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**INTRODUCTION**

As my husband is discoursing to you on the life of Christ, I am much concerned that we take His presence with us in our everyday life and many activities. We find Jesus present in all places. That He sees our every action, hears our every conversation, and understands our every thought, is no strange teaching to a Bible Christian who has been properly instructed and who is familiar with the Holy Scriptures. Jesus is wholly in every place; restricted to no place; not bound with cords except those of love. We must recognize Him on land and on sea, and everyone of us enclosed in His Omnipresence, and wrapped in the lap of His infinite love. As an infant incessantly cared for and protected by its devoted mother, so His presence goes inevitably with us and protects us, and we can no more be removed from the presence of God than from our own being.

God is infinite and cannot be contained within the borders of any one place, yet because of His purity and spiritual nature, He is not contaminated however polluted the environment; His highest aspiration is to guide us with His all-seeing eye and refresh us with His Spirit, and He sends His angels as messengers and ministers of mercy to His own. He it is that looks after the numerous productions of the sea, and there is not one hollowness in the bottom thereof but what His presence fills sustaining His creatures that dwell therein.

God is everywhere present by His power. His power was demonstrated when He said, "Let us make man in our own image." His power was also manifested when He made this world, and other worlds and systems of worlds, and swung them out into space. Astronomers tell us this world travels through space one-half million miles per day, yet not a jar is seen nor felt. Truly when we think of such, we are reminded of an all-powerful God in the Heavens who holds the reins of government in His hands. Surely He will lead us on to triumphant victory if we but keep submitted to His will. He will guide us with His eye; He will refresh us with His influence, giving to us His grace and benediction. His presence with us signifies that He answers our prayers, accepts our service, and receives our consecration which should be freely made to Him as we live upon His Word, reverencing and recognizing His power, and feeling the force of His almightiness and His authority over us, His unworthy creatures.

God is more especially present in some places than in others by special manifestations for extraordinary purposes, while His seat is in Heaven encircled with divine glory which He has reserved and is pleased to show to those who desire His presence. God is especially present in holy places wherever His people assemble. Yes, He will go out of His way to meet His saints when they are in danger and need His protection and presence. God is especially present in the hearts of His children working through the Holy Spirit; for God reigns in the hearts of His people and there is His kingdom. Also He is present in the hearts of all, both good and bad, by way of testimony and judgment; He is there as a reminder to recall our actions, as a witness to bring them to judgment, and as a judge to commend or condemn.

Let it ever remain in mind that God is Omnipresent, filling every place, as David said, "Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit, or whither shall I flee from Thy presence?" It behooves us to be careful and considerate of our actions knowing we are to stand before the Supreme Judge of all the earth who is infallible in His sentence, all-knowing in His information, severe in His anger, powerful in His providence, and intolerable in His wrath and indignation. Not only is He everywhere, but in the rays of the sun we see His workmanship and beauty, in the fuel we recognize God has stored up energy for our comfort, in water we find His refreshment, and in food we find His strength to build and sustain us. With His presence with us we build for Him as it were "a chapel in our hearts." Thus in the busy hours of activity, Martha's employment was the same as Mary's devotion, as Christ and Christianity are inseparable. Hence in the busiest activities of life we may retire into the chapel of our hearts to refresh ourselves by way of devotion, prayer, and meditation.

Let us remember God is in us and we are in Him; we are His ambassadors, let us not reproach Him; we are in His presence, let us not pollute it by unholy and impure actions, and if we walk circumspectly before Him, He will continue to walk by our side and direct our course on life's stormy sea. Let us walk as in His presence and converse frequently with Him, taking every care to Him, asking counsel of Him, and consulting Him concerning our every need. He desires to support us in weakness, but we must fear Him as Judge, reverence Him as Lord, obey Him as Father, and love Him supremely, for we are always in the sight and presence of the all-seeing God, who is our Guardian, our Counselor, and our all and in all. He is always with us, especially by promise in tribulation, to turn our misery into mercy, turning our troubles into advantages and favors, entitling us especially to His divine presence. He is in our natural actions to preserve us, in our recreations to restrain us, in our public and private actions to observe us, in our sleep to watch

over us, in our wakings to refresh us, and as long as we walk with Him His presence will go before us, come behind us, be around us, and in us, guiding and directing us every step of the way.

Mrs. W. B. Dunkum.

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## THE MAN OF GALILEE

Names are very significant. They have weight and influence. They are necessary for two reasons: First, to differentiate one person from another; second, to connect one generation to another. But no name is so powerful as His Name.

His name is the most valuable name in all the world. It is through His name we reach the Father. As long as we battle in His name we have victory in every conflict. Through His name we span the grave, bound for Heaven some day to be numbered among the sanctified dead. We are on the Rock at last; we may tremble but the Rock will never tremble. He is building for Himself a Church upon the Rock, and the gates of hell shall never prevail against it. If we are numbered among His Church all the Satanic plans formulated in hell will not shake us one iota. "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now we see Him not, yet believing we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." I Pet. 1:8.

The name Jesus Christ is the greatest name in the world. It contains enough gospel for a million sermons. More books are written about Him than any other man that ever lived. The unanimous verdict of the nineteenth century of both Christian and infidel is that Jesus Christ was the purest, the wisest, the most eloquent, the noblest, the grandest, and the most God-like man who ever lived. He is revealed to us in the Gospels as a man of marvelous power. He could walk on the bosom of the sea as calmly and as quietly as we would upon a sidewalk. He could harness a cyclone, calm the raging sea in an instant, with as much ease as you could the tiniest fly or smallest ant. He could drive the most deadly disease out of the body of the sick as quickly as we could breathe. He could break bread from one loaf until five thousand hungry men were fed, and then have twelve baskets left as easily as you could throw a handful of crumbs in your backyard to feed the hungry birds. He could call back to life a man who had been dead four days with as little effort as you could wake a sleeping man.

You who believe the Bible know why Jesus had such marvelous power. He was the very eternal God. He came down to earth from Heaven in human form for the one purpose of killing the serpent of sin. Sin is powerful but God is all-powerful. Four thousand years before His coming His marvelous birth was foretold "that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head." Jesus Christ is the very God and the perfect man who came into the world to slay the serpent of sin. He is the only being in the universe who can untwist the coils of sin from around your heart and crush his head and deliver you from the pangs of eternal death. This blessed gospel declares that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins.

1. Christ the forgiver of sins.

2. Christ the dispeller of darkness.
3. Christ the liberator from sin.
4. Christ the deliverer from the results caused by sin.

We trust in His name.

We receive forgiveness through His name.

No forgiveness through any other name.

A privilege to suffer for His name.

We pray in His name.

We are saved, sanctified and healed through faith in His name.

His name is a household word throughout all Christendom.

The name of Jesus has power in it. Some people say there is nothing to a name, but not so in dealing with the name of Jesus. Acts 4:12. He will mean everything to you when the death angel comes, and that angel is on the way and will some day stop and thrust in the sickle which will sever your connection with the world and worldly things.

David George, the great Englishman, said, "Jesus Christ is the world's salvation, and the fulfillment of this Divine Leader's ideals will bring out of the present chaos, ultimate peace and order."

Gladstone said, "All that I think, all that I hope, all that I write, all that I live for, is based upon the Divinity of Jesus Christ, the central joy of my poor life."

Benjamin Franklin said, "I think that system of morals that Jesus taught and His religion as He left them to us, are the best that this world ever saw, or is likely to ever see."

Some say they do not understand Jesus, therefore do not believe in Him. One asked Daniel Webster if he understood how Jesus could be both God and man. He said, "No, sir, I would be ashamed to acknowledge Him as my Saviour if I could comprehend Him. He would be no greater than myself. I need a superhuman Saviour, one so great and so glorious that I could not comprehend."

Senator Beveridge said, "Jesus started the mightiest revolution of all time. It has not ended, it will never end and never can end. It is not enough for the world to become nominal Christian, but should acknowledge his daily life and practice should demonstrate Jesus Christ."

The need of the world is Jesus Christ. No man has ever lived whose influence filled the world and circulated the globe but Jesus Christ. He is the greatest man of any day. In creation, He is the Morning Star. He brought to us the hope of redemption. He brings spiritual daytime to every needy soul.

The world has produced many great men, but the outstanding man in all the history of mankind is "the Man of Galilee." He not only stood head and shoulders above others in His day and generation, but He has down across the centuries, and He is the Man Christ Jesus.

His coming into the world was as the poorest of the poor. The angels became active to herald the glad news, and all Heaven seemed interested at His advent.

He was a working man among working men. He did not have an exalted position as the world calls it, but the favor of High Heaven rested upon Him. His work as a carpenter brought Him in touch with men from all walks of life, but especially the poor and the needy. From the beginning He knew how to sympathize with the laboring class of people and those who carried burdens. He was always on the side with the down trodden, the poor, and the oppressed. When He saw the poor mistreated and imposed on He said, 'Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' Matt. 11:28. He did not try to serve humanity from a distance, but was one of them. He lived with them and ate with them until they accused Him of being a friend of publicans and sinners. He administered to the poor and needy, the sick and suffering, having love and compassion for all until the enemy said, "Behold the world goeth after Him." As to His teaching He drew from the simple incidents of life, teaching mankind the way of life and salvation. He was reviled and despised of men. He was scourged and beaten and crowned with a thorny crown. He who was the greatest among mankind is now despised and rejected by those whom He sought to help. He sealed His ministry and finished His great task by His death on the cross. "He is able to save to the uttermost." He redeemed us with His precious blood. He delivered His final address to His disciples on that memorable night. He gave them a new commandment, "that ye love one another." This world is in trouble and the only way out is the "Old Rugged Cross" on which the Prince of Glory died that we "might have life and might have it more abundantly." The method of Christ was to come close to those who needed help. He was not afraid of becoming contaminated as He contacted the people. He mingled with sinners, He worked in elbow touch with men who worked at the carpenter's trade, and made doors and planed boards and imparted life and virtue to sinners. It is God's plan to save humanity through the agency of saved and thoroughly cleansed men and women.

Let us bear in mind there are three motives propelling us to go forward in winning others to the Man of Galilee:

1. Love for Christ.
2. Gratitude to Christ.
3. Loyalty to Christ.

Love for Him who first loved us; gratitude to Him who gave Himself for us that we might live, and set us free from the chains of sin and the powers of Satan and hell; loyalty to Him who is loyal and faithful to us, giving us air to breathe, water to drink, food to eat, and raiment to wear. He never forgets us though we may live in times when we are inclined to forget Him. And best of all, He gives us power to live for Him moment by moment.

The question is frequently asked, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" When we see so little of the Christ life manifested in the lives of His professed followers, we wonder sometimes where we should go to find Him. He was yesterday, and is today, and will be tomorrow the Peerless Christ of Galilee. It was no doubt a dark night when the Sea of Galilee was stilled and the question was asked, "What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?" His words and His works are inseparable. His words and His works are as reliable here in the twentieth century as they were in the first century. He is in a class to Himself in His uniqueness and kingliness. He is Heavenly Royalty perfected. No doubt there have been more books written about Him than any man that ever lived, yet He never left a manuscript to be published after He was gone. On one occasion he wrote in the sand, and that was all, but was never put in book form. Many a song has been written and sung about Him, yet He never wrote a song. He was a carpenter and has given much inspiration to the architect, yet He never built a Church. He has been the subject of many a poem, yet He never wrote one stanza. He has been recognized by humanitarian institutions and enterprises, yet He never organized a college, established a school, founded an old people's home, built a hospital, founded an asylum or a feeble minded institution. The greatest statesmen of all ages have looked to Him as a guide, yet He never wrote a Declaration of Independence as did Jefferson, but He has sufficient power to set the captive free. He was the spotless and sinless One, yet He became sin for us. He was guiltless, yet He bore our guilt for us; He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor that we through His poverty might become rich.

All types of men surrounded the marvelous birth of Christ.

1. Philosophers and theologians came to His incarnation and have found a theme of lifetime study.
2. Kings and wealthy men brought their gifts to Christ.
3. Wise and educated came with their gifts and worshipped Him.
4. Poor and illiterate came -- "Nothing in my hand I bring simply to thy cross I cling."

The Birth of Christ is a challenge that He came as a Redeemer not to be ministered unto but to minister.

The Birth of Christ is a challenge that He came to save His people from their sins. From the earliest of all ages a Redeemer was promised. From Genesis to Revelation we find Scripture pointing to a coming Redeemer. Prophets and Patriots were inspired along the way with the hope of a coming Redeemer. This subject was no doubt discussed by Noah and his family while in the ark, and as soon as the ark landed, Noah built an altar, slew the beasts, sprinkled blood upon the altar, and in sight of the first rainbow worshipped God, looking forward to a coming Redeemer

whose blood would be shed to save and cleanse from all sin. Isaiah pictured His coming by saying, "Unto us a child is born." Before He came, angels sang of His coming and worshipped Him. Four hundred years of silence were broken by one saying, "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy." John the Baptist helped break the silence by saying, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." Everything Jesus did, every step He took pointed to the hill of Calvary. He wanted to accomplish His mission while here and He did, which was to save His people from their sins. He was the greatest preacher that ever lived. He was great, simple, and plain. He used the hills of Galilee for a pulpit. He could get a crowd in the wilderness, in the desert, or on the mountain side, as people heard Him gladly, and at times the whole city would go out to hear Him preach. He preached that marvelous sermon on the Mount, yet preaching was not His business.

He was a great teacher. He taught in such a way that it was said of Him, "Thou art a teacher come from God." The greatest teaching and brilliancy of the twentieth century was not a comparison to the teaching of Jesus Christ. Yet He was not here to set up a new code of ethics but to save His people from their sins.

