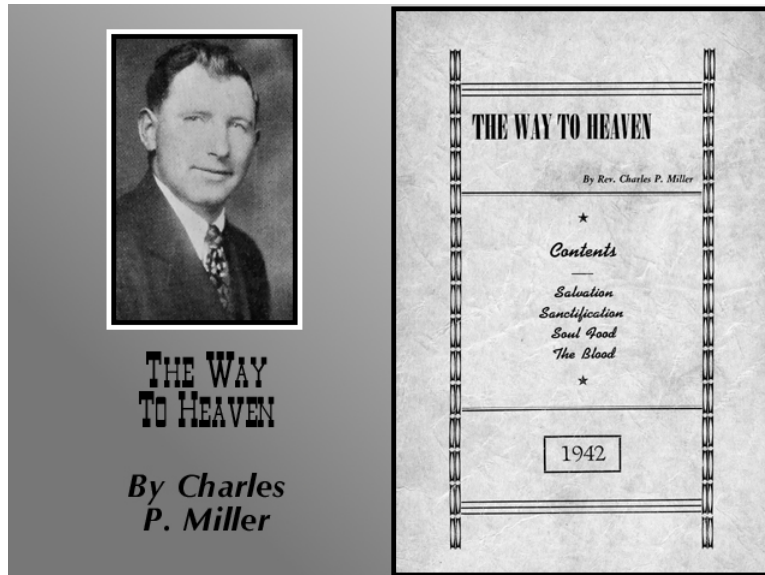


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THE WAY TO HEAVEN
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Behold, I Make All Things New
Lord, as the New Year dawns today,
Help me to put my faults away;
Let me be big in little things,
Grant me the joy which fellowship brings;
Keep me from selfishness and spite,
Let me be wise in what is right.

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A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

While studying the Bible, over 27 years ago, God convicted me of sin, and showed me I needed a Saviour. While being raised around a family altar, it was not sufficient unless I would be born again. On October 26, 1914, the Lord Jesus Christ came into my heart. He saved me from my sins, and put a joy in my soul that rings true today.

A few months after, while in prayer one day, the Holy Spirit came in my heart and life, and I was sanctified holy.

I love the Lord with all my heart and soul, and by His help I mean to prove true till Jesus comes. My prayer is, dear reader, if you are not a Christian give God your heart.

I also want to thank God for healing my body. He truly is a great Healer in time of need. I praise God for deliverance through the blood.

Some time after the Lord saved and sanctified me, He called me to preach the Gospel. Now, for nearly 18 years, I have been telling the story of Jesus and His love.

Dear reader, let Jesus have a chance in your life. He will do the same for you. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it. (I Thess. 5:24).

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INTRODUCTION

The author of this book, entitled, "The Way To Heaven," was converted in 1914, and sometime afterwards called by God to preach the Gospel. Therefore, being obedient to the call, has been preaching for 18 years, both in the evangelistic field and pastoral work. For over three years he has been editor of the "Evangelical Methodist Preacher," a Church paper of the Evangelical Methodist Church. Also he has been Assistant Superintendent of the same Denomination for over six years. During this time the author has wrote different articles for the paper, which were

inspired of God. Some of these, with other writings, have been put in this book which was the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, a number of Scriptural verses and Bible teachings are repeated under the different subjects. But I am sure all interested in reading will find sufficient instruction to become a Christian, by way of Salvation from sin, entire Sanctification through the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, and through the Blood of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Praying that hereby many souls wilt find Christ as their Saviour and make it through to Heaven.

Charles P. Miller

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01 -- SALVATION

Salvation Made Plain

Text, Isaiah 45:22. Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else.

The first thing we notice here is to look unto Christ. John 12:32. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. If we wish to lift up Christ so that others will be drawn to Him, we must first have Christ as our Saviour and then live that kind of a life. The Bible tells us we are living epistles read of all men. There are those who are reading our lives daily. Therefore, the question comes -- Does your life count for Christ? Are you lifting up Christ to the extent that He draws ethers unto Himself?

