

EXCERPTS FROM.....

CELEBRATION OF VICTORY SERVICES

January 13 and 14, 1989

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"Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace." Psalm 37:37

In loving memory of our beloved, the late Bishop L. C. Grant, B.Th., D.D. who was Eulogized January 13 and 14, 1989 at the Trinity Apostolic Faith Holiness, Inc. 3600-02 N. Rogers Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland with the Bishop Abraham Urquhart M.Th., D.D., officiating

BISHOP L. C. GRANT

Bishop Lois Cleveland Grant, fourth child of the late Bishop R. C. and Mrs. Bessie Grant, was born July 20, 1915 in Woodland, NC.

As a young child, he resided in Hansome, VA. Later relocating with his family to Baltimore, MD, he received secular education in the public schools of Baltimore. At an early age he received salvation and aspired to greater knowledge as he acknowledged the call to the gospel ministry in which he continued over fifty-six years. An intensive thirst for spiritual knowledge was nurtured under the tutelage of the late Elder Donald E. Doman and through correspondence instruction at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL and the Evangelical Bible Institute, Los Angeles, CA. As a resident of the Baltimore Bible College and Seminary and the Jameson Bible Institute of Philadelphia, PA, he was the recipient of a Bachelor of Theology degree and an honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree respectively. A humble man of God, he never sought to project himself. Many knew him as "Bro. Lois" faithfully rendering music, serving as choir director, church sexton, deacon, Sunday School teacher and superintendent. "Elder Lois," as he was also known, was youth leader, unofficial assistant pastor, pastor, founder and overseer of Trinity, Baltimore, MD; Holy Trinity, Bridgeport, CT and Blessed Trinity, Danville, VA. Finally he assumed the lowly place of servitude as

Chief Apostle and Presiding Bishop of the Apostolic Faith Churches of God.

Having a vision for the constant progression of the body of Christ, he initiated such vital functions of the Apostolic Faith Churches of God as the Annual Spring Conference, the institution of elders in training for the Board of Presbytery, a revitalized Sisters Convention, as well as, promotions for all of the auxiliary conventions and adjunct conferences. Moved by the Spirit, he felt a constant urge to communicate with the people of God. Regular correspondence in admonition to faithful service, unity through the Spirit and loving obedience for spiritual fortitude went out from him to local church members, churches at large, pastors, officials and affiliates. He prepared printed guidelines and procedures on varied subjects including ordination of elders, prayer and consecration and practical living.

His quest for greater qualifications led him to various pastor's conferences, workshops and seminars including the Moody Bible Institute sponsored Annual Pastors' Conference and Seminar; the National Conference on Church Management in Dallas, Texas, as well as, ministry in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Mannheim and Stuttgart, Germany and a tour of Jerusalem where he preached and served communion.

Dedication and devotion yielded much fruit continuously in the adding of souls receiving full salvation through his preaching and teaching of the gospel.

As a living example of faith and power throughout periods of illness, he miraculously made several comebacks declaring the Word of God through spoken and written word as God anointed him. Never complaining, his concern was for his "children" (the church) and that they carry on. He always acknowledged "I'm blessed" and the presence of God manifested itself upon him.

Bishop Lois Cleveland Grant departed this life on Sunday Morning, January 8, 1989 at 5:00 a.m. at Greater Baltimore Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland.

*EXCERPTS from BISHOP L. C. GRANT'S
Famous Sayings*

...”Stop putting in part-time! God has called you to put in full-time. I don’t care how long you have been saved; you don’t have anything in the bank. You have to work daily to make deposits in your account.”

...”This is the clinic (the church) for outpatient care. Come out here and take my prescription; if I see that one thing won’t help, I’ve got something else.”

...”My respirator is the Spirit of God. I keep on pumping you on God’s spirit until you can breathe for yourselves.”

...”Holiness is not a dream; it’s a standard.”

...”Requirements of Holiness---we cannot be indulged, but an example to the world. Take it everywhere you go. There are those who love the Word of God. You give them a stick to crack your head when you are not an example.”

...”The gospel is a G-O-O-D-S-P-E-L that will make you have the G-O-D-S-P-E-L.”