He was a Great Physician with no case too hard for Him. Had He had charge of a hospital, He would not have had an incurable ward in it. Yet He did not come as a physician.

He did not come to save from tears, heartaches, and sorrows, as He was the Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.

He did not come to save from temptation, yet He was tempted in all points as we are, and yet without sin.

He saves provisionally, that is, He made provision for our salvation. Yet people all around us are lost now and will be lost eternally. Yet His coming was to save every lost son and daughter of Adam's race.

He saves actually. He can and does save from the sinning business. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." His blood has sufficient power to both save and cleanse. He can save you so well that you would be a fit subject to keep company with an angel without the change of a garment. He can cut you loose and save you from everything the devil has ever tied you up to. When time and mercy are no more, probation ended, our life's work done, and life's history written, and they will begin to come in from the north, east, south, west, and mission fields of the world, from the isles of the sea, from the earliest dawn of Christianity, from the middle ages, from the modern home, the cottage, yes, from the log cabin; a company that no man could number who have had their robes washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb, then we will have multiplied millions who can witness to three worlds that He can do what He came to do, that is, "Save His people from their sins."

He came to get at the core of things. His mission was unique. He is to redeem the world through the sacrifice of His own life. This is the fact around which all other facts center. He met

sin face to face. It was an awful conflict, but He won the battle. Our sins now may be forgiven. He gave Himself a ransom for many.

The Birth of Christ is a challenge to fulfilled prophecy; the divine event of the ages; the most marvelous event ever happened on mother earth. Nothing in all Bible history compares with His first and second coming. His coming has been the story of all ages, and will be until He comes in the clouds. Jesus was God's way to man, and man's way to God. Why observe Christmas without the Christmas spirit? Many celebrate Christmas as they would Washington's birthday or the Fourth of July. I wonder sometimes if Jesus feels insulted by the way His birthday is celebrated. If you never get blessed, how does your religion differ from the heathen religion? Dickens said, "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it every day in the year." What does Christmas mean to you? Is it merely social joy? There was no real joy before Christ came. It was all law and ritualism, the world trying to enjoy themselves without joy. His coming brought peace on earth and good will toward men. One asked the question to another, "Do you expect to go to Heaven when you die?" Answer was, "I have been living in Heaven for ten years."

The Birth of Jesus was the gladdest hour in all human history. His coming the way He did was not an accident; coming the humble way He did the poorest could feel in Him a friend who cared, loved, and sympathized with them. He merely touched society with a light hand and the bottom round of the ladder at that. He embraced two natures-the Divine and the human. The human that He might sympathize with us, the Divine that He might save us. He came into the world, lived, labored, associated with and suffered for us, not only to die for us, but to live among the children of men and to reveal to us the Father. He almost shocked humanity by saying, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." May the Lord enlarge our hearts until we can forgive one another and with grateful hearts bow at His feet in remembrance of the tragedy of Calvary, and live in constant expectation of His glorious appearing.

When Napoleon became old and retired he said, "Everything about Christ astonishes me, His empire, His gospel, His spirit, and His march across the ages."

Christ did not come as a philosopher, an educator or as a reformer. Newton was a great scientist, Plato a great philosopher, Luther a great reformer, but none of these men claimed to have power to save. But Jesus did have and does have power on earth to forgive sins.

1. The gift of God is unspeakable in its purpose.

He came in lowliness and humility. He received an unfriendly reception from those He came to be a blessing to and to save.

2. The gift of God is unspeakable in its challenge.

God gave His only Son -- Christ gave Himself.

3. The gift of God is unspeakable in its comprehensiveness.



He takes in all temporal and spiritual necessities. The world's greatest men have come from the humblest walks of life.

Luther was born among the miners.

Shakespeare was born in a humble home.

Columbus was born in poverty.

Lincoln was born in a log cabin.

Great hearts often throb under rags.

Diamonds are in the rough.

Great souls often come out of the foundries of disaster.

Nine great men out of ten are rocked in the cradle of poverty and educated in the school of "Hard Knocks." And many of them graduate immediately after they matriculate in "Brush College" before they have time to get acquainted with the vain dreamer, much less acquainted with the student body. Jesus Christ's coming into the world was an extraordinary event. The astronomers led in the procession and followed the Star until it came and stood over where the Christ was, "Silent Night Holy Night" when Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea.

It seems that but little is recorded about His childhood days, but as we read the sacred Scriptures we see the strong young carpenter lay aside His secular duties and became busy about His Father's business. He goes to the Jordan River to be baptized by His cousin John. His baptism was marked and glorious in that the heavens were opened above Him, the Holy Spirit descending upon Him in the symbol of a dove, and a voice from Heaven was heard saying, "This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matt. 3:17. Hence His ministry was sealed by a threefold testimony from the skies and at once He was led into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Jesus was constantly going about doing good. He healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, and unstopped the deaf ears, and caused the lame to walk. He touched the fevered brow with His healing hand, He put the glow of health on sunken cheeks, and new life into the pale face. One day a leper cried out, "If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." Jesus replied saying, "I will, be thou clean."

**JESUS, THE BLESSED SON OF GOD CAME:**

1. Not as a mere historical character.
2. Not as a mere reformer.
3. Not as a mere philosopher with a new code of ethics and a new set of morals.

4. Not as a mere journalist to study scenery, customs, and manners.
5. Not as a mere ambassador to offer peace terms.
6. Not as a mere ruler but as one who was to hold the reins of Government.

He is the greatest and humblest man that ever lived.

He is the Christ occupying the meditorial throne of God.

#### HE CAME AS A GIFT FROM GOD.

1. This gift is unspeakable in its nature -- A love gift.
2. It is a free gift, nothing we merit -- A gift.
3. It is a generous gift -- an unselfish gift.
4. It is a meritorious gift -- the gift of the God-man.

In His deity all the claims of deity are met.

In His humanity all the claims of humanity are met.

Through His deity God reaches down to man.

Through His humanity man reaches up to God.

He is the only Mediator.

ILLUSTRATION: Tennyson met a Christian lady and said, "What is the news?"

She replied, "All the news I know of worthwhile is Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

He replied, -- "That is good news, true news, old news, and new news."

Jesus' humble surroundings kept the world from recognizing the purpose of His coming.  
Yet

He is beyond all doubt the greatest miracle of all Biblical literature. Christ, the Saviour was supernaturally born; the fulfillment of prophecy. The Wise Men of the East recognized the significance of the Star and came to worship the King of the Jews. His name shall be called Immanuel which being interpreted is "God with us." He was rich in the things of God, but disobeyed

Himself of the Splendors, Glories, and Majesties of His Divinity and became poor that we through His poverty might be rich.

The greatest man who ever lived was born in a manger, because there was "no room for Him in the Inn," the most pathetic statement in all the Scriptures. No room for Him today in some hearts, homes, communities and institutions. He left the Glory World and came to redeem a sinsick world, but "no room for Him in the Inn." It was crowded to utmost capacity. Homes were over taxed, room at a premium. But as darkness settled down for the night they made best of circumstances and unwholesome environment. They were too busy to be bothered with strangers. Many today are allowing conditions and circumstances to crowd Jesus out. You may be so preoccupied and absorbed with secular interests until you leave Him outside.

#### WHAT JESUS CAME TO DO. (MATT. 1:21.)

1. He came to save.
2. He came to deliver.
3. He came to redeem.
4. He came to preserve.
5. He came to sanctify.

#### OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD HIM

Walking with Him -- Is Revelation. Luke 24:15.

Talking with Him -- Is Fellowship. Luke 9:30.

Listening to Him -- Is Instruction. Luke 10:39.

Abiding with Him -- Is Joy and Peace. Lk. 1:39.

Living with Him -- Is Oneness. Luke 1:39.

Waiting upon Him -- Is Power. Acts 4:31.

Watching for Him -- Is Expectancy. Luke 8:40.

#### HOW HE GIVES STRENGTH

- 1 By association.
2. By guidance.
3. By instruction.
4. By revelation.

5. By intercession.
6. By warning.
7. By discipline.
8. Through conscience.
9. Through confession.
10. Through service.

#### WHAT FOLLOWING CHRIST MEANS

1. The life eternal.
2. The life guided.
3. The life obedient.
4. The life attractive.
5. The life surrendered.
6. The life invested.
7. The life consecrated.
8. The life difficult.
9. The life marvelous.
10. The life possible.

#### WHAT WE HAVE IN CHRIST

1. Peace with God. Rom. 5:1.
2. Redemption through the blood. Eph. 1:7.
3. Eternal life. I John 5:13.
4. The Spirit of Adoption. Rom. 8:15.

5. An anchor. Heb. 6:19.
6. An Advocate. I Jno. 2:1.
7. A Glorified Body in Reserve. II Cor. 5:11.
8. A home in Heaven. Rev. 21st Chap.

#### OUR ALL SUFFICIENCY IN HIM

1. The guilty sinner may have pardon.
2. The polluted believer may have purity.
3. For the wicked the gospel is power sufficient for everyone that believes.
4. For the hungry soul there is an adequate supply.
5. For the thirsty the command is "Come ye to the waters."
6. For the sick there is a never failing physician.
7. For the needy "Theirs is the kingdom of God."
8. For His children there is Divine guidance and sufficient wisdom.

#### IN CHRIST

1. We are freed from the charges of Satan. Acts 13:39.
2. We are chosen. Eph. 1:4.
3. We are delivered. Rom. 8:1.
4. We have an endowment. Phil. 4:19.
5. We are filled. Col. 2:9-10.
6. There is grace. II Tim. 2:1.
7. There is happiness. Phil. 3:3.
8. There is an inheritance. Eph. 1:11.
9. There is justification. Gal. 2:16.

10. There is keeping. Phil. 4:7.

11. There is oneness. Gal. 3:28.

12. There is sanctification. I Cor. 1:2.

#### WHAT THE GALILEAN IS TO US

To the artist He is the One Altogether Lovely.

To the architect He is the Chief Corner Stone.

To the astronomer He is the Bright and Morning Star.

To the baker He is the Bread of Life.

To the banker He is the inexhaustible Treasure.

To the biologist He is the source and center of all life.

To the carpenter He is the Carpenter.

To the builder He is the Sure and Tried Foundation.

To the doctor He is the Great Physician.

To the educator He is the Teacher of all teachers.

To the engineer He is the narrow and straight way.

To the farmer He is the Sower and the Lord of Harvest.

To the florist He is the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley.

To the geologist He is the Rock of Ages.

To the horticulturist He is the True Vine.

To the judge He is the Righteous Judge.

To the juror He is the Faithful and True Witness.

To the jeweler He is the Pearl of great price.

To the lawyer He is the Law Giver.

To the newspaper man He is Good Tidings of great joy.

To the oculist He is the Light of the Eye.

To the philanthropist He is the Unspeakable Gift.

To the railroad man He is the new and living way.

To the preacher He is the Word of God.

To the sculptor He is the Living Stone.

To the servant He is the Good Master.

To the statesman He is the aspiration of all nations.

To the student He is the source and center of all truth.

To the theologian He is the beginning and end of all truth.

To the Bible exegete He is the Author and Finisher of our faith.

To the laborer He is the Giver of all Rest.

To the sinner He is the Saviour of the World.

To the regenerated He is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

To the saved and sanctified He is Keeper and Preserver.

See His tender love shown to Mary and Martha when at the death of their brother Lazarus  
"Jesus wept."

See Him in the Garden of Gethsemane sweating as it were great drops of blood. Luke  
22:44.

See Him with the crown of thorns on His brow. Jno. 19:2-5.

See Him spat upon. Mark 15:19.

See Him mocked. Mark 15:20.

See Him struck in the face. Luke 22:64.

See Him carrying His cross. Jno. 19:17.

See Him dying upon the cross. Jno. 19:30.

Listen while He speaks to you as you read, Isa. 61:1-3.

## WHAT HE IS

Jesus Christ is the only Saviour and He is a competent Saviour and He saves on the stipulated condition of a faith that worketh by love; a faith of which He is both Author and Finisher.

Other religions fail because they have no blood and no cross.

He is the Refuge of the Soul.

He is the Hope of the Resurrection.

He is the Source of all Blessings.

He is the Beginning and the End.

He is the Bright and Morning Star.

He is the Fountain of Living Waters.

He is the King of Kings.

He is the Knowable Christ.

He is the Christian's Future.

He is the Rock of Ages.

He wants first place and only place.

He will remove all spots and all stains.

He manifested a love for God.

He manifested a love for man.

He manifested a love for His enemies.

He manifested a love for the Church.

He manifested a self-sacrificing spirit -- He gave His all.



He walked in humility.

He walked in aggressiveness.

He walked in considerateness.

He walked in tenderness.

He walked in sympathy.

He walked in pity.

He walked in compassion.

He walked in mercy.

He walked in love.

He walked in poverty.

He walked in truth.

He lived in communion with God.

He lived a life of prayer, surrender, and faith.

He should have preeminence in every life. Yet many never mention His Name unless in oath.

**HE IS WORTHY:**

1. Because of His creative power.
2. Because of His redeeming power.
3. Because He spoke the world into existence.
4. Because He formed the ocean and piled up the Mountains.
5. Because He made the animals and caused the plants to grow and endowed man with intelligence.

About two thousand years ago He paid our ransom. He should have first place in both heart and life. Your thoughts, actions, and affections should be submitted to Jesus. The sinner comes weary and heavy laden but Christ is his only hope. Jesus has held first place from the Creation of

the World. Jesus holds first place in the Bible. Jesus should have first place in all our Institutions of Learning.