Next, we want to notice that this is the only source of Salvation. Acts 4:12. Neither is their Salvation in any other for there is none other name under Heaven given whereby we must be saved. There are over one thousand denominations, creeds and sects of people professing religion, but there is only one Savior and only one way and that is the Bible Way. There is only one Salvation found through the blood of the crucified Son of God. And only one class of people going to Heaven and this is found in Matt. 5:8 -- Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

Again let us look at those who have a chance to look unto Christ. Who are they? They are those who have sinned and this includes all before Salvation takes place. Rom. 3:23, 26, For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by His grace, through redemption that is in Christ Jesus; whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of

God; to declare, I say, at this time, his righteousness, that he might be just and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Thank the Lord, there is Salvation for all who will look unto Christ. There is no sinner so vile that Jesus cannot save him. Just recently we had a man under the influence of drink come to an altar of prayer. He wept his way through until he claimed Salvation through the blood and shouted the victory -- I am set free from sin.

Paul tells in Ephesians 2:8 and 9, For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast. In the churches we find those who boast of all they have done, thinking their good works will let them in the Kingdom. Their name is there and they would not miss Communion, nor church services, thinking they are ready for Heaven, but without Salvation from sin all will be lost. This Salvation is God's gift. It cannot be obtained by money or good works, but by grace are ye saved through faith in Christ.

I know there are those who cannot understand this great plan of Salvation, but Paul tells us in 1 Tim. 3:16, without controversy, great is the mystery of Godliness. God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of Angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. No one will ever be able to reason such a great thing. Nicodemus could not understand it and neither can any one in the world of sin. It is a personal experience, a heart reality, only to be felt and enjoyed by those who possess this Christ as their Personal Savior.

This great plan of Salvation is for everyone. Titus 2:11, For the grace of God that bringeth Salvation hath appeared to all men. There was a certain time when God winked at the ignorance of men, but today commandeth all men everywhere to repent, and so God hath made provision for the same. There is not a soul living in this day that does not have a Chance some where to find Christ as their Savior. Then we are commanded to live such a life afterwards. We further read in Titus 2: 12, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and Godly in this present world; v. 13, looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God, our Lord Jesus Christ. v. 14, Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Let us further notice the words found in Titus 3:5, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saves us, by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost. Here we find two definite works of Grace. First, the washing of regeneration or having our sins washed away by the blood of the crucified Son of God. In other words, meaning the same, we would say, "being saved from our sins." Praise God! What a wonderful experience. Is there more? Yes. A second definite work wrought by the Holy Ghost in the heart of a believer, when a converted person comes and wants the carnal nature cleansed by the Blood of Jesus and the Holy Spirit moves into the heart and

life of an individual to live evermore. Praise God for this experience as it brings holiness of heart, without which no one shall see the Lord. Read Heb. 12:14.

In concluding this little message of Salvation, Rev. 5:9, and they sung a new song, saying, thou art worthy to take the Book and to open the seals thereof, for thou was slain and hast redeemed us to God by the Blood, out of every kindred and tongue and people and nations. Jesus is the only worthy one to open the Book of Life. When a soul is saved that name is written in the 'Lamb's Book of Life. Jesus is found worthy to open the Book, and whosoever will not be found written in the Book of Life will be cast into the Lake of Fire. But whosoever is found written there shall have everlasting life in Heaven.

Jesus The Sinner's Friend

This text you will find in Ephesians 2:8. By grace are ye saved through faith, Grace is the unmerited favor of God shown towards those who are in need.

Paul tells us we are saved by faith through God's grace. John Wesley preached from this subject to the University of Oxford, the powerful message of salvation after his conversion. He was, as a great many of people are today, not able to testify to an experimental knowledge of salvation, for some time while preaching the gospel. But the time came that the Lord made clear the facts before him. On one occasion he met some Moravians, who had the witness. While in a conversation with them, we find, he was asked if he had the witness of the Spirit within.