*EXCERPTS from BISHOP L. C. GRANT'S
Written Annual Convocation Message,
August 1983*

*Spiritual Stirring, Action, Ingathering of
Souls --- Ezekiel 37:1-10*

“...Nothing stirs our hearts so deeply as the ruin and degradation of our surroundings. There is nothing which more certainly show true piety, and which is certainly more connected with a work of revival of the spirit, than when such deep compassion for men and sinners pervades a church. I grievously question how it is possible for us with contentment, to view with dry eyes and unmoved hearts, such sights as are everyday seen!---ungodliness, transgressions, iniquity, hypocrisy, carnality, dishonesty, etc.; to see men opposing God’s plan and turning to devices which promote themselves. The right attitude of the saints or Christians of the Pentecostal Church is to pray without

ceasing, labor to save sinners, strengthen those that are spiritually weak, and feel and partake of their dependence of God: and then the Holy Ghost will descend and bless the effort we put forth.

...A spiritual stir is vastly needed in our day and over this great nation, just as it was with Ezekiel in Ezekiel 37:1-10, finding him-self in the valley of dry bones and miraculously placed there by the Spirit. Our attitude towards the church and the world of sin should cause a stir within our souls as Ezekiel. In applying this vision to the church, it teaches that if any of God’s people have lost their spiritual life, and even their capacity for usefulness, the Holy Ghost can quicken them, and restore their power for service. And too, this vision to the human race shows us God’s method of awakening into spiritual life the dead in trespasses and sins. The question was, can these bones live? They cannot save themselves; the are powerless to obtain for themselves spiritual life looking out from a standpoint, that is impossible. For God who created the world out of nothing, there is no impossibility in restoring life, whether the dead in sins or the dead in body.

...All the preaching in the world will be useless to give spiritual life (Action) to a single soul unless He puts forth power. Let’s not trust in the preacher whoever he may be, regardless of what gimmick he might use; trust in the Spirit of God for Action. If we will faithfully and earnestly pray, the Spirit will descend and dead souls will be quickened, and laborers will be raised up for action in doing work for Christ. I deplore the continuous reference to the work of the Apostle Paul, and what the church used to do. Then we so often sing “let us all go back to the old landmark”: this can be done by living in the Spirit. What we do, do in the Spirit and, assuredly, Action will be evident in our lives and churches. Our churches need not be lean or go begging for members or physical or financial-support, I utter this on the authority of the Spirit and the Word of God. Administration of God’s Church is not operated as a worldly business. Any church that is not founded and operated on the foundation of His word and the Holy Ghost which brings action, and action results in souls, is not His.”

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THE FULL GOSPEL WITNESS

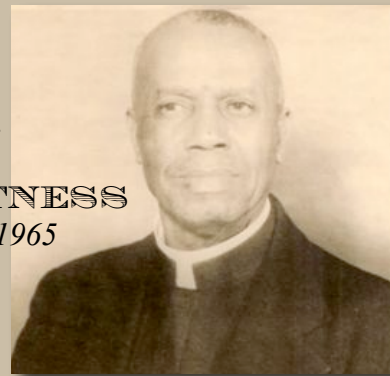
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Beloved in Christ Jesus:

We honor God for all that He is to us. He is so wonderful. We love Him for all His loving kindness.

This is a Special Memorial issue in memory of our beloved, the late Bishop Rossie C. Grant, who was Eulogized January 21, 1965 at the Apostolic Faith Church of God, Inc. 1939 Walbrook Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland with the Bishop G. B. White, officiating

BISHOP R. C. GRANT

Bishop Rossie Cleveland Grant, 79, 1956 Walbrook Avenue died Sunday after a brief illness at his home.

He was Bishop of all Apostolic Faith Churches of God, Inc. from Bridgeport, Conn. to Bennettsville, SC (Hampton, S. C. Ed.)

Funeral services were held Thursday at the Apostolic Faith Church of God, No.1, where he was pastor. Burial was in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Bishop Grant obtained his ministerial doctorate through training at the Apostolic Church of God, and pastored for 32 years. A NATIVE OF Woodland, NC Bishop Grant was the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Julius Grant. He pastored many Baptist Churches in North Carolina.

EXCERPTS from BISHOP R. C. GRANT'S ANNUAL SERMON GIVEN

at the

31st ANNUAL CONVENTION

of the

APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH OF GOD, INC., Baltimore, Maryland, September 7, 1960

Reported by Rosa C. E. Bennett

“Preach the Word” was the theme of Bishop R. C. Grant’s annual message.