ILLUSTRATION -- A young minister asked to preach in a college church, wondered what he could preach to the faculty and student body, as he thought they should know more about what he preached than he himself knew. Then said he, "I will preach Christ and Him crucified as they do not know about Him."

Sad, but true, many know but little, or comparatively nothing about Christ and Him crucified

#### THOUGHTS ABOUT THE GALILEAN

1. He claimed to be equal with the Father, and was one with the Father in Creation, and said He came from the Father and would return to the Father; "Before Abraham was, I am."

2. He never committed any sins to confess. "He did no sin neither was any guile found in His mouth."

3. He was mighty in word and in deed. Nicodemus said, "No man can do these miracles which Thou doest, except God be with him."

4. He was respected, worshipped, and adored by His disciples. Truly He is the Son of God. If not, they were badly deceived and so are we. The martyrs prayed to Him. Stephen said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

5. He spake with authority, "Come unto me." Matt. 10:28. This is the gospel invitation in all of its height, depth, length, and breadth. It would have been out of place for any other individual to have made such a promise. But the Divinely appointed and Divinely anointed Son of Man could. Multitudes through the centuries have heeded the invitation and found rest. The world is full of unrest and discontent. Men are seeking rest, but do not know where to find it. He who made us, and has given us such a longing, has provided for us a satisfying portion. Satan administers dope and he only gives false rest and false happiness because sin destroys rest and brings abnormal desires. But in the fullness of time a Redeemer came and brought this rest. You may have all that is offered by art, science, philosophy, and culture, but you are deluded and doped by Satan until you find this rest which alone can be found in the wounds of a crucified Redeemer. He claimed, and rightly claimed, to be the Judge of all mankind. He satisfies the inner cravings of the heart, and every burdened soul may find rest in Him.

Before He left the world He comforted His disciples, recommending them to the Father, and left them powerful discourses for their instruction and admonition, suffered the most unspeakable agony, and sweat as it were great drops of blood. He sighed and groaned and fell upon the earth saying, "Not My will but Thine be done." He frequently faced the adversary, was brought like a lamb to the slaughter, without noise or resistance, when He could have commanded a multiplicity of angels for His guard and rescue.

It was a sad hour when His disciples fled and left Him alone in the hands of cruel men who were thirsty for His very life's blood. It was there He was spit upon and scoffed at and mocked saying, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save." He was asked ensnaring questions, but He answered not a word. He was mocked, condemned, scourged, and crucified for His enemies as well as for a lost world.

He was condemned to a sad and shameful, a public and painful death. He was crowned with thorns and wrapped in a purple robe of mock royalty. He comforted the weeping women, was grieved over Jerusalem, and had more pity for His persecutors than He had for Himself.

The atonement was finished on the cross by Jesus Christ, the God-Man. Two thieves were His companions While He suffered. His title was, "King of the Jews," written in three languages, Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, so that it could be read by all nations as they passed by and looked on.

His clothing became the property of the Roman executioners. He left His mother to the care of John. His terrible thirst, when they gave Him gall and vinegar, indicated His excruciating agony. Then His spirit was released. Now they pierced His side, and the atonement is complete which proved His death to present officials and oncoming generations.

Just outside of the city of Jerusalem we see three crosses. But think of the Christ in Pilate's Judgment Hall. He comes up the hill bringing His cross followed by a vast multitude.

They laughed, they cried, they mocked, "Crucify Him."

The disciples followed Him, but were helpless.

Bang! bang! bang! The nails were driven through His hands and His feet.

One says, "Surely He is a good man."

"He saved others: Himself He cannot save."

The sun, moon, and stars hid their faces.

It is noon-day darkness.

The thunder is heard.

The lightning flashes.

The sea dashes against the shore yonder.

The mountains clap their hands.

In Jerusalem a terrible wind is felt.

Debris blows in every direction.

The saints of old are walking the streets.

Candles are being lighted only to be blown out by the terrible wind.

Doors are going bang! bang! by the terrific wind.

All the world walks in darkness.

Never did such ever happen before.

Confusion, chaos, turmoil, and darkness reign supremely.

## HIS KINGDOM

No doubt the man of Galilee has been discussed pro and con from every religious platform in the land. Ministers of all calibers have discussed Him and gone their way as they came without His Spirit. There are yet diverse opinions as to the purpose of His coming and as to the motive of His Kingdom. While His Kingdom is purely spiritual and is to be set up in our hearts, Jesus said, "My Kingdom is not of this world." No orator can describe the joy and happiness of his Kingdom. Oh! the joy of this supernatural religion!

Jesus stooped to the lowest places of poverty. He was born in poverty, lived in poverty, died in poverty, and was buried in poverty. "He became poor that we through His poverty might be rich." He lived with a poor carpenter, grew up around the carpenter's bench and played with the poor children in the streets of Nazareth. When He entered upon His mission, He was still poor, and we hear Him saying, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." Very often He stopped with such orphan children as Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. He comforted the widows and spake words of consolation to the sorrowing. "The poor heard Him gladly." For your sake and mine I am glad He came the way He did, and for the purpose He did. He gives us grace to face the opposition of the Christ rejecters of this present age, and then He throws in extra which is "Joy unspeakable and lull of glory." His Kingdom is brighter than the noonday sun, as satisfying as salvation, and as enduring as the eternal Rock of Ages. When all is unrest, turmoil, trouble, and sorrow, He can step into the arena of the soul and say, "Peace be still," and to the sin-tossed and sin-troubled soul there comes a mighty calm. Therefore, His Kingdom is an internal, supernatural Kingdom set up in the hearts of those who serve Him. His Kingdom is also eternal in that it will endure forever. When the sun has burned out, and the moon veils her lovely face, and the stars refuse to shine, and the axis of the world has worn out, then His eternal Kingdom will shine brighter as cycles pass by.

Let us remember that the blessed Saviour of the world hath done all in His Almighty power to put grace in our reach. Throughout His life He demonstrated humility, coming from the bosom of the Father, through a home of poverty, taking upon Himself the form of a servant, to a life of labor, to a state of poverty, to a death on the cross. In the fullness of time He came in the fullness of the spirit, bringing great wisdom, a perfect life, and many admirable qualities and virtues.

CHRIST ENTHRONED IN THE HEART AND LIFE will enable one to live in the valley of humility.

1. The humble man trusts not in his own wisdom, but, in matters of importance, relies rather upon the judgment of his friends) counselors, and spiritual advisors.

2. He does not pertinaciously pursue the choice of his own will, but in all things lets God choose for him and be his superior in those things which concern him.

3. He does not murmur against divine commands.

4. When he sees the importance of such commands he aims at exact obedience without question.

5. He is meek and resigned to the will of God and indifferent to everything not included in the will of God.

6. He patiently puts up with others receiving on every occasion the amount of grace needed.

7. He satisfies others but not himself; he criticizes himself but not others.

8. He sees the good in others and commends their best qualities and honest efforts, and censures no one.

9. He is modest in his appearance and clean and wholesome in his speech.

10. He becomes uneasy about himself when commended by others lest when God judges he might be weighed and found wanting.

11. He graciously accepts reproof, given whether justly or unjustly.

12. He enjoys the place of prayer and private devotion, and is afraid of public opinion and the honors of men.

13. He is frank, open, and sincere in his deeds and actions.

14. He profits by his own mistakes, and sincerely appreciates the admonition and instruction of others.

15. He is ready to do service for others who misunderstand him, even those who back-bite and slander him. Yes, he will show the most profound good-will and regard for his enemies, even as Christ washed the feet of Judas. History tells us that the greatest trait that Abraham Lincoln

possessed was his ability to forgive his enemies. He even placed his enemies in his cabinet, thinking they were more capable of performing the duties of office than his friends.

16. He is really innocent before God, and not offensive to his neighbors, yet he is often suspected of indiscretion.

17. He will not treat with contempt nor criticize unjustly the one who circulates a false report, neither will he give it a free ride.

18. The person to whom we refer is one who has had the strut all taken out, root and branch. He does not have the "big head," though he may stand head and shoulders above others both socially and intellectually. People desire his company and his opinions are in great demand.

19. He does not stand on tip-toe. He does not try to be above others, yet he has a kind word for all. He is humble, Christlike, and holy. He has a big magnanimous spirit. Too big to do little, mean, underhanded things. He never schemes for a place of power, is perfectly willing to take a low seat, and let others have the big end of the bargain. He refuses to brood over wrong treatment, freely forgives and is willing to be little and unnoticed. His humility saves him from flattery, the praise of men, and from offense when not noticed.

20. He does not stoop. He will not stoop to a thing unkind or unchristian. Some will stoop to gossip, throw stones at the brethren, pull political and ecclesiastical wires, but he will not.

This may not be a picture of the average man, but the normal man when the normal man is a Christian man. He holds his equilibrium and does not blow up nor back down. While he has the respect of others, yet he has something more valuable than self respect -- Christian character. There is a sense in which we all stoop at the cross or at His feet. We stoop to conquer but we rise to be more than conquerors. When we fall at His feet, we rise to walk in newness of life, and stoop no more to circumstances, Satan, or sin.

## HIS PURPOSE

When Jesus came, He declared His purpose. The purpose of His coming was to handle the sin question. He alone can handle it. His word is final and settles it forever. One ounce of divine revelation is worth a ton of scholastic speculation. Sin is two-fold; an act, and a principle. They differ as a courthouse differs from a hospital. At the courthouse the question of law is settled, and at the hospital the sick are cared for.

We are not saved by a system of doctrine but by a person, that person is the Christ. Yes, the Christ of the Ages. The tender, loving, compassionate Christ remains the same. The passing of the ages does not change His teaching. The human race has the same needs, has sins to be forgiven, pollution to be cleansed, and God's way remains the same. Christ meets us on the same conditions and in the same old way. He is unchangeable toward sinners. As long as the Day of Salvation lasts and people remain savable, Christ is willing and able to save them, seeing He continueth ever and has an unchanging priesthood. "He is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him." With respect to His followers His attitude remains the same as He is our All and in All.

Jesus Christ is the greatest character in history. The enemies of our Saviour admitted that He was a good man. The centurion said, "Certainly this was a righteous man." The thief on the cross said, "This man has done nothing amiss." Pilate said, "I find no fault in Him." Mrs. Pilate said, "Jesus was a just man." Then comes Judas, after denying His Lord, said, "I have betrayed innocent blood."

Jesus was born in an obscure village, and worked as a carpenter until He was thirty, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never did wonderful things from a worldly point of view. In a crucial hour His friends left Him, and His enemies took charge. Nearly two millenniums have come and gone, yet today He is the center of all real peace, and leads on in the progress of civilization. I am within the bounds of truth and reason when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the kings that ever reigned together have never influenced a life upon earth as has the Galilean.

He will save everybody He can.

From all the sin He can.

Sin is in no way, shape or form, style or fashion necessary to human happiness.

He bought no sin. He caught no sin.

He wrought no sin. He taught no sin.

He thought no sin. He sought no sin.

He fought all sin.

He did not come to start a new religion. Christianity was already here -- more than a religion -- salvation. He was interested in new creatures, new birth; and a new life. He came not to condemn, as people were already condemned. He came to change man's center of gravity from self to others. You do not sin because you have to, but because you want to.

1. To sin you hurt yourself.
2. To sin you hurt your brethren.
3. To sin you cast a reflection on your Church.
4. To sin you hurt the great heart of God.

The natural man is radically, constitutionally, and fundamentally wrong. The purpose of His coming was not to establish a reverential attitude towards a supernatural being, but make us over again and to settle the sin question forever.

Philosophy says think again.

Education says learn again.

Sociology says work again.

Ritualism says be baptized again.

Sectarianism says join again.

But Jesus says, "Ye must be born again."

The hammer of higher criticism in the hands of the modernist was never known to smash one doctrine that Jesus came to establish. Jesus settled forever the question of sin and cleansing.

#### WHAT JESUS TAUGHT CONCERNING SIN

1. That all sin is slavery.
2. That the greatest sin is unbelief.
3. That all sin is essentially wrong.
4. That He can forgive actual sins and cleanse from inbred sin.

"Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost." Heb. 7:25.

#### WHY JESUS SUFFERED ON THE CROSS

1. He suffered that we might not suffer.
2. He suffered because we transgressed.
3. He suffered for our peace.
4. He suffered for our healing.
5. He suffered for our sakes, as our substitute.
6. He suffered to atone for our sins.
7. He suffered that He might become our intercessor.

Sin is both a transgression and a state; or in other words sin is two-fold, an act and a principle, therefore a double cure is needed. Both kinds of sin must be gotten rid of when responsibility begins. Jesus, the Great Physician can cure inbred Sin.



He understands the disease.

He understands the patient.

He understands the cause of the disease.

He understands the importance of a cure.

He understands the difficulties in the way.

He needs no consulting physician.

He makes no mistakes.

He understands the true method of cure.

He never neglects a patient.

His prescriptions are infallible.

When He cures the patient knows it.

He never sends a bill.

He makes no charges.

He is to be commended for His skill and generosity.

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." He is the way into the Kingdom. He is the source and center of all truth. He recreates, gives spiritual life, and promises us a glorious eternity. Christ is the Way, walk in Him; the Truth, learn of Him; the Life, live in Him. All truth is of God whether Biblical, theological, philosophical, scientific, or historical. But all truth is not saving truth. In the Old Testament He was the One to come; in the New Testament He is here, the wonderful Babe of Bethlehem. When a youth He was unique, as a man He was a tireless worker. He was a man among men, our Redeemer and Risen Lord. He is Wonderful, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. If you take Jesus Christ out of the Bible, all you have left will be a meaningless book. We, a fallen people, must get back to God, and can only get back through Jesus Christ. There are many paths leading to God, Providence leads to God; the Bible points to God. Yet, take Christ out of Nature, Providence, and the Bible, and what will we have left? Just a wheel without a hub, a solar system without a sun, a river without a source. If Christ be taken from us we have no atonement. We have no atonement without the shedding of blood. There is no more substitution for the Christ than there is for the sun.