In reply, he said as many, I hope to have; I believe he is my Savior; I think so. But the personal question which came to him, comes to one and all. Do you have the witness of the Spirit? It caused him to search and seek until one time in a meeting in Nettleton Court on the east side of Aldersgate Street, he found the burden of his heart had rolled away and the Spirit witnessed with him, that the work was done. He cried out, Where shall I my wondering soul begin? He was able to join his brother, Charles Wesley, and sing as he did at his conversion:

O how shall I the goodness tell,
Father, which thou to me has shown?
That I, a child of wrath and hell,
I should be called a Child of God!
Should know, should feel my sins forgiven,
Blessed with this antepast of heaven.

And shall I slight my Father's love
Or basely fear his gifts to own?
Unmindful of his favors prove?
Shall I, the hallowed cross to shun,
Refuse his righteousness to impart,

By hiding it within my heart?

**No, though the ancient dragon rage,
And call forth all his hosts to war;
Though earth's self-righteous sons engaged
Them and their god alike I dare;
Jesus, the sinners' Friend proclaim;
Jesus, to sinners still the same.**

Someone may ask, how do we know when our sins are forgiven? To you I would say, your sins cannot be gone or else you would know. The Bible tells in Romans 8: 16, The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. The first Epistle of John, the third chapter verses 19-21. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our heart before Him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. We read again in verse 14, We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren.

When a sinner has been converted, his life is changed. He did live a life for the devil; now he lives for Christ. And Christ is love, so he must love Christ as well as the children of God, who have been adopted into the great family of Heaven.

As we listen to the testimonies of men and women who have experienced salvation, surely there is something convincing. But dear ones, you can never understand it and will never know, until once you have plunged beneath the cleansing stream of Calvary, and come out washed through Jesus' precious blood. Then you too can shout like others you thought were fanatics before you found the saving grace. There are many people standing back today, looking on, always hoping, expecting, or waiting for another opportunity. I want to say, your opportunity is your time. Never wait, never hope or live in expectation or doubt, but for the sake of Him who died for your salvation, and for your own soul's good as well as need. Seek until you know you are a Christian. You had better seek your entire life time and be saved, than to doubt and not know and finally be lost.

Jesus truly is the sinner's friend. He came to seek and save that which was lost. And when the sinner surrenders his life to the Lord Jesus, he saves him from the, sin business and all the committed sins and sets him free. I meet people who tell me they are Christians; that they have been saved by grace, but confess they sin every day in thought and word; they farther say the Bible says so. May God help us to get our eyes open and read the Bible correctly. It says the sinner sins every day but not the Christians. Let me prove this to you: He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. (1 John 3:8-9). There you see quite a difference, don't you? Those

committing sin daily have never been saved or are now backsliders, because, as I mentioned above, whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin.

I believe in a Bible salvation from sin and not in sin. Jesus was made known that He might destroy sin. But you say are we faultless? I say, no. Truly we make mistakes, other people see them and not their own. The Bible says, "Sin is the wilful transgression of the law of God." Therefore, God's love became so great for us that He sent His Son Jesus to save us from our sins -- thus Jesus became the sinners' friend.

The Pharisees condemned Jesus because he went in the sinner's home and ate. Jesus said to them, For this purpose I came to earth that sin may be done away within the hearts and lives of people who will accept the gospel. Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost. All who fail to be born of God's Spirit will be lost. My friend, will you yield your life to Jesus and let Him save you?

My text says by faith are ye saved. Then there are those who will tell you, "Just believe and you are a Christian." The Bible says, the devil believed and trembled, but that did not make him a Christian. Truly we need to believe, but before we can do this, there are two things that precede. They are repent and confess your sins. Repentance means a heart felt sorry for sin, to the extent that tears of sorrow will flow; stain the old mourners' bench; the altar will carry marks of repentance, by being wet with tears. We read in Matthew 5:23-24, Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Now Christ is the altar, and you are the gift. Christ will not accept you as His Child until you make things right with your brother. I John 1:9 says: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us all our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Before the Lord will save us, we must confess our wrong doings to fellow men, as well as God.