(II Timothy 4:2)

“As long as you sin, you are not saved. I mean that, from the pulpit to the door,” said the Bishop. He also said, “If we have sin in our lives, we aren’t serving God, we are serving the Devil.”

He also said, “Be ye also ready. He did not say be all time getting ready. Abstain from the things that appear as evil. Abstain means to stay way from evil.”

He said, “Charity doesn’t think evil, and if we had salvation, and all the time were thinking evil, we need to go deeper.”

“When we are sanctified, we got the mind of Christ. As He is, so are we. Not in the world to come, but in this world,” declared the Bishop. “No wonder men can’t live free from sin, because they’ve got the sinning man in them. When the nature of Christ comes in, it is nothing in you but holiness. The blood of Jesus takes out the desire to sin.”

Again he said, “We that are in Christ, are not of the world anymore. Is the world out of you? So many say they are out of the world, but the world is in them. Set your affection, that is your mind, on the things

above. If we are dead to the things of the world, how can our minds be on the things of this world?"

"You may not get drunk and you may not gamble, but if you are running after another man's wife, if you got malice, if you've got hatred, you are not saved yet. The blood of Jesus saves from sin. You must be cleansed from your sins, and Jesus, His Father, and the Holy Ghost will come in. *'Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost?'* Glorify God in your bodies. We don't belong to ourselves."

"Preach the Word. Preach it when they like it and preach it when they don't like it. Every time we can get a chance, if it isn't but one person, give him the Word," insisted the Bishop. He said, "Some folks have certain groups to get in. Then they are with holy people and when they are with another group they are with that group." He quoted Mark 16:16 "*'He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.'* It didn't say they were saved, but shall be saved. It means on condition."

"To turn from sin," he declared, "means to stop every sinful thing that you have been doing." He went on to say, "I was in my sins. My father was a Baptist preacher. I believed what he said was right, but when I heard I John 3:8 and 9th verses read it made me so mad. I said, I am going to get my Dad's Bible. When I read it I saw it read the same."

The Bishop said he didn't smoke, but he used snuff. After hearing the truth he made a decision. He told those present, he was going to spit the snuff out and if God be his helper he would not take another dip in his mouth, and asked the saints to pray for him that God might take the taste from him. He stated that after then, he went for two days without putting a thing in his mouth. After seeing the Lord could keep him two days, he said, he began to consecrate himself. He said he didn't even tell his wife of the experience he was seeking.

One day he told his wife he was going to cut poles. He said, he cut a few to be truthful but his main objective was to pray. He said, God told him to go to church. The saints were having service that evening. After arriving to church, look like the message was directed to him. The power was so

high, he stated that the power of God struck him in the service and sanctified him. He said, he had never seen anyone receive the Holy Ghost, but after he was baptized in water, about a month after he was sanctified, in the service with the saints with one accord, the power knocked him out and he was baptized with the Holy Ghost. He then said, "That was in 1913," and he hasn't given the church any trouble.

"There is no sin in holiness, he told us, and God doesn't work in nobody in sin."

..."God and the devil can't dwell in the same place."

... "The Holy Ghost can't tell a lie."

..."The Holy Ghost doesn't do wrong."

..."Lies come from the devil."

..."You had better watch yourself," he said, "you tell funny lies, say I was just kidding."

..."You shout and your children running with the world. If your church is good enough for you it's good enough for your children. We ought to be careful. We can't make our children get saved, but we can train them" insisted Bishop Grant.

*EXCERPTS from BISHOP R. C. GRANT'S
INSTRUCTIONS
to the CONVENTION
Monday, September, 1960*

..."We don't have time for service (referring to services at the local churches). We are always in a hurry to leave service."

..."As pastors, we don't warn our members as we should. We should start our service on time and make use of the time after we get there."

..."Sometime a person is in something and you preach against it, they will get mad and say 'you are after me,' but if you can preach something that will hit what they are in, preach it. Preach the Word just like it is. They are in sin. Preach it until it kills them."

..."We pay tithes. If all the members would pay their tithes and offering the church would be better off. Let us pay our dues, our tithes and offerings."