THE WORLD IS DESPERATELY WICKED

The daily press proves it.

a. Men hate God, His law, His Word, and His service.

b. Men hate each other -- many times worse than animals. Such sinners need an omnipotent Saviour, One who can save completely with every need of the soul fully satisfied. It is almost blasphemy to believe that the devil can get us in so deep that the Lord cannot get us out.

c. He can save infidels until they become rare trophies of divine grace.

d. He can save the drunkard -- "The Lion of the tribe of Judah can break every chain."

e. He can save the cigarette fiend.

f. He can save the harlots if they but take the Bible route.

g. He can save the murderers and the prize fighters.

h. He can save the moral sinner though he may be college bred, proud, and worldly -- many times harder to reach than the roughs and toughs, downs and outs.

i. He can save the most hopeless case.

j. He can save from any kind and from all sin.

k. He can save continually -- Sunday religion won't do -- revival and Camp Meeting religion won't do, for we need an experience of saving grace all the time.

l. He does not pick out easy cases upon which to exhibit His power to save. He takes them as they come -- high, low, rich, poor, educated, ignorant, moral, vicious, thugs, drunkards, murderers and harlots.

m. He can transform the most unpromising and performs a miracle if they but give Him a chance.

To you who have heard so much destructive criticism, I recommend Jesus Christ for He is very constructive. He is the One and the only One Who can help you solve your problems aright and unravel your mysteries. For He is a supreme reality and we need no question mark after His name. His victory holds, His glory rolls, His mercy charms, His love wins, His grace captures, His arm reaches, His humility satisfies, His power transforms, His blood atones, His divinity sanctifies, His faithfulness abides, His holiness is unchangeable. The fact is, He will take away your sins, and will turn your sobs, sighs, sorrows, and blue Mondays into rainbows and songs of the night.

In Jesus Christ we have neither class nor race distinction. In Jesus Christ we have neither east, west, north or south. But with Him in the heart, we are on the same level. I am as good as you

are, and you are as good as I am. Then big I's and little you's will cease. He hath made of one blood all nations, and put no difference between us and them. His blood applied to the heart will make us His witnesses and our daily life will prove the same.

## THE FIRST ADVENT OF JESUS

Seven things cluster around the first advent of Jesus, the immaculate Son and adorable Redeemer.

1. Prophecy. His coming was the fulfillment of prophecy. Isaiah prophesied 700 years before the first Christmas.

2. Angels announced it. Angels came from the battlements of the skies and told Mary she should be the mother of the world's Redeemer. "Fear not, Mary, for thou art highly favored of the Lord."

3. Miracles. The miraculous was connected with the birth of Jesus into the world. The long looked for Messiah has come. Our lives should convince the modernist that miracles have a place in Redemption. His birth was above the ordinary, it was in the realms of the supernatural and extraordinary; beyond the natural; beyond all science. It could only be classified as the supernatural event of the world's history.

4. The star of the east. The star led wise men to the manger. This was a mystery beyond nature. The star stamped the approval of the supernatural upon the event.

5. Providence was active. He turned the wheel of providence. The Escape into Egypt was planned by Providence.

6. Songs were heard. Air full of praise of the new born King while white-robed angels from the galleries of the skies sang the first Christmas carol, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth good will to men."

7. Gifts presented. Wise men guided by the star came and brought gifts; gold, frankincense and myrrh. Every gift given should be a reminder of the greatest of all gifts, "The only Begotten Son."

More than nineteen hundred years ago a man was born into the world. He lived in poverty and was reared in obscurity. He did not travel extensively; only once did He cross the border of the country where He lived, and that was during His childhood. His life's work was confined to a place not as large as one ordinary state. He possessed neither wealth nor influence. His relatives were uninfluential and had neither training nor education.

In infancy He startled a king.

In childhood He puzzled the doctors.

In manhood He walked on the billows of the sea, and hushed the raging storm.

He healed the multitude without medicine and made no charges for His service.

He never founded a college, neither was lie president of an institution of learning, yet He had more students than all the colleges. He never practiced medicine, yet He healed more broken hearts than all the doctors. He never marshaled an army, drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun, yet He had more volunteers than any statesman. His soldiers could conquer the enemy without firing a gun. He understood astronomy, geology, zoology, theology, and hymnology and heard every prayer offered in His name. Every seven days the wheels of commerce ceased turning and the best people worshipped Him. Names of great statesmen, scientists, philosophers, and theologians come and go, yet He ever lives. Centuries have passed since He was crucified, yet people talk of Him as though it happened yesterday.

Herod could not kill Him.

Satan could not seduce Him.

Death could not destroy Him.

The grave could not hold Him.

He stands upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory.

Proclaimed by God. Acknowledged by angels.

Adored by saints. And feared by devils.

1. Behold Him in Creation.

2. Behold Him as a Man.

3. Behold Him as a Saviour.

4. Behold Him as a Sanctifier.

5. Behold Him as a Healer.

6. Behold Him as a Judge.

Those in the Old Testament time looked forward to Calvary; in this dispensation we look backward to Calvary. Mount Calvary is a sacred spot in our memory, for on it the Lamb of God poured out His soul unto death and provided redemption for the human race.

We see Him in the wilderness fighting the battle for us alone. We see Him in the Garden of Gethsemane "going a little farther" where even the inner apostolic circle failed to accompany Him.

He moved in a sphere at times in which none could follow Him. It was here He trod the winepress alone, as there was none to go with Him. He knew the world's redemption was at stake, and much depended on Himself in carrying redemption's load.

His life was a life of achievement and glory, indeed a short life, but glorious in accomplishment, nevertheless. He did more in the brief period of His Ministry to soften, sweeten, and bless humanity than all the exhortations and writings of all the moralists and philosophers of all the past.

He was cradled in Bethlehem, sheltered in Egypt, and brought up in Nazareth. We know but little about the first thirty years of His life. After His baptism and temptation He pressed forward into the work for which He came into the world. Most of His public ministry centered around Galilee; for rest and recuperation He sought the privacy of Bethany; Jerusalem was honored by having His Last Supper, but condemned and disgraced with the darkest tragedy of all ages. At Calvary Jesus Christ won the victory for on coming generations.

Matthew gives Christ's genealogy.

Mark gives His Majesty.

Luke gives His humanity.

John gives His Divinity.

Matthew appealed to the religious circles.

Mark appealed to the business circles.

Luke appealed to the educated circles.

John appealed to the Christian circles.

In the conclusion of the Gospels:

Matthew gives Christ's Resurrection.

Mark gives His Ascension.

Luke gives His Benediction.

John gives the assurance of His Coming Again.

## I. BEHOLD HIS CONDESCENSION!

From a throne to a manger.

From glory to the valley of humiliation.

From riches to poverty.

From a son to a servant.

He put on humility that we might put on divinity. He became the Son-of-Man that we the sons of men might become the sons of God. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." I John 3:2. He did not own the boat in which He crossed the lake, nor the beast He rode, nor the cradle in which he slept, nor the grave in which He was buried. "Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head." To pay His taxes He performed a miracle to get the money. When He died, few people mourned, but it seemed as if a black crepe was hung over the sun. After He was gone, an inventory of His stock was taken and all He possessed were His clothes He wore by day and slept in at night. "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." Jno. 1:11-12. Behold Him the first night out of Heaven lying on a bed of straw.

## II. BEHOLD HIS PURPOSE!

He had a purpose, and it was a stupendous one. Before the mud-sills of the earth were laid; before He stretched out the heavens like a scroll; before He scooped out the valleys; before He piled up the mountains, or before He carpeted the earth in green, the great mind of God had a purpose, and it was carried out in detail in the life and sacrificial death of His son. He did not have a printing press to create public sentiment in His favor. He did not create a new political party to vote for Him. He did not rely on outside forces as did Napoleon, Caesar, Cromwell, and Alexander. He did not rely on organization; civilization, cultivation, education, or reformation. He had but one purpose in coming, that was to save from sin, "And thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." Matt. i:21. He came to deal with that which blights the home, breaks the heart, and digs the grave. He deals with that which insults God, killed the prophets, robbed heaven and populates hell.

## III. BEHOLD HIS DEATH AND SUFFERING!

It was an early death, a willing death, a voluntary death, and a victorious death. He suffered for your sins and mine.

## IV. BEHOLD HIS RESURRECTION!

It was well that He had a borrowed tomb, as He did not need it very long. Hell had a jubilee saying, "We have conquered at last." The third day an angel rolled the stone away. The world is cursed with dead religions. Their author is dead. But we have a living religion because we have a living Christ.

## V. BEHOLD HIS ASCENSION!

"Why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Act. 1:11.

## VI. BEHOLD, HE IS COMING AGAIN!

As surely as He was here and went away, He will come again It will be a grand open-air meeting. Old Testament saints as well as New Testament saints will be there. Yes, He will bring with Him the saints of all ages.

## JESUS WAS BOTH MAN AND GOD

The Virgin Birth is confirmed by an abundance of historical evidences, is accepted by ancient manuscripts and versions, mentioned in early creeds, and recorded by the early Church. Dr. W. B. Pope, the great theological Divine says, "Christ is truly God, perfect man, manifested to us in two natures, yet one person." Hence, He became the Mediator between God and man, making possible the forgiveness of sins, reconciliation to the Father, and complete cleansing through His shed blood. The necessity of the Virgin Birth is fundamentally essential to establish the doctrines of Christianity. It is the basis upon which our religious system rests. Upon this all-comprehensive miracle we stand, believing in the entire series of the miracles of the Gospels. The coming of Christ in human form marked the first great triumph in Christianity, making possible other great victories. This, Satan tried to prevent and today is still working from the same battlefield demonstrating his power in the denial of the Virgin Birth through the instruments of formalism, modernism, and destructive criticism.

He is the child of redemption.

He is the child of history.

He is the child of destiny.

He became poor that we might become rich.

He came down that we might go up.

He walked the dusty streets of Jerusalem that we might walk the golden streets of Heaven. He bore the cross that we might wear the crown. He drank the cup of death that we might drink the wine of the Kingdom. He came by way of the manger and the cross bridging the way to the throne. And immediately upon our arrival at Calvary He directs us on to Pentecost. He leads the way to the cross, amazing the company in that He was eager to die in order to redeem us and set mankind free from sin and its bondage. He had a great conception of His mission and knew the purpose for which He came into the world. Jesus Christ was truly the child of redemption. His birthplace became a great center of interest, the Wise Men represented the educational realm, the Shepherds represented the common people, Herod represented royalty, the Star which led the way represented the heavens above, the Heavenly hosts were present with songs of praise and thanksgiving, even the lowest Creation of God was represented by the cattle. The place of His

birth represents poverty and deprivation. Bethlehem is still the center of attraction. Interest in this great event has increased across the centuries, for He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

As a man He got tired; as God he said, "Come and I will give you rest."

As a man He was hungered, as God He fed the multitude.

As a man He thirsted, as God He gave living water.

As a man He prayed, as God He confessed no sin. [For He had no sin to confess -- DVM]

As a man He was tempted, as God He was without sin.

As a man He slept, as God He stilled the raging sea.

As a man He was sorrowful, as God He promised the Comforter.

As a man He rode in a ship, as God He walked on the water.

As a man He went to a wedding, as God He turned water into wine.

As a man He was despised, as God angels worshipped Him.

As a man He was alone, as God He said, "The Father and I are one."

As a man He longed for companionship, as God He trod the wine press alone.

As a man He wept at the grave of Lazarus, as God He raised him from the dead.

As a man He grew in wisdom and in stature, as God He upheld all things by His power.

As a man He carried the cross, as God the cross carried Him.

Wonderful in His Conception.

Wonderful in His Birth.

Wonderful in His Life.

Wonderful in His Death.

Wonderful in His Resurrection.

Wonderful in His Ascension.

Wonderful as a present Intercessor.



Wonderful in His coming again.

Wonderful world in which we live.

Wonderful Age in which we live.

Best of all a Wonderful Christ.

Wonderful eyes to see us.

Wonderful ears to hear us.

Wonderful heart to love us.

Wonderful hands to hold us.

Wonderful words to cheer us.

Wonderful Spirit to guide us.

Wonderful home to take us to.

The Christianity of Christ rests upon three miracles:

The Cradle of Christ, The Cross of Christ, The Coronation of Christ.

At the Cradle of Christ we behold a supernatural birth.

At the Cross of Christ we find a supernatural redemption.

At the tomb of Christ we discover a supernatural resurrection. An empty tomb a vacant death chamber, the living and undying redeemer lives. They made a mistake in seeking the living among the dead. They entered the place of death, but their Lord had gone out in the walks of life. Misguided, they sought Him where they could not find Him. Mystified, they found Him where they sought Him not. The empty grave taught the fullness of faith. Their first crushing blow as a loss turned out to be an everlasting gain. His body was not stolen away as fiction would have it, but "He is risen."

ILLUSTRATION: A Mohammedan said, "We have a proof of our religion. We can take you to Arabia to the tomb of the prophet: You have no burial place and no tomb of your Saviour." The Christian replied, "We have no tomb in our religion as we have a living Christ."