If we stole from our neighbors, we must confess and make right the wrong before the 'Lord will forgive. No matter what the sin may be in doing wrong to someone, whether it is husband or wife, children or parent, neighbor or enemy, we must ask the Lord to forgive us our sins and save us by faith; then the Lord will give us faith to believe Him for salvation.

I believe in a "know so salvation." Sometimes workers around an altar will say, just believe, you are saved right now; but listen, the one being saved will know it first, and they will tell it; not the preacher, or some one else telling when one is saved, but the Lord will tell the seeker.

I was in a home one day when the mother said to her daughter, "I want you to tell Brother Miller how you were saved." This is what she said: "We were holding a revival in our church, the preacher walked back to me and said, "Don't you think you should accept Christ?" I wanted to be courteous to him and I said, Yes. He said,

"Do you believe the Lord saves you now?" I said, Yes. The preacher walked up front and said. "Here is one who has given her heart to the Lord." She said to me, "What do you think of that?" I answered, nothing at all. That is not conversion, for she had never uttered a prayer. She had no more experience than a grasshopper. So I preached Christ and the way of salvation in that home. The Bible tells us the blind lead the blind and both fall in the ditch. May God give us preachers who are saved, so they can lead others to Christ, and escape the damnation of Hell.

Some preachers say, join a church, live the best you know and that is all that is required. But Matthew 18:8 says, except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. The call of modern preachers of today is, "Come and join." The preacher calls, come and join. You can have an oyster supper anytime; you can chew and smoke and pout, for they will never put you out. Come and join the preacher calls, come and join. But I am telling you of a better way; a Christ who saves you from sin, such as using tobacco, pouting and finding fault, oyster suppers in the church, and all other things that take the place of salvation in this day. When you are saved by the grace of God, through Jesus' blood then you can sing.

Jesus has a table spread where the saints of God are fed,
He invites His chosen people "Come and dine."
With His manna He doth feed and supplies our every need.
O, 'tis sweet to sup with Jesus all the time!
"Come and dine," the Master calleth, "Come and dine."

Sin is the most heart breaking and soul ruining thing in this world; homes are wrecked through the sin and hatred; children are in sin because of home environment and training until parents' hearts are broken. Homes are broken up; loved ones separated, all because of sin. Sin eats at the soul as a cancer eats at the body. Sin is lurking at every corner, the devil has every device in this day to keep souls from getting saved, and saved ones from seeking a deeper experience of perfect love. God knew it would be this way; so He showed the cross, but our Blessed Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ took our place on the cross and paid the debt of sin, and left us go free by accepting Jesus as our Savior -- thus was the grace of God, made known to man. Let me say to you, if you are heavy hearted, sad, and soul sick, Jesus through His grace can, by your surrendered life of sin, and faith in Him give you such joy that you can never get through telling the world about. Salvation brings joy, Peter 1:8. It is joy unspeakable and full of glory.

I saw a drunkard make his way to an altar of prayer and the Lord sobered him up and saved him and gave him great joy, that words could not express. People say I am too bad, the Lord will not save me, but that is a trick of the enemy. No matter how black your sins may be, it can be as white as snow. Isaiah 1:18, 'Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. God wants to reason with all people. He wants them to see their lost condition and come

to Him and be saved. Regardless of the sin, He is able and willing to forgive. Again He will not go against our own wills. Man is a free moral agent. He can or may not accept Christ. But the warning is to those who do not accept. Romans 6:23, For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

There are two calls in life. Jesus calls at every heart's door and death calls every one. I remember reading a tract, giving the picture where Jesus called a man who was busy at his work. Jesus said, "Will you please give me a few minutes of your time to consider your soul's salvation?" To which the man replied, I am too busy. The next night death called to the same man, the man said, I never expected you so soon! Wait till I repent and get ready. Whereupon death answered, I am too busy, I cannot wait. When death calls, we leave if we are ready or not. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. (Galatians 6:7).

