

Mary M. Bodie
1869 - 1959



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Sister Bodie's life could be summed up in one word - "Activity." She was born in California, May 15, 1869, and moved with her family to Arizona while she was still a young girl. There her mother died in 1879, leaving two daughters. The father, having to travel a good deal, placed the sisters in a convent near Tucson, Arizona. Sister Bodie has often said that she learned to love Jesus when she was a young girl. She accompanied a nun to Kansas City for a visit at the age of 14. She remained in Kansas City with her sister who was a few years her senior. Here she met and married Richard Bodie, and to this marriage there was born one son.

She was saved before the age of thirty, at home reading the Bible. Up to this time, she had been a staunch Catholic, and as she has said, she loved her church. A neighbor interested her in reading the Scriptures. One night while reading the account of Jesus' death in John's Gospel, she read the words, "It is finished!" The Lord spoke these words to her heart, and she felt a bright ray of light overshadow her. She gave her heart and life over to the Lord then, without any reservations.

From that time, the Lord opened the Scriptures to her understanding, and led her into deeper truths. She came into contact with Brother A. S. Copley about 1912, and received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Together they searched the Scriptures diligently and received many revelations that are unequalled today. They have left these revelations for others to enjoy, in the many tracts and books which we have in print.

Sister Bodie was associated with Brother Copley in writing and editing the Grace and Glory magazine. Together they wrote hundreds of songs, many of them which are still in print and in use in a great many churches.

She began preaching about 1915, and enjoyed a life of fruitful ministry up until her retirement in 1958. She founded an assembly in Kansas City, Kansas in 1929. She ministered there until 1945 when Brother Copley retired from active ministry. She served as Pastor at the Christian Assembly Tabernacle in Kansas City, Missouri from 1945 to 1958.

After the death of her son and husband within a two-week period in 1935, she forfeited her desire to travel to Palestine, and instead opened the Grace and Glory Bible School the following year. Hundreds of students learned the Word under the ministry of able teachers since that time. Many of these students are now ministering the Word throughout the country, and in some foreign fields.

Her last words were concerning the meetings. She expressed her desire to attend services again. It was a trial for her to be inactive, and she was eager to be up and about her Father's business. She will not be forgotten. Her ministry and life of faithfulness will stand as beacon lights until Jesus comes. Yes, she hath done what she could, and much more. She has been called up higher, and is awaiting her crown of righteousness with the overcomers who have gone on before. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

rites for Mrs. Bodie.
Services Will Be at 11 o'Clock Monday.

Services for Mrs. Mary M. Bodie, 90, of 3339 Harrison street, will be at 11 o'clock Monday at the Newcomer chapel, Brush Creek and the Paseo. Burial will be in Forest Hill cemetery.



Mrs. Bodie was pastor of the Christian Assembly tabernacle at 2515 Harrison street from 1945 to last year. She was editor of Grace and Glory magazine, and conducted the Grace and Glory Bible school. The pallbearers:

Joseph Yost, Fred Fellers, O. L. Stevens, Chester Anderson, L. P. Siepel and George Phinney.

*Mary M. Bodie Memorial Services Announced
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