The Christ of history has become the Christ of experience as He crossed over the bridge of His resurrection to the glory of His Ascension.

Henry Drummond said, "A religion without mystery is an absurdity."

G. Campbell Morgan said, "If you can solve the mysteries of Christianity to me, I shall cease to be a Christian."

Should doubt come to the mind concerning the future life, remember the words of Jesus, "I was dead. Behold I am alive forevermore and have the keys of death and hell." Ask Jesus for the keys when you want any problem solved touching the future life. Jesus has lighted up the glories of the grave, and made its gate to turn on golden hinges. He made the cross His pillow that we might pillow our head on the precious truth of immortality.

Christ came not to bring a beautiful philosophy, but to put in reach of men and women the way of life, and to enable them to meet the obligations and difficulties of life, its tragic sufferings and endless complexities. If we but realized that following Him would bring us through misunderstandings into inward peace and joy unspeakable, how changed our lives would become! How many of our troubles would disappear. To follow Christ is more than to visit the land of dreams. It is the undeniable testimony of thousands who have trod the way before us. To know Christ is to know truth, and the truth makes us free. This is the only worthwhile and safe way. It leads to life eternal. An automobile does not make the road smooth, but the springs will enable us to go smoothly over the rough places, and to us riding is comfortable even over the extremely rough places. Christ in our lives does not clear the highway of life of all stones, grades, hills, and tunnels, but He does enable us to travel over the rough roads of life with a deep settled peace within and joy and a blessed assurance.

"His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isa. 9:6.

I. He is Wonderful. This word far surpasses all mental conception, it leaves us in amazement and wonderment. About all we can say is that it is just wonderful. Lexicographers are at sea trying to give us a legitimate meaning. Jesus Christ is the most wonderful Person who ever walked the hills of Galilee. To know Him is to admire and love Him. Indeed He is to us a wonderful Christ, bringing to us a wonderful salvation.

II. A Wonderful Counselor. There are times when we have problems and difficulties we do not understand and cannot solve, and when all earthly help fails, we can go to the great Counselor into His secret chamber and spread all of our troubles out before Him. He will give us the desired help and never send us away empty-handed. We find Jesus the One who can give counsel, help, and advice in the time of need.

1. HE IS WONDERFUL IN SIMPLICITY. When one aspired to leadership and prominence, Jesus took a little child to teach him an object lesson.

2. HE IS WONDERFUL IN EVENNESS AND SWEETNESS.

He is not one sided.

He promises strength and character.

He is master of the situation.

He spake as never man spake.

He always made a point.

He is always the same.

### 3. HE WAS WONDERFUL IN GREATNESS.

He was great, not because of the way He did big things, but because of the way He did little things. His greatness is seen in that the supernatural with Him is natural.

I KNOW--

I know he was kingly because they sought to make Him King.

I know he was eloquent because He spake as never man spake.

I know He was tender because He wept.

I know He was magnetic because multitudes followed Him.

I know He was fascinating because the outcast said, "Is not this the Christ?"

I know He was intelligent because, "Thou art a teacher come from God."

I know He was observing because He noticed the blind man.

I know He was popular because multitudes followed Him.

### 4. WONDERFUL IN TEMPTATION

He said "Get thee behind me Satan."

### 5. WONDERFUL AMONG THE GREAT.

If we had a roll of great men, His name would be first.

He is as the Sun among the stars. He could meet all emergencies and problems and solve them correctly.

He touched poverty with a heavy touch.

He is greater than the greatest.

He is more than a religious naturalist.

He is more than a religious genius.

He is all greatness because He is the Christ.

#### 6. WONDERFUL AS THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

At His birth Angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth and good will to men."

- a. Peace of mind.
- b. Peace of conscience.
- c. Peace with God.
- d. Peace with our fellowmen.

#### 7. WONDERFUL IN LIFE.

His life was like Himself, unique.

Only Christ could live as He lived, speak as He spoke, and do the works that He did.

- a. He composed all the qualities to make a heavenly and divine character.
- b. His was a short life.
- c. A life lived among common people.
- d. It was a despised life.
- e. It was a busy life.
- f. It was a life of prayer.
- g. It was a heart life.
- h. It was a vicarious life -- for others.
- i. His was an exemplary life -- one of prayer.

- j. It was a life for our sake.
- k. It was a poured out life.
- l. It was a successful life.
- m. It was a finished life.
- n. It was an influential life.

"WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?"

1. What think ye of Christ as a leader?
2. What think ye of Christ as an example?
3. What think ye of Christ as to influence?
4. What think ye of Christ as a sympathizer?
5. What think ye of Christ as a healer of body and soul?
6. What think ye of Christ as a personal Saviour?
7. What think ye of Christ as a world wide Redeemer?
8. What think ye of Christ in the time of sorrow?
9. What think ye of Christ in the hour of danger?
10. What think ye of Christ in the hour of death?

Most people are free and frank to express themselves about political affairs, but very slow to commit themselves about the important, the vital, and the essential. In spite of what others have thought and do say, this is a personal matter and each one must settle it for himself.

THE PEERLESS CHRIST -- ONE WITHOUT AN EQUAL

1. He was the Christ of humility.
2. He was the Christ of purity.
3. He was the patient Christ.
4. He was the Christ of love.

5. He was the Christ of loyalty.
6. He was the Christ of victory.

#### HE IS A FRIEND THAT STICKETH CLOSER THAN A BROTHER.

1. Are you poor? He was born and buried a pauper.
2. Are you sick? He heals all manner of disease.
3. Are you friendless? He was deserted in the hour of need and cursed by His followers.
4. Are you weak? He has all power.
5. Are you fearful of the future? The future and past the same with Him.
6. Are you misunderstood? He was misunderstood.

ILLUSTRATION -- A Christian lady was very sick. Her son came in and said, "Do you know me?" She said, "No." He then said, "do you know Jesus?" With a smile she said, "Yes, He is my Saviour." Knowledge of knowing Jesus will stay with us until the end, even when other knowledge is gone. Such knowledge will lighten our burdens in life and stand by us in death.

ILLUSTRATION -- Herod was a wicked king and would do almost anything to carry his point. He had ten wives, murdered one wife and three sons, also he murdered one brother-in-law and his wife's grandfather. He lived to be seventy years old and was King 37 years; died an awful death of a cancer. He could get no relief and at the last he had but few friends. When he came to die, he had some of the greatest men killed over which he ruled so there would be mourning at the time of his death.

ILLUSTRATION -- A rough barber told a preacher what he thought of him in particular and all preachers in general. Also he expressed himself as to what he thought of the hypocrites in the church. There was much truth in what he said concerning the inconsistencies of both clergy and laity. Then the minister said, "What do you think of Christ?" The barber said, "Why He is second to none, the greatest man of all history."

According to Old Testament He is "The Lion of the Tribe of Judah."

According to Joshua He is "The Captain of the Lord's host."

According to Job He is "The Living Redeemer."

According to New Testament He is "A Great Saviour." Matt. 1:21.

He saved Peter from drowning.

He saved Thomas from doubting.

He saved the thief on the cross.

For the sick, blind, downtrodden, suffering, demon-possessed, He had a message of hope.

He met a funeral procession, raised the widow's son and sent him home with his mother.

He comforted Mary and Martha, and told them their brother would live again.

He wept and prayed over Jerusalem.

To Matthew Jesus was a great Prophet.

To Mark Jesus was the Way.

To Luke Jesus was the Great Physician.

To John Jesus was Grace and Truth.

To John the Beloved Jesus was the Lamb of God.

To Peter Jesus was the Messiah.

To Thomas Jesus was Lord and God.

To Pilate Jesus was the Faultless One.

To Paul Jesus was God manifested in the flesh.

To the Greeks He was foolishness.

To the Jews He was a stumbling block.

To those that believe -- the wisdom and power of God.

To some, a product of literary imagination. To some, a product of evolutionary process. To us, a personal Saviour, the "Man of Galilee."

He says, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

He says, "I am the Light of the World."

He says "Before Abraham was, I am."

He makes Himself equal and eternal with God.

He had no earthly possessions.

He had no place to lay His head.

He was born among cattle and died among thieves.

He grew up in the village of Nazareth.

He worked in a carpenter's shop.

He preached in a borrowed boat.

He lived in a borrowed house.

He rode on a borrowed beast.

He died on the cross and was buried in a borrowed tomb.

His name stands out above the world's greatest and best.

He is worthy of praise and adoration.

He founded a Kingdom on a few unlearned men.

More has been said about His deeds and achievements than about all other great men put together.

ILLUSTRATION -- In a southern community a large stone was taken from a river and used for a doorstep. Geologists came along and found it to be the biggest lump of gold ever found east of the Rocky Mountains. People saw Jesus, but saw nothing in Him, others saw a man of understanding and a prophet, one speaking with authority.

ILLUSTRATION -- Several hundred men met to discuss Christianity. Twenty-five questions were asked. All objections were to churches, preachers and members. Not one thing said against Jesus Christ.

ILLUSTRATION -- The poor farmer who gave a cool drink to Artaxerxes was rewarded with a golden cup, and he who gives the same to a disciple in Jesus name shall in no wise lose his reward.

ILLUSTRATION -- Mr. Thomas Moore was sent for by the King when he was in prayer. But he replied, "I will serve the King when I have first rendered proper service to the King of Kings."



ILLUSTRATION -- James was instrumental in the conversion of only eight persons when he preached in Spain; our Saviour saw fewer people saved than the disciples did. Now if you are troubled about seeing great numbers when you only see but few, do not forget that Jesus is interested in pure motives and right intentions, and He who watches the falling sparrow, numbers the hairs of our head, and weighs the dust of the earth in balances, knows the purity back of our motives and intentions.

## CALVARY

Calvary is the greatest fact in the life of Christ.

The incarnation was the preparation pointing to Calvary.

The transfiguration foreshadowed Calvary.

Pentecost was the fruit of Calvary.

At Calvary we get new encouragement.

At Calvary earthly glory fades into insignificance.

At Calvary all human sorrow is hid in the wounds of the Crucified Redeemer.

At Calvary Satan's armor was removed.

At Calvary the fires of the law were extinguished.

At Calvary salvation was put in our reach.

At Calvary we see Him who was nailed to the cross for our salvation.

At Calvary we get a glimpse of His hands, His feet, His side, His brow all pierced for you and me.

You are driving the nails deeper as you harden your heart and reject Him.

Calvary, or place of the skull is the name of a little hill just outside the walls of Jerusalem. Name received because it is the shape of one's head, also, because it contains the skulls of many executed criminals. Two condemned robbers were taken forth to die with the Christ, on the shoulders of each a cross was placed. The robbers were brutal looking wretches, seemed to have been guilty of many a crime. See the mournful procession. Look at the soldiers. Behold Jesus! He can hardly move under the heavy load. He staggers as though He will fall. His garments are torn and stained with blood. His feet are bare and leave blood upon the stones. A crown of thorns has been pushed hard down upon His head, making deep wounds as blood trickles down His face and neck. His cheeks are bruised and bleeding. His beard seems to be matted with blood. His face is

pale and sorrowful, but calm and sweet. No sound escapes His lips, either of anguish or complaint.

The soldiers are seen on every side as they endeavor to look or hurl an insult at Jesus. An immense crowd has assembled; multitudes are gathering. Many laugh for joy to see the Christ in the hands of executioners. There are the rich and the poor, servants and camel drivers, market men and beggars, thieves, gamblers, and cut-throats, and every shade of poverty and ignorance, fanaticism, brutality, and vice. The multitudes are yelling, screaming, and hissing, "Away with the King of the Jews. Kill the blasphemer. Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

Jesus suffers alone. Here and there in the outskirts of the throng is a man or woman who feels, but dares not express their sympathy. He who did minister to every degree and form of sorrow has no one now to wipe the sweat from His brow, or whisper a word of pity and consolation. He suffered alone for the sins of the world.

Not even a soldier to carry the heavy cross. Jesus is carrying the load alone. He staggers under the weight. A man named Simon, coming in from the country, a friend of Jesus, was commanded by the soldiers to pick up the cross and bear it after Jesus. Behold Simon bearing the cross on which the World's Redeemer is to die. The on looking multitude considered him disgraced, but it must have been the highest honor ever conferred on mortal man. To bear the cross after Jesus is considered a greater honor than to wear the crown of the world's greatest empire. The top of the hill is reached where preparation has been previously made with the holes dug to receive the bottom of the crosses.

Crucifixion was of Eastern origin, and was the most diabolical invention of a dark and bloody age. Modern methods of execution would be a positive pleasure compared with the ghastly manner of punishment by crucifixion. Death by hanging, beheading, poisoning, roasting at the stake, by electricity, or the gallows would be mild and merciful punishment in comparison with crucifixion. Crucifixion was practiced by other nations centuries before the Christian era. Alexander the Great practiced it upon thousands of his captives. The Roman Emperor Augustus made it a legal mode of execution. It was never a Jewish punishment. The merciful religion of Jesus Christ made such cruelty impossible among civilized nations. The Roman government set it apart for the worst criminals, highway robbers, pirates, rebels, and slaves who had committed shameful crimes.

Christ, the victim of this fiendish torture, was scourged till covered with blood, stripped and nailed to the cross and lifted up between earth and Heaven to die by the inch. Usually death of this type did not come for several days. Criminals have been known to live for a week of unutterable agony on the cross. This manner of death contains everything that is awful and horrifying. Yet to such a shameful and excruciating punishment our precious Saviour submitted Himself, all for your sake and mine.

At this point He utters the first recorded saying on the cross. What did He say? What would you expect Him to say under these conditions? Did He consign Pilate and His enemies to hell? In this dark and lonely hour He lifted His eyes to Heaven and said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." At the instant of His keenest suffering He prayed for the soldiers who

drove the nails; for Pilate who signed the death warrant; who but a God could pray for them as they thirsted for His life's blood? A cup of wine mingled with drugs was put to His lips, but He refused as He wanted nothing to cloud His mental vision. So He is numbered with the transgressors as God had said He would be seven hundred years before. The following title was fixed above the sufferer's head, "This is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

When we are in pain it is a great relief and consolation to have some friend to stand by our side, wipe sweat from our brow, and speak words of sympathy and love. But this was denied the Son of God as He had no human help. All around Him were His enemies; they did what they could to wound His feelings and aggravate His pain. The rulers cried, "He saved others, let Him save Himself if He be the Christ." They shouted, "He saved others Himself He cannot save. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. If thou be the Christ, save thyself and us."

His clothes were not sent to His mother and friends, or even to His disciples, but that bloodthirsty mob sat down under the shadow of the cross and gambled for His clothing. The prophecy was fulfilled, "They parted my clothing among themselves, and upon my vesture did they cast lots." He was nailed to the cross at nine o'clock A. M. and the rays of the hot sun coming down upon the cross, increasing His thirst yet no word of complaint escaped His lips. At noon a supernatural darkness settled down and all nature seemed to have sympathy for Her suffering Lord and Creator, and darkness lasted until three o'clock. As the end drew near, one of the thieves said, "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into thy Kingdom." A short prayer but from the heart. Jesus said, "Verily, I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." Here the first trophy was won by the agonizing Redeemer upon the cross. And He became the first fruit of a mighty harvest. Then Jesus could see the travail of His soul and was satisfied.

Christ's sufferings upon the cross were not merely physical. He did not suffer as an ordinary man, the thieves suffered that way. Jesus suffered for every human being who had ever lived or who ever would live. "The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." He bore the weight and guilt of the entire human race. All the sin and crime, shame and abomination, which the human family had committed since Eve looked at the forbidden fruit, and all which should be committed down to the end of time were heaped together and piled upon Jesus' crushed and bleeding heart. In that mountain-like mass were your sins and mine. Truly He died of a broken heart and finally He said, "It is finished! Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit." His head falls upon His breast and He is dead, the great scheme of redemption fully accomplished; the old dispensation ended, the new dispensation begins; the dividing wall between Jew and Gentile was broken down; the priesthood was abolished henceforth now every member of the human family may come for himself into the immediate presence of God. The veil of the Temple sixty feet high and thirty feet long was split open and now we enter the Holy of the Holiest through faith in the blood of Christ.

According to Roman law the bodies of the crucified were left to rot on the cross, or to be devoured by vultures and crows. That could not be the case with Jesus as He was to make His grave with the rich in death. The Jewish law said that the dead body of the criminal shall not hang over night. The priest forgot prophecy and remembered law. The Jews begged the bodies of these three of Pilate and he ordered the soldiers to do as the Jews desired. When the soldiers came to the bodies of the thieves they were yet alive and with an iron mallet they broke their bones from

which they soon died. They found Jesus already dead and did not break a bone in Him, but one of the soldiers pierced His side from which came water and blood. A man in the prime of life and in perfect health died in six hours when often they hung on the cross six days before dying. The opinion is of many eminent scientists that Jesus literally died of a broken heart.

Jesus was taken down from the cross, prepared for burial, and buried in Joseph's new tomb. The tomb was sealed with a huge stone rolled against the door, and sixteen soldiers were set as guard, lest they might have a counterfeit resurrection and all this trouble to go over again. On Sunday morning two angels came from Heaven and rolled the stone away, and an earthquake shook the place, opening the tomb, and Jesus came forth alive. He showed Himself ten times in forty days and then went to Heaven in a cloud. See Him as He stands before the Father's throne, see His side, His hands, and His feet. It is there He intercedes for you and me.

### LIFE'S GREATEST QUESTION

"What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?"

Life is filled with questions from the cradle to the grave, both simple and complex.

- I. Great because asked by a governor.
- II. Great because it is two thousand years old.
- III. Great because He is asking it to each of us.
- IV. Great because each one must answer.

Some follow afar off.

1. In repentance.
  2. In holiness.
  3. In prayer life.
  4. In Christian service.
- (a) Will you be like one who sold Him for thirty pieces of silver?
  - (b) Will you be like one who sold Him for a mess of pottage?
  - (c) Will you be like the Gadarenes who besought Him to depart from their coast?
  - (d) Will you be like the one who waited for a more convenient season?
1. You may give Him second place in your heart.

2. You may reject Him.
3. You may accept Him.
4. You may confess Him.
5. You may serve Him.

## DESPISED AND TEMPTED

He was despised by the multitudes, the center of contention coming from the high church officials. His advent was in a despised town Bethlehem, in a despised province Galilee. He preached a despised doctrine, that which was foolishness to the Greeks and a stumbling block to the Jews. Even though "He was despised and rejected of men" His life's ministry was one of immortal influence in that He has regenerating power to redeem the race. Napoleon while in exile said, "My life once shone with the brilliance of a diadem, but now who cares for me? Other great conquerors and Empire Builders, where are they now? And I shall soon be forgotten. But Jesus stretches a dead hand [Nay! a Living Hand! -- only a Hand that WAS dead. -- DVM] across the centuries and rules the world. He was crucified eighteen hundred years ago after founding an Empire upon love. And at this moment millions would die for Him."

Christ was tempted but not overcome; crucified but not conquered; buried but did not remain in the grave. He arose, He lives, the Mighty to save from the guilt of sin, from the pollution of sin, and from the dominion of sin. He saves the unregenerate from actual sins, and the regenerated from the body of sin. He desires to be our Saviour, and Sanctifier, and our Keeper throughout all time and throughout all eternity.

It has only been within the last fifty years that people in numbers have had the audacity to substitute ordinary hypothesis for a vital and dynamic faith. When we make a substitute for the miraculous and supernatural for that which is only a humbug, then Christianity will become discarded in its faith and practice and will be only fit for the scrap heap pile of the Universe.

But let us go without delay with the Shepherds and find the Babe of Bethlehem and present to Him our best. For He was miraculously born, miraculously preserved, miraculously resurrected, and miraculously ascended into Glory, where He lives and intercedes for you and me. And when we allow the miraculous to be taken out His birthday will mean no more to the world than my own birthday.

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan said, "If Christ is only man, then I am an idolator. If He is very God, then the man who denies it is a blasphemmer."

## THE MAN OF GALILEE

The world is sick -- The Great Physician now is here.

The world is lost -- The matchless Christ has come.

The world is in prison -- Christ is our Liberator. The world is in slavery -- Christ is our Emancipator.

The world is in darkness -- Christ is the "Light of the World."

Christ brings us an uttermost redemption through the cross.

The Cross -- sinner's only hope.

On earth the sinner has opportunity and no concern.

In hell they will have concern but no opportunity.

Our guilt points to the cross.

Divine love points to the cross.

Every ray of hope points to the cross.

Finger of prophecy points to the cross.

Mysteries of the gospel point to the cross.

Our Redemption points to the cross.

Serpent's head was bruised at the cross.

Door of hope opened at the cross.

Civilization begins at the cross.

Salvation begins at the cross.

All spiritual life begins at the cross.

The World loses its charm at the cross.

Our condemnation lifted at the cross.

Our damnation lifted at the cross.

Our ruin removed at the cross.

The chains are broken at the cross.

Bitter life sweetened at the cross.

Darkness dispelled at the cross.

Heaven regained at the cross.

The cross is sufficient.

## CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED

In this age of scientific inventions and modern discoveries when the modern preacher is preaching merely ethics and moral philosophy, it behooves us to remain faithful to the task of preaching Christ and Him crucified.

We should preach Christ for the one specific purpose of leading men and women to a definite experience of saving grace and creating in them a hunger to be filled with all the fullness of God.

The need is Christ rather than becoming dogmatic concerning your homespun ideas and preconceived notions.

Preach Christ with a zeal and with a passion that others may hear and heed the call and strengthen the ministerial forces both in the home and foreign lands.

To preach Christ, we must have a personal knowledge of His saving power and use all our God-given ability in pointing others to "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

Preach Christ without fear and with earnestness, and with a background of living faith and a personal experience.

Preach Christ with a conviction that men are lost and will be eternally lost if not saved, here and now.

Preach Christ as the atoning Saviour without the surrender of a single conviction.

Preach Christ with sympathy and patience to those who differ from you, and not stumble over what you may call their mistakes.

Preach Christ without being hindered by the criticism, opposition, and difficulties of others.

Preach Christ with determination, devotion, and perseverance as it will require all the intelligence we have and every faculty we possess, and all the knowledge we may be able to acquire.

Preach Christ and His matchless salvation, exalt His name, honor His presence until the whole nation is aflame with a consciousness of their need of mercy until they have dug deep, prayed through, confessed out, and are numbered with the blood bought and redeemed.

Preach Christ until God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost are satisfied with what you have done and the way you have done it.

Preach Christ with a singleness of purpose that submerges every other interest to the one supreme end which is the evangelization of a lost world.

We may not know much about astronomy, but we have found the "Bright and Morning Star." We may not know much about Geology and the age of the rock, but we have found the "Rock of Ages." We may not know much about Botany, but we have found the "Lily of the Valley and the Rose of Sharon."

The crucifixion of our Lord without the gates of Jerusalem, between two thieves, was an ignominious and excruciating death. It was all for a specific purpose. It was here the Lord purchased the privilege of sanctifying the people. This great work in which He invested His life's blood was a success. Surely the experience for which He gave His life's blood you may obtain here and now by the baptism of the Holy Spirit cleansing your heart from all sin. By His death He purchased the privilege of sanctifying the people with His own blood. The work is His, the benefits ours. This Divine work inwardly wrought is knowable, enjoyable, feelable, and livable, but not explainable. These witnesses are not confined to fanatics, ignoramuses, and unworthy characters, but in their ranks you will find multiplied thousands of all ages) and from all walks of life, from the bright lad of ten summers to the tottering nonagenarian, and those of such character and intelligence whose testimony will be invaluable. Among them you may find the lawyer who has influence at the bar; physicians who are in demand for their skill; preachers competent to fill any pulpit; teachers at the head of noble institutions of learning; sages, philosophers, and scientists may be found among them. Their testimony would be taken in any court of justice. They have intelligence enough to weigh the question in all its bearings; honesty enough to recognize any fraud; truthfulness enough to die for their testimony; and among these you would find those who would seal their testimony with their blood; and others among them who would go to the martyr's stake rather than compromise, or deny the fact that there is saving and sanctifying power in the Blood of the Lamb. The crucifixion was not an accident, but it was in the plan and fore-knowledge of God.

"The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. For this cause I came into the world. To this end was I born." This is pure substitutionalism. He came to earth from Heaven that we might go from earth to Heaven. He took our place in death that we might take His place in life. He suffered that we might rejoice; He was crushed that we might be crowned. He bore our sins on the tree that we might take His Name and Authority and Power in life. He did not deserve death, therefore His death was vicarious, propitiatory, and substitutional. Christ also suffered for our sins once, "the Just for the unjust," that He might bring us to God.

HUMAN IDEA OF CROSS BEARING



The commonly accepted idea of cross bearing is far from what Christ had in mind when He uttered the words, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me." Mark 8:34. The common idea is that of performing some distasteful duty, or undergoing some experience we do not like; with a sigh we commit ourselves to the idea that possibly it may be well pleasing to Almighty God so we will take up our cross and follow Him.

"HE WAS RICH YET HE BECAME POOR."

1. The Son of God became the Son of Man.
2. The Creator of the world became the helpless Babe of Bethlehem.
3. The Christ of Glory became a man of no reputation.
4. He left a mansion for the manger.
5. He left the Holy City for a world lost in Si".
6. He sacrificed Heaven to help sinful men.
7. The sinless One became an offering for sin.
8. He was born of human nature that we might be born of Divine Nature.
9. He became the Son of Man that we might become the Sons of God.
10. He became the Stranger of Galilee that we might be citizens with the Saints.
11. He was numbered with the transgressors for our salvation.
12. He died in a sinful world that we might live in the Glory World.
13. He received a crown of thorns that we might have the Crown of Life.
14. He ate His Last Supper with a betrayer that we might eat at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.
15. He became the poorest of the poor that we might be millionaires of Grace and Glory.

The Cross stands for the philosophy of a great Man.

The Apostles found glory in the Cross.

## I. THE CROSS STANDS FOR DIVINE REVELATION.

1. God's love for the sinner.

2. God's hatred for sin.
3. Four dimensions of love, -- Breadth, depth, length, and height.

## II. THE CROSS STANDS FOR THE SOUL'S VALUE.

1. Rule by which to value man.
2. Science and philosophy have their place, but do not substitute for the Cross.
3. The Cross on which the Saviour died is the Climax.

## III. THE CROSS POINTS OUT A WAY OF DELIVERANCE.

1. Whom He makes free is free indeed.
2. It is freedom from sin.
3. It stands for Holy Ghost liberty.

## IV. THE CROSS STANDS FOR LIFE.

1. He came to bring life.
2. He gives life through His Son.
3. He gives life abundant.

## THE CROSS

The grade to the cross may be steep but all who would go to heaven must climb it sooner or later.

If you ever expect to get inside of the pearly gates, you must climb the hill to Calvary and go by the way of Pentecost.

The best way to the cross is to be humble enough to live in the valley of humility.

The light of the gospel points to the cross.

The cross means we are sanctified by the blood.

A person who lives at the foot of the cross will never toot his horn while passing others on the highway of holiness.

People are constantly asking God for favors which would be granted them if they would move down near the foot of the cross.

The dynamic Christian lives at the foot of the cross.

No one can live at the foot of the cross as long as he is in the destructive business of stabbing his neighbor in the back.

If you are contemplating a trip on the old ship of Zion, to the Union Depot of the skies, you must get your passport at the cross.

There are many ways of reaching Washington, our National Capital, but heaven can only be reached by "Way of the Cross."

The way up is the way down and the highest Christian attitude is only reached when we are down at the foot of the cross.

He carried the cross and then the cross carried Him, and anyone who makes it through to heaven must carry the cross.

Eternal Life is reached by way of the cross.

When it comes to the cross, no substitution can be made.

The story of the cross can only be told by those who know it experimentally.

The cross bearer is the only one who can reach the Christian goal, for to reach it we must live at the foot of the cross and die in the triumphs of the faith.

To be preserved from the storm of life and secure in the hour of temptation, we must be kept free from the snares of Satan and live in the shadow of the cross in holy communion with God.

All glory to the adorable Saviour, the blessed Redeemer, the eternal God, the light of the Gentiles, the glory of Israel. He secured for us more than we could wish, more than we could ask for or think of, even all that a lost and perishing world could need. He suffered with thirst and with hunger, with heat and with cold, with labor and with sorrow, with long and hard journeys and restless nights, was crucified for those whom He loved and was ready to die for.

He was contented to be sold for the price of a slave and then washed the feet of that one who took the money. He gave the blessed sacrament to the disciples, though they betrayed and denied Him. And for our sins He was crucified, even those awful sins of which we are afraid to think. But the greatness of our sins magnify the infiniteness of His mercy, Who paid such an enormous price for a world lost in sin.

The man of Galilee went about doing good, working miracles of mercy, healing the sick, comforting the distressed, instructing the ignorant, raising the dead, enlightening the blind,

strengthening the lame, straightening out the crooked, delivering the poor, preaching the gospel, reconciling men and women, and pointing the individual as well as the multitudes to a fountain open for sin and uncleanness.

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power; Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with Him." Acts. 10:38.

At the time of the crucifixion, the three leading languages of the world were Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. They were exerting a great influence upon the world and are still taught in all civilized lands. These different languages unconsciously symbolized that the atonement was not confined to the little Jewish nation alone, but to all nations.

They filled a sponge with vinegar and put it upon hyssop and put it to His mouth. The hyssop was a kind of a tall weed, but with it they could reach His lips. "It is finished." The atonement was complete, 'a complete and perfect salvation had been provided by His death, which occurred immediately upon the utterance of these words. He spake seven times while upon the cross. This was His sixth saying and it is wonderfully significant as we compare it with His first recorded utterance. "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Luke 2:49. He yielded up the ghost -- His Spirit, He now voluntarily submitted to death, as the bowing of the head signified. "He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Phil. 2:8.

#### WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY THE DEATH ON THE CROSS

1. He purchased our salvation. Jno. 3:16.
2. He broke down the middle walls of partition. Rom. 2:13-14.
3. That He might draw all men unto Himself. Jno. 12:32.
4. Death to sin. I Pet. 2:24.
5. Death to the old man. Rom. 6:6.
6. Reconciliation to the Father. Col. 2:19-20,
7. Entrance unto the holiest. Heb. 10:19-20.
8. Provision for the Christ life. Gal. 2:20.
9. Opened the way for the coming of the Comforter. Jno. 16:7.
10. Our sanctification. Heb. 13:12.

#### JESUS CRUCIFIED SIX THINGS

1. Personal comforts.
2. Social enjoyments.
3. Human relationships.
4. Worldly ambitions.
5. Earthly riches.
6. Physical life.

They crucified Him but they did not destroy His ideals. On the Cross Jesus instigated a revolution of love, and not a revolution of hate.

#### I. THE CROSS POINTS TO THE CHRIST.

The secret of all spiritual life is that we abide in Him and He in us. Nothing mechanical about it, but it is a vital relationship. Being in Christ cannot be taken for granted, but it is a consciousness, a realization and a relationship with Christ which is living and vital. There is no danger of being fruitless as long as we draw deeply from divine resources and remain in Christ. To abide in Christ means we are in the safety zone, and, as long as we thus abide, we are safe from the assaults of the evil one. It has been said, "Any break with God takes us away from the protection of His presence and automatically exposes us to whatever condition may surround us."

#### II .THE CROSS POINTS TO A WORLD BLIGHTED AND RUINED BY SIN.

To take up the cross and follow Christ is the most effective way of multiplying the power of the cross and putting life and salvation in reach of the perishing multitudes.

#### III. THE CROSS POINTS TO THE SACRIFICIAL DEATH OF CHRIST.

Death by crucifixion is horrible, carrying with it all that is involved in death by pain, cramp, thirst and strangling. This unnatural position was extremely painful, and the suffering was indescribable until the sufferer finally lost consciousness. Thus our Saviour suffered six long hours upon the cross.

#### IV. THE CROSS POINTS TO PARDON.

No story has ever interested the masses and multitudes of all nations as the simple story of the cross. The "Old Rugged Cross" is the most famous structure ever built by man. If one would be strong in the essentials of Christianity, let him take up his cross and follow Him who wore the seamless garment and trod the winepress alone.

#### V. THE CROSS POINTS TO PURITY.

It is a glorious privilege to be forgiven of our sins, but it is still more glorious to be purified by the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, based on the blood of Jesus Christ. Purification leaves no vacuum but it is an inward filling of the Holy Ghost. We are the temple for the indwelling of the blessed Paraclete as He desires to fill and permeate our entire lives.

## VI. THE CROSS POINTS TO HEAVEN.

There are three steps in salvation: Regeneration, Sanctification, and Glorification. The first two are receivable in this life, but we do not obtain the third until the morning of the resurrection. A full deliverance from the sin-blighted condition will be obtained in the sweet by and by. Thus we may look forward to a full redemption a little later. Eden will be restored. Paradise will be regained, and we will be completely delivered from the infirmities of the body, and we will have a body like His glorious body to be like Christ our glorious pattern.

## THE BLOOD

### I. REDEMPTION THROUGH THE BLOOD.

1. Redemption the central theme of the Bible.
2. Purpose of Redemption. I Cor. 6:19-20.
  - a. It delivers from a state of bondage and slavery.
  - b. We become the property of another.
  - c. It makes us entirely the Lord's.
3. The Cost of Redemption. I Pet. 1:9.
  - a. God gave His Son to redeem.
  - b. Christ gave Himself to become a Redeemer.
4. The extent of the Redemption.
  - a. For every one and for all.
  - b. From the power and pollution of sin.
  - c. Finally will touch all Creation.

### II. PURPOSE OF THE BLOOD.

1. To show His love, His justice, His wrath.

2. It reveals to man His fall, his awful condition, his worth if redeemed.
3. It bridges the gap between God and man.
4. The Blood is the price paid to provide salvation.
5. It is the means whereby God is made accessible to fallen man.
6. It restores man to his normal state in which God intended Him to live.

### III. THE PLACE OF BLOOD SHEDDING -- CALVARY.

1. The Saviour met death with a mixed crowd gazing upon the crucifixion.
2. Where He should have received the highest honor He met death.
3. The three Crosses:

On the right hand a victim dies scoffing; picture of the world that rejects religion through the blood.

On the left hand the thief becoming penitent is pardoned; picture of a believing person.

On the middle cross the Saviour hangs and is innocent, a place of suffering, cross both vicarious and victorious.

### IV. FORGIVENESS THROUGH THE BLOOD.

1. Release from the guilt of sin which oppresses the conscience.
2. Based on God's Word through Jesus Christ.
3. Need of forgiveness and redemption.
  - a. Gone astray from birth.
  - b. Rebellion from childhood.
  - c. Most men live under condemnation.
4. Nature of forgiveness.
  - a. It includes more than pardon.
  - b. Remission of sin with sting taken out.

c. He forgives and treats us as though we had never sinned.

5. How He forgives.

a. Is based on the sacrifice of Christ.

b. He is faithful to forgive.

c. With patience we embrace the promise.

#### V. SANCTIFICATION THROUGH THE BLOOD.

1. He provides complete redemption from sin for all who want it.

2. Jesus said on the cross, "It is finished."

3. Made provision to remove carnality.

4. Deliverance from the body of sin.

5. Each person must apply the remedy.

a. Depends on your consecration.

b. A presentation of all to Him.

c. A going with Christ all the way.

d. A yielding of all to Him.

#### VI. TRIUMPH OF THE BLOOD.

He is now buried; they seem defeated.

Disciples became despondent and said, "He is not here."

Short-sightedness will see defeat in the hour of victory.

He is risen.

World's greatest battle fought.

A living Christ -- a living Christianity.

He arose the first fruits of them that slept.



Because He triumphed all may partake of His blessings.

## VII. ACCESS THROUGH THE BLOOD.

Calvary is the central point to which they looked forward and we backward.

Having Holy boldness we draw near with a good conscience.

## VIII. VICTORY THROUGH THE BLOOD.

1. Sanctification includes death to the self-nature.
2. Holiness is a God-ordained life.
3. Divine love makes provision for you to have victory over self and others.
4. Christ defeated Satan on the cross, hence he is now our defeated foe.

## IMMORTALITY

1. The doctrine of immortality is emphatically a doctrine of divine revelation. It is purely and exclusively a Bible doctrine. The just and the unjust will both be raised. This world is not our abiding place. We must live somewhere. We cannot conceive of drifting here as it were upon the ocean of time, then going out into nothingness. We are born with a higher destiny than that of earth.

2. The best of all ages have been advocates of this doctrine. The innate desire of the soul is to live again. Not a nation or a tribe but what believes in a future life. In the darkest hours of night, all men long for immortality. When sickness comes upon you and death is around you and the grave is before you, then you will believe in immortality. One has unwisely said that immortality was merely speculation and was introduced into the world by legislators to console men under trying circumstances. Yet we insist that it is emphatically a doctrine of divine revelation. No one objects to this doctrine after they have buried a friend or loved one.

3. The pernicious results of rejecting it:

ILLUSTRATION -- A certain heathen, after reading Plato's discourse on immortality, went to the highest cliff and jumped off, that he might immediately enter immortality.

ILLUSTRATION -- A certain man did not believe in immortality, and sold his share in the life to come for a small sum of money.

ILLUSTRATION -- France denounced the truth of God, and said, "death was an eternal sleep, and there was no God but reason;" and blasphemed the Word of God in the streets of Paris. Today, France is a fallen nation.

4. The vast capabilities of the soul proves its immortality. All that is valuable in science, morals, philosophy and theology, depends upon immortality.

If the soul is immortal it surely requires cultivation for this life and the one to come.

5. The strongest argument in favor of the resurrection is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. By His death, He abolished death and brought life and immortality to life through the gospel. The saints of all ages, guided by inspiration, have looked beyond this vale of tears to the unfolding glories of the resurrection morning when mortal will have put on immortality. Thousands of saints have been buried for centuries, but they are still living, and God is still their God.

ILLUSTRATION -- Socrates was unjustly condemned to death. While a crowd of skeptics and philosophers surrounded him, yet he would not deny the immortality of the soul. He was compelled to drink the cup of hemlock from which he died.

Socrates died like a philosopher.

Paul died like a Christian.

Christ died like a God.

"If a man die shall he live again?" Job. 14:14.

The hope of the future life has inspired the sweetest songs, the most famous paintings, and the noblest deeds of mankind. The dying saints of old have had this hope in mind as they walked through the valley of the shadow of death. Unbelief tells us that our hopes concerning the future life is but a dream, if so, let us dream on. Our greatest hope is in the existence of a future life.

Science says, "There may be a future life."

Philosophy says, "There ought to be a future life."

Revelation says, "There is a future life."

1. SCIENCE: Mr. Edison said "he believed in a supreme intelligence and did not deny the possibility of a future life, but was not convinced that there was." He was good authority on electricity, but knew about as much about the future life as I know about electricity. He studied physical science until his spiritual nature was paralyzed. Science does not and never did deny the future life. Sir Isaac Newton started to write a book on infidelity but was converted before he completed the book. A scientist was giving his view about the future life when Newton said, "Stop, you do not know what you are talking about. I like to hear you talk about astronomy, but you know nothing about the future life, so keep quiet." The future life is not any more mysterious than the present life.

2. PHILOSOPHY: Science is demonstrated truth; philosophy is reasoned truth. The world's greatest thinkers have believed in the future life. Socrates, Plato, etc. Bacon said, "Learning leads

to skepticism, but profound philosophy leads to religion. Immortality is the goal in view. The greatest scientists, philosophers, and inventors have believed in the future life. Universal belief in it is a philosophical argument in its favor. It is as natural for us to believe in immortality as it is for the bird to go south, the mole to the ground, or the duck to the pond. All nations through reason and revelation believe in a future life. A skeptic is like the bee that fails to prepare for winter. Mr. Webster said, "his controlling motive was his accountability to God."

3. REVELATION: It takes a musician to appreciate and understand music; the artist to understand art; the scientist to understand science; the philosopher to understand philosophy; and the theologian to understand theology. So the Christian alone can understand the future life. The Bible tells us all that is necessary for us to know about the future. Had it said more about Heaven, we would get homesick to go; or more about hell, we would become insane. Many prophecies uttered hundreds of years before they came to pass have proved the inspiration of the Bible. One hundred and ninety-eight prophecies foretold the birth and resurrection of Christ God is the author of the Bible; all critics combined could not produce a book to hang together as the Bible does.

### RESURRECTION APPEARANCES

The Christ who conquered death, hell, and the grave can give us victory over every foe and difficulty. Hence we have a living Christ -- "Because He lives, we shall live also." While many bow to a dying religion and a dead religion, yet we have a living Christ. "He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." Therefore, we have atonement for sin and cleansing from sin; deliverance from its power and cleansing from its pollution.

The church composed of a handful of poor, ignorant followers founded by the Saviour, is now doomed to despair. The disciples were unknown and unpopular. They did not own even one synagogue, and as a sect they were despised and now their Leader hangs on the cross, and their last ray of light and hope is, "He has promised to rise again." But He arose and returned to the Father until His coming again. His ministry of approximately three years ended. He goes into the heavens leaving us the promise that "He would come again in like manner as He went from us."

Without the resurrection, God's plan of redemption would be incomplete. The crucifixion, the resurrection, and sanctification, are inseparable, and would be impossible for us to divide them into units. It was Jesus who shed His blood for our salvation. He arose from the grave for our justification. He went into the heavens to send us the Comforter, and He is now here.

The apostles laid stress on the resurrection after they had seen Him and talked with Him, they could not keep it as a secret, but gladly proclaimed it everywhere. They were left in no doubt as to His identity. "To whom also He showed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God." Acts i:3.

### AFTER THE RESURRECTION

He is the God-man, the One Whom more people know, love, serve, and worship than any other man who ever appeared in all of human history. I trust many who read these lines have crowned Him Lord of All. He was here, but He is here no longer. The resurrection of Christ from the dead is the fundamental basis of our holy Christianity. This is a rock-ribbed fact that forms the summit and crown of our Christian religion. Give up this fact, and we lose the value of salvation. The open grave is more than figurative, it is factual; God lives, Christ is out of the tomb, and love reigns supremely. While an open grave meets with opposition, yet it is here we meet the Redeemer. even Jesus Christ our risen Lord. We know Him. To know Him is to love Him. Our eyes have been opened and we behold a Living Christ. He is the Living Water. Drink and be satisfied. He is the Living Bread. Eat and be filled. He is the Living Vine, and we are the branches. He is the Living Door Way through which we are to pass to get to the Throne. He is the Living Shepherd who leads us in green pastures, beside the still waters, and in paths of happiness, peace, and satisfaction.

Through His resurrection, it proclaims to all people of all ages that Jesus Christ is mighty to save, as His mission is to "save His people from their sins." His resurrection has so influenced the libraries of this age that any reasonable person who reads will admit the tomb is vacant and He lives for evermore. He, the Lamb, was slain, but lives again. The resurrection throbs with new life and fills the soul with praise and adoration. The resurrection preserves the integrity of the gospel. His salvation and mercy remains boundless. The lost about us call for a campaign in soul winning. We need a separated, a sacrificial, yes, a sanctified people for the task. His resurrection makes sure every promise. Let us draw on the Bank of Heaven. While your town bank may contain frozen deposits, yet the Bank of Heaven is still liquid. He still lives and answers the heart cry of the soul.

The world had the death rattle in its throat when Jesus came, but Christ has brought forgiveness for guilt, and cleansing from pollution, new life and holiness with restored fellowship with the saints, and best of all, fellowship with Jesus Christ, our crucified but risen Saviour. Had Christ not come, there would be nothing to look to but judgment, despair, and eternal doom, but in the fullness of time, He came and shed His blood, and now His blood is either on your heart or on your feet.

Easter is not an argument but an announcement. Easter is not a theory nor a fancy, but a fact. The purpose of God cannot be defeated -- God will triumph. We will never outgrow Easter. It is the main light to light us on to immortality. In spite of skepticism, and agnosticism, His testimony remains true. His horizon had to be expanded. The Gospels were not written to prove the resurrection -- facts stand for themselves. The grave is but the gateway to life, "Because I live, ye shall live also." Jesus did not invent the thought of immortality. Centuries before He came the question was asked, "If a man die shall he live again?" Satan asked, "Is there another life?" To the perplexed sister of Bethany, Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." To the people of Galilee, "I am the bread of life." When people did not know which way to turn, He said, "I am the Light of the World." When Thomas did not know the way, He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." To Philip who wanted to see the Father, He said, "I and My Father are one."

#### PURPOSE OF HIS COMING

1. To make a way of salvation and to restore us to the favor and fellowship with God.

2. To deliver us from sin which will defeat us, and give us perfect cleansing.
3. To strengthen us in the way and keep us ready for the resurrection morning.

Christmas and Easter are closely related.

The Christ of Easter is the very Christ, the promised Messiah.

His birth was miraculous, His death was miraculous.

His life was miraculous, His resurrection was miraculous.

The grave could not hold Him. Because He lives, we shall live also. Multitudes worship Him in this land as well as in other lands. His resurrection is the foundation on which the Church was built. Upon this subject the early Christian based his hope. It is the outstanding event of Bible History. It means much to the Bible Christian. It is the vital doctrine of our holy Christianity. We have resurrection life here and now. His resurrection is a pledge of our resurrection.

1. Our faith is not in a dead Christ.
2. Our faith is not in a dead Jew whose memory we celebrate, but a crucified Saviour and risen Lord.
3. Our faith is not in an empty tomb.
4. Our faith is not in the land of His earthly ministry.
5. Our faith is in Him who sits at the right hand of the Father.
  - a. It was there Stephen saw Him.
  - b. He was no doubt there when light shone around Paul.
  - c. No doubt there when John saw Him on the Isle of Patmos.

After the Resurrection, they greeted one another saying, "The Lord is risen." It settled the greatest question of the ages, "If a man die, shall He live again?" It is settled with all mysteries cleared away. No more doubt when our friends are laid away. The Bible abounds in infallible proofs; real, satisfactory, and scientific. "Many infallible proofs, being seen of them." Over 500 saw Him.

1. The Bible is of divine origin.
2. The proof of His divinity.

3. The truthfulness of Christianity.

#### THE SCRIPTURES

1. Given by revelation.
2. Written by inspiration.
3. Claimed by the Holy Spirit.
4. Confirmed by the Church.
5. Opposed by Satan.
6. Received by the Saints.
7. Rejected by the World.

#### COLLATERAL PROOF -- RUNNING SIDE BY SIDE

1. The changing from Jewish Sabbath to the Christian Sabbath.
2. The annual Easter Celebration.
3. The transforming of the disciples from common men into mighty preachers of righteousness.
4. The existence of the church is proof of Christ's Resurrection.

#### IF THE RESURRECTION IS TRUE

1. An absolute proof of His Deity. He is God, Jehovah, He possesses all attributes and characteristics of God and the God-Head.
2. He made an atonement for the sins of the world.
3. Proclaimed to the universe, "Redemption is complete."
4. His Resurrection is the assurance of our immortality.
  - a. Because He lives, we shall live also.
  - b. Death does not end all.
  - c. Soul does not die with body.

d. It has a higher origin and destiny.

#### IF THE RESURRECTION IS NOT TRUE

1. Christian preaching is vain.
2. Christian faith is vain.
3. We are of all men most miserable.
4. We are false witnesses.
5. We are yet in our sins and there is no forgiveness for us.
6. Christians who die will not be raised.
7. Christians who have died have perished.

The heathen nations rejoice over the fact that there will be a resurrection. Bible sparkles and glows with this glad theme. Prophets of old mounted the heights of inspiration and foretold it. Job in distress and torment said, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." Jesus declared He would live again. Enemies put a stone, sealed the tomb, and set a guard, but the grave could not hold Him. One throb of His pulse was sufficient to roll away the stone, break the seal, and paralyze the guard.

1. His resurrection is a pledge that we can rise from the grave of sin.
2. His resurrection enables saints to shout victory over death.

ILLUSTRATION -- Alfred Cookman said while dying, "I am sweeping through the gates washed in the blood of the Lamb."

3. The thought of the resurrection kindles fire and hope in us. We may be buried in the icy north, sunny south, hills of the east, or plains of the west, but when the first trumpet sounds, we will be found. If living, gravitation will be reversed and we will meet just over the tree tops.

ILLUSTRATION -- Browning said, "Don't think of me as being dead, I will be away, more alive than ever."

ILLUSTRATION -- Moody said, "Some day the paper will say, "'D. L. Moody died last night,' but it will be untrue; I will be more alive than ever."

ILLUSTRATION -- Robert Ingersoll was asked to speak at the funeral of His brother. He said, "Life is like a valley, dark and cold between two eternities. Sometimes I try to look beyond darkness to light, but I find none. I cry for help, but all I hear is the echo of my own voice."

ILLUSTRATION -- Mr. Moody attended the funeral of his brother and was asked to speak. He said, "I thank God for my brother, am glad the Lord allowed me to lead him to Christ. I shall see him again some day." He then looked away out into the eternities and exclaimed, "Oh, death, where is thy sting? Oh, grave where is thy victory?"

Jesus is the only hope of the world's redemption. He who saved yesterday, is walking in our midst today in all of His beauty, glory, and power. His life was not one of ease and comfort from the world's point of view; it was one of suffering, conflict, and battle, but was one of conquest and victory.

Jesus Christ can reach down in your heart and pull carnality out by the roots, shake off the dirt on Adam's grave, and plant a vine there in its stead which will furnish lodging for the mocking birds while they sing to you the song of victory in the darkest hour of the night.

He came not to set up a temporal kingdom, but to break down the middle walls of partition between the Jews and the Gentiles and to set up a spiritual kingdom in the hearts of all who will allow Him to do so. This Kingdom has withstood the onslaughts of men and devils for six thousand years. It has braved the infidelity, modernism of the ages, defeated its foes, triumphed on every battle field, and landed its followers on the shore of triumphant bliss. On the battle fields of life theologians of all ranks have met, crossed swords, and fought great battles, nevertheless the Old Ship of Zion will make the last trip successfully and pass through the Eastern Gates and anchor on the Heavenly portals, and throw her gang plank on the shore of eternal deliverance, and all on board may land safely in the haven of eternal rest.

His almighty power carries with it both victory here and hereafter. It is enough to give us backbone like steel and put martyrs blood in our veins and enable us to lift our heads above the failures of life when we think of His wonderful power. It is He, "Who stretcheth out the heavens like a curtain; who layeth the beams of His chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds His chariot; who walketh upon the wings of the wind." Ps. 104:2-3. He laid the foundation of the deep, and made the firmament above. He carpets the earth in green and laces it with running brooks and rolling streams. He stretched out the heavens above like a curtain and dotted them with dancing stars, and rolls worlds from the tips of His fingers. He holds them in their orbit as they go whirling through space at a rapid velocity with never a collision known or heard of. He measures the water in His hands, weighs the hills in balances and the mountains in scales. He walks on the clouds and the winds and speaks to the raging sea, and best of all, underneath us are His Everlasting arms.

We believe Jesus Christ should be preached from every platform; from behind every pulpit; in every land where humanity is found. I am a firm believer in education, refinement, and culture, and the onward march and progress of our great national civilization. But when it comes to Christianity, I believe with the same certainty in an eternal, knowable, feelable, enjoyable, livable, and shoutable Christianity: Now if you desire calling that fogysm, then let my name at once appear on the list with the fogies, Please.

When Jesus came He was concerned about healing the deaf and even more concerned about healing the deaf soul. "Hearken diligently unto me and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness." Isa. 55:2. Paul said, "Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead,



and Christ shall give thee light." The deaf soul can be made to hear the voice of God. Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice." We can even hear the faintest whisper of His voice saying, "Fear not, it is I." "Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

When Jesus opened the soul's eyes, we considered it a greater miracle than when He opened the eyes of blind Bartimaeus. With our spiritual eyes opened, we can see things divine. We can see God in nature, yet nature is not God. But God puts on nature like a cloak and reveals Himself to us, and when we become old, He folds us as a vesture and lays us aside.

## BEHOLD YOUR GOD

We behold Him in the running brook, in the rolling river, in the mighty deep, in the waving grain, in the blooming flowers, in the giant oak, in the majestic mountains, in the far reaching plains, and in the valley, yes we can see Him in the Zodiac. "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Matt. 5:8.

We see Him in health, in affliction, in death, yes, everywhere we see His mighty hand and His glorious power. Whether rich or poor, learned or unlearned, regardless of nationality, we see His dealings with the immortal soul. He shines in the heavens, laughs in the waters, smiles in the dew drop, and rides on the wings of the wind. He makes the clouds His chariot and drives the lightning for steeds. He utters His voice in the thunders and weaves the rainbow into a scarf, and throws it upon the shoulder of the dying storm.

His glory and power is manifested on every hand. He clothes the lily of the valley in whiteness and beautifies the rose in its thorny stem. He has brought us all into a great family. There is no family like God's family. "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people." I Pet. 2:9. We are citizens of another country and clime. We are building upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, "Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone." Our foundation stone will survive the crumbling of thrones, the crashing of kingdoms, the passing of worlds, the storms of the judgment, and the shocks of hell's artillery here, and then we expect to rejoice with the redeemed and blood-washed around the throne forever. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12. "Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever Amen." Jude 24-25. "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever, Amen." -- Rev. 1:5-6.

The poet truly said--

"Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work today;  
He has no feet but our feet to lead men in the Way;  
He has no tongue but our tongue to tell men how to die;  
He has no help but our help to bring them to His side.

"We are the only Bible the careless would well read;  
We are the sinner's gospel; we are the scoffer's creed;  
We are the Lord's last message, given in deed and word.  
What if the type be crooked; what if the print be blurred?"

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THE END