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (Ephesians 2:10). We are born of the Spirit, and become adopted children of God, by being saved from our sins; We are the work of Jesus Which he wrought: on the cruel cross of Calvary, when He paid the debt for our sins. So when one is saved, Christ has so saved and cleansed that soul that he is not ashamed of the work done by His precious blood. Therefore, you see that we are not saved by works. No one ever will get to heaven because of his good works. It is only the grace of God. Some folks say if we pay our honest debts, treat our neighbors kind, go to church, do the best we can, that is all that is required. But Ephesians 2:9 says, "Not of works, lest any man should boast. Oh yes, not works, not silver, nor gold, but Jesus through His grace saves us by faith.

A New Man

Text, Col. 3:10. And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created Him. By way of introduction let us notice the record of St. Paul in 2 Cor. 5:17. Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. So we see that a converted man is a New Man. Very briefly we want to notice seven things that are new to a man when he makes a complete surrender of worldly things and starts for heaven.

1. Repentance. When a man repents he has a new mind about God. Acts 20:21. Paul testified both to the Jews and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. Before Paul's conversion he was persecuting the Christians as well as opposing Christ, but when he was converted he testified in favor of Christ in any place he was, be it in jail or before the rulers. A sinner went into a revival meeting and looking on he saw saints getting blessed. He spoke about the scene, calling them hypocrites. He soon was put under conviction

and got converted. Then he saw his mistake and instead of calling them hypocrites, he called them saints of God. Soon he was doing the same thing as they were. God called him to preach the Gospel, so he has gone out testifying to the people about the Christ who gave him a new mind about God.

2. Justification. A new state before God. Rom. 4:25. Who was delivered for our offenses and was raised again for our justifications. Being justified by faith, we have peace with God. What a wonderful thing to have peace with God and if we have peace with God we will also have peace with fellow-men. This has been made possible by the precious Blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. When a soul goes to an altar of prayer the Lord will meet them there and pass judgment on all confessed sins and forgive them for everything. Praise His Dear Name. Then we can hear Him say, go and sin no more lest a worse thing befall thee. What a wonderful thing to be justified before God!

3. Regeneration. A new life from God. Titus 3:5. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost; again, not by works lest any man should boast, but by His grace He saves us through faith. When a soul is born of the Spirit of God he is adopted into God's family and starts out to live a new life. My friends, there are many who say they are Christians, but their life is opposite to that of Christ. But let me say a regenerated man has a new life from God and he will surely live that life.

4. Conversion. A New Attitude Toward God. Matt. 18:3. Verily I say unto you, "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Acts 3:19. Repent ye, therefore, and be converted that your sins may be blotted out, when the time of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. Conversion is the most necessary thing in this life in order to enter the life to come. This is the only way into the kingdom of heaven. And when this takes place in the individual's life, that one will see things in a new Light. This is the start of a new life. I heard one soul testify, who said, "I never thought it was any thing like this." This experience will cause one to read the Bible and pray more each day and there will be no time for quarreling and fussing and the things of the world of sin any more. Have you been converted?

5. Sonship -- A New Relationship with God. 1 John 3:1 and 2. Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. Therefore, the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. 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. When we stop and think 'how wicked people are and how low down and disgraceful one can go, surely it is wonderful to know that the Lord will forgive and take that soul in and make that one His Child, What a relationship that is!

6. Sanctification. A New Position Before God. Jude 1, To them that are sanctified by God the Father and preserved in Jesus Christ and called. John, while speaking of Jesus, said, I here is one coming after me, who is mightier than I who, when he is come, will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and Fire. Sanctification is a second definite work of grace, wrought in the heart of a believer. And this experience is very necessary, for Paul said, "Without Holiness no one shall see the Lord." Surely everyone wants to go to heaven. Then why not prepare and be obedient to God's Word instead of ignoring it and saying it is not necessary?

7. Glorification. A New Place With God. Rom. 8:30. Moreover who He did predestinate, them He also called, and whom He called, them He also justified, and whom He justified, them he also glorified. A man came to the altar in one of our meetings. He was saved and afterwards sanctified. He came to me with a question, asking when he could be glorified. Rom. 8:17. And if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. Flesh and blood and corruption cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, our bodies must die, but at the resurrection or the rapture, when we are caught up to meet the Lord in the air, we will go with a glorified body. Praise the Lord. Are you a new creature? Have you passed from death unto life? Can you see there is a reality in becoming a Christian? If so, will you answer to the Master's Call and become a new man?

Blindness

Text Gen. 19:7 -- I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. God was about to visit judgment upon Sodom and in His mercy sent two Angels to get out Lot and his family, before the destruction took place. When the wicked people heard about it, they came to Lot's house after them, but they smote the wicked people with blindness insomuch that they could not find the door. When the morning came the Angels took Lot and his family and led them out.

In 2 Kings 6, we read of an army which surrounded Elisha and his servant told him about the army, so Elisha prayed and said, "Open the eyes of my servant that he may see." The Lord opened his eyes and he saw the mountain full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. What a message! Fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. Elisha prayed and said, O Lord smite this people with blindness and the Lord did as His servant said. There was real deliverance through this for the Syrians came no more into the land of Israel.

In Acts 13:11, we read of a man who withstood Barnabas and Saul (when they preached Jesus to a certain Jew by the name of Barjesus) by the name of Elymas, the sorcerer, who tried to keep the other men from believing. Then Saul said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to prevent the right ways of the Lord? Therefore, thou shalt be blind and he went about seeking one to lead him by the hand, for he was blind. Physical blindness is a hard thing to go through with, but Spiritual

blindness is the worst thing that a person can possess. But we find many people like this even in the holiness movements today. How sad it is! It makes the heart of one who can see, feel sad.

But thanks to God, for His Son Jesus Christ. Matt. 9:27-30 tells us of two blind men who came to Jesus and He healed them. Praise God. The one who opened the eyes of the blind men can open the eyes of the Spiritual blinded people of today.

Saul of Tarsus was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christians when he was struck blind. He was immediately reminded that this was the wrong way, and conviction struck him and he cried out, what will you have me to do, Lord? It was his time to repent of sin and get saved. The Lord sent His messenger unto him and finally the scales fell from his eyes and he saw all things clearly.

In this dark age the Scripture in Ps. 82:5 is fulfilled. They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness. How true this is! Many have ears but hear not the truth but walk in darkness. Matt. 6:23. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If, therefore, the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness? Our Christ came to bring light into the world, so we have our Spiritual eyes opened through Jesus Christ.

We are living in an age when there shall be a falling away from the faith and how sad it seems that people become so careless and fall by the wayside. Oh, how sad that people do so wickedly. There are those who sell their soul for a night's pleasure. Surely, people are selling out cheap to the devil in this day. But, dear reader, let us cling to the Christ of the Cross as never before, for if we fail in the last moments and lose Heaven, we have lost all we have tried for.

May God open the eyes of the blind that they may see their need in this day and get a real experience and live for Jesus and some day go Home to Heaven.

Except

Text: Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish, Luke 13:3 and 5.

Four of the most familiar passages in the Bible contain the word "except." Let me mention them.

(1). Except a man be born again, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. St. John 3:3. (2). Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 18:3. (3). Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 5:20 and our text says, (4). Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Luke 13:3.

There are required conditions to be met before one can enter the kingdom of heaven. The first one is being converted. How does one know when conversion takes place? In Rom. 8:16, the Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. 1st John 2:29. We know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of Him. 1 John 3:14. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. 1 John 3:9. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin. 1 John 3:21. Beloved, if our hearts condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. There are also many other Scripture verses declaring the evidence of which space does not permit us to mention, but this is sufficient evidence that we can know. Then let me ask you -- are you converted?

Regeneration is, therefore, not going to church every Sunday, nor trying to do what is right; it is not reforming and getting baptized; again it is not making new resolutions and living by them. It is being born of the Spirit, adopted into the family of God and made heirs of Eternal life. I heard one time of a man who came to an evangelist with a list of questions and said, "If you answer these questions I will become a Christian." The evangelist said, "You become a Christian, then I will answer your questions." The man became a Christian and then found he had no questions. The doctrine of the new birth upsets all false religions and false views about the Bible and God and answers many questions in one's mind.

We cannot work our way into the kingdom of God, but after we are saved we work for God. Philippians 2:12. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. One must have their salvation before they can work it out. We do not work towards the Cross but from it. When Christ died on the Cross He said, "It is finished." All men have to do is to accept the finished work of Jesus Christ. Christ has done His part, leaving the rest for us to do.

People say I would believe it if I could understand and explain it. Jesus addressed Nicodemus by saying, "It is similar to the wind." We see the effects of the wind, but cannot explain it. So we see the working of the Spirit and His power demonstrated but we cannot explain how it is all done. An old man heard the conversation of a company of boys who were going on a trip. They decided not to believe anything they could not reason out. So the old man said, "Coming down on the train I saw some geese, sheep, swine and cattle all eating grass. Can you tell me by what process that same grass was turned into feathers, wool, bristles and hair? Do you believe it is a fact?" "Oh, yes," they said, "we cannot help believing that, though we fail to understand it." The old man said, "I cannot help but believe in Jesus Christ."

The only way to get into the kingdom of God is to be "born" into it. The law of this country requires that the President should be born into this country. When foreigners come to our shores they have no right to complain against such a law which forbids them from ever becoming presidents. Now, has not God a right to make a law that all those who become heirs of Eternal life must be "born" into His kingdom?

Heaven is a Holy place prepared for a holy people. We become holy in this life or we will never enter heaven. A man whose heart is full of corruption and wickedness would be out of place in heaven among the redeemed and holy people and would not want to be there any more than in a religious service, which he most avoids. If such people were to be in heaven there would be another rebellion in heaven. But, thank God, heaven is filled with a company of those who have been twice born!

To the unsaved, Christ has done for you everything that is possible. He took your place on the Cross and paid the price for your soul. He bought back that which the Devil stole and finished the work of redemption on the Cross of Calvary and said, "It is finished." Therefore, it is up to us as individuals to accept or reject Him. He said whosoever will may come. So man is a free moral agent. He can come if he will and if he won't, he will be lost. So the question is, what will you do with Christ?

St. John 3:14, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up." God had instructed Moses to make a brazen serpent and put it on a pole in the middle of the camp. This was the remedy for those who were bitten by fiery serpents, in the Israelitish camp, but they must look on the serpent in order to be cured. Many of these people died because they neglected the remedy. So must people today look unto Jesus and by so doing they shall live. While this is possible, many refuse to look and die in their sins.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." I would rather believe Jesus of Nazareth than the infidels who say you need not to be born again.

There are many who have stood by the bed-side of a dying mother and promised to meet her in heaven and never have looked to Jesus. But to you I say you will never see that dear mother-unless you are born again. There are dear ones in heaven by the numbers who, we can and will, meet if we look to Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith. For just one look will suffice us.

I praise God for this great plan of salvation whereby men can be saved and go to heaven to live with Jesus for ever.

Two Roads

The Bible tells us about two roads and only two. There is no middle path, no third class, no intermediate destiny. There are those seemingly who are in the middle path, but Jesus said, "Because thou art neither cold nor hot I will spue thee out of my mouth." Therefore, we are on one of the two roads. The one leads to heaven, the other to hell. So the question comes to the reader, on which road are you?

First -- Two Gates. The wide and the straight. Matt. 7:13 and 14. Enter ye in at the straight gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many there be that go in there; because straight is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life and few there be that find it.

The gate to heaven is straight, but not too straight for any crook who will straighten up. Thank God we can make all wrongs right and come honest and straight if we will and this is the only way in. It is also a narrow way, but not too narrow, for the big man. Praise the Lord. To get in through the gate means we must unload the bundle of sin and come clean.

There are not so many travelers on this road, because people refuse to take the narrow way to heaven, but here we find the faithful few. The world would tell us we are the off-scourings and they point their finger and make fun. But, bless God, we are of the Royal Priest-Hood, scoured off and made clean, and on our way to heaven, shouting Glory.

The broad way has a wide gate and many are going this way. To the movies, the dance, the card parties, gambling dens, public bathing beaches, beer gardens, pleasure-seeking places and many others which we might mention here, but it ends in eternal destruction, damnation and hell.

Traveler, let me warn you in this message, if you go in this gate and travel this road you will lose your soul and be cast into a devil's hell. So please take warning before it is too late and night cometh when no man can work.

What It Costs To Be Damned

Text Jonah 1:3. But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord and went down to Joppa, and he found a ship going to Tarshish, so he paid the fare thereof and Went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.

There are those who say this is a fish story. But I believe the Bible and also this true happening of Jonah, for Christ proclaimed it as the truth in Matt. 12:40. We will also notice that it is the nature of man by our own personal experiences.

In 2 Kings 14:25, we find Jonah prophesied in the days of King Jeroboam and warned the king of approaching danger. Then a little later God called the same prophet to go to the streets of Nineveh, a city of 600,000 inhabitants and cry out against their sins. No doubt this was a lower position from what he had just occupied and his head was too big for the job. So he refused to obey by going in another direction, but God brought him back where he was to preach the Gospel by means of a great fish. It costs something to disobey God. There are those who say it costs too much to become a Christian; too much to make wrongs right; too much to give up all to follow Jesus. But, my friend, it will cost more to be damned than it

will to be saved; Jonah paid the price but he went the wrong way and there are many Jonah's today. It may cost you more to get back than you have any idea. It may cost defeat in your work, disrespect of others, bring poor health and finally lose your soul.

There are those who have made a good start, had a good experience, but when the devil came around with temptations, they yielded to the temptation, went out in sin and soon their condition became worse and worse, then, when the pleading voice of Christ would come to them they would mock and turn aside the Christ of their salvation. They would feel that it cost too much to become a Christian, but it will cost more than that to be lost.

Paul tells us in Rom. 6:23, the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Disobedience to God cost Jonah many heartaches and he was glad to pray a prayer of confession and ask for pardon. He promised God if he would have another chance he would obey. God gave him his chance and he went. But his disobedience cost him an extra ride on the waves of the sea inside of the whale, besides the sufferings and punishments of God. I want to say it does not pay to disobey our great God.

For a soul that would be lost, one minute in hell, that soul would give anything and everything to get out or to be saved, but it is too late. In St. Luke's Gospel, Chapter 16, we read of a man that was in hell. He was conscious that he was there, he knew he was there to stay. He remembered he had five brothers who lived like he did and his desire was that someone would return from the dead to preach to them and warn them of the place where he was, so that they could escape the torments of hell. This man was rich, he had full and plenty and would have been glad to give all he had to get saved, but it was too late. It cost this man all the material things he had, his money, his friends, for in hell there are no friends and no one takes anything along; it cost him his soul that was lost in eternity's dark night, never to see a ray of light shine upon his poor soul. He was in torments day and night, tormented by these flames with an only desire of deliverance where there is no answer ever to reach a damned soul. Praying, gnashing of teeth, desiring a little comfort, but none to be found. Burning of the body and also burning of the soul in the Lake of Fire forever and forever. There never will be an end to this eternal punishment for people who fail to get saved from their sins, and filled with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

This is what it costs to be damned and this is what it will cost every person to neglect their soul's salvation and disobey God. I pray this will help every one to see what it costs to be lost in eternity's dark night and help men and women to make their calling and election sure.

Hell

Heb. 2:3. How shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation? This text calls our attention to two words, namely, escape and salvation. The first is a thought of getting away from hell; the second is the way by which we can escape.

Escape means to flee from the place one may be warned about. Here the place is hell. There are those who would tell us there is no hell. There are others who say hell is the cruel things we encounter in this life, with nothing hