to time while A\_\_\_\_\_ and I help build churches and home churches everywhere God tells us to go. The new pastoral house is also currently housing two students who have traveled to study with brother B\_\_\_\_\_ and Brother J\_\_\_\_\_. They are high school students. Praise the Lord! So it has worked out nicely.

A\_\_\_\_\_ and I spent several months with the church before the door opened to move to a very far place on the main island out here. I will just say that it is around the G\_\_\_\_\_ area. Millions of people are living within our outpost's new home. We live actually in a cold place because it is in the mountain where brother O\_\_\_\_\_ grew up. We are currently living down the road from him and spend much

time with him. He arranged everything for us wonderfully. When A\_\_\_\_\_ and I arrived we had a modest new apartment that was being built right next door to his aunt and uncle who we are slowly going to be speaking to about the present truth. Right now we are observing things and waiting for the doors to open. So we have a very nice outpost from the main cities. As you may know we are setting up a training ground for more people who want to come into the ministry and be trained. Right now we have 12 people here with us as a church and one coming. Several want to be here but we will wait on that till we can do a little more and have more housing and means to provide for all of them. We are maintaining three living areas/houses and bills with food for everyone, proper clothing, Bibles, and other stuff like printing material, computers and printers that always need to be replaced due to overworking them. It all adds up and we can only work within the means that we have. Plus A\_\_\_\_\_ and I have a little one coming that I need to make sure is provided for first. "Home missionary work is a most important work."—[Peter's Counsel to Parents, page 54.]

Many of the brothers and sisters here are going door to door working with the sick. Actually the local SDA Church heard about all this and they have asked us if we can take a look at some of the people in their church who are sick. We are seeing what happens with this situation and what may come from it. They also do bread-making, putting herbs into capsules, gardening and carpentry. Much work is getting done here. It has almost quadrupled from when A\_\_\_\_\_ and I came to the Philippines two years ago. The work is growing fast. Many people are coming over to the house learning the present truth, calling on the phone and it is amazing. Everyone is so busy around here and the days go by feeling like minutes. Every other day it seems to be Sabbath. Time is flying by so fast.

As you may know, we have printed around 30,000 plus tracts since April, 2010. We need prayers for the means to get the students out there in the cities to pass them out. We are printing Spirit Of Prophecy books with the new book binder as well. We just finished our SDR Song Book which I think has 400 songs in it.

Praise The Lord. We are adding all these things to the new website which is a big website full of truth. We are now growing in Africa in unity with our brothers that have been introduced to us from Brother R\_\_\_\_\_. We have printed the SDA Apostasy website and have sent to Africa for those that don't get much internet. Now that we have the book binder we are turning the websites into hard copies and starting to send them out. We will be getting more bookbinders to make it faster. Praying, I think we have made about 20 books already with one bookbinder that we got about one week ago for 50 dollars. We are in the process of trying to get more printers because we have two more computers coming which are going to make our online ministry faster too.

Our online ministry is really starting to take off. We are sending out about 500 present truth messages a day and Sister V\_\_\_\_\_ has about 2,500 and counting e-mail addresses compiled. She is building this up and getting ready to send these contacts the present truth of the three angels' messages and the fourth angel's message of separation to all of them. We are targeting all groups from atheist to every religious group you can think of. If it is a breathing soul and we come across them they are getting the present truth. We have a total of seven computers that some of the other students have brought with sister T\_\_\_\_\_ including the one Brother O\_\_\_\_\_ got as a donation. Sister T\_\_\_\_\_ is helping us with the ministry and is doing all she can to maintain it at this point. The Filipino people don't have much money so God is having others around the world do everything they can to help us.

As soon as we get the rest of sister T\_\_\_\_\_'s computers running with internet we should be targeting more and more with e-mails getting sent off. Our goal this year is to target 1000 messages of present truth sent a day while praying for more workers and help. So this is all coming together nicely and fast. We need prayers that the Lord will send His people to maintain this and get it to grow even faster. If you look on the world map you will see that the Philippines is one of the smallest countries in the world and it is very populated. This population is 80 percent [Roman] Catholic and we are attacking this strong hold of Satan as fast as we

can. Satan is angry with this and has tried to attack us in many ways, but our mission here is to preach the truth and awaken everyone who he has entrapped. We will not stop! Heaven is not far off and we all need to come together and get this moving faster. We may be out here in the Philippines but we are hitting the world with the truth.

A\_\_\_\_\_ and I are talking to people from everywhere, Alaska, Canada, China, which is where brother A\_\_\_\_\_ is at. He is actually translating our website into traditional Chinese. He is a very bright young man. We communicate with him everyday. We are working with sisters and brothers in Muslim countries who need more truth for them to expose their old Muslim religion. I am currently starting a big project on the creation of Islam and the history of it where we will be creating tracts out of it and shipping it off with the present truth materials attached to it to wherever Muslims may be reached. What is nice about all this is we have brothers and sisters here who are moving to Saudi Arabia and other Muslim countries who are going to have a big work to do and will need prayers as well. Praying.

There are many other things that are going on but for the last thing I will share with you is about the news on Brother N\_\_\_\_\_'s e-mail he got about the church of 500. They are learning and have been studying the present truth now for a little bit. They have separated from the SDA Church and are keeping Sabbath. Brother J\_\_\_\_\_ and A\_\_\_\_\_ are both working together in talking with them. They are a part of our number but have a few issues about health reform. Brother J\_\_\_\_\_ was going to appear and speak in the church but it is delayed right now. They agree with us on most things but on the health message the pastor of that church fears what might happen. He does not want Brother J\_\_\_\_\_ to deliver the message to them but it should be him. The people are following the minister and it is a touchy situation with the eating of meat. We just need to pray on it and let God deal with what we cannot. Hope all have and will continue to be blessed in the Lord here on this Sabbath day. I miss you all back home and love you. Signing off from out here in the Philippines.

B. C.

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## The righteousness of Christ will not cover one cherished sin. *Christ's Object Lessons, p. 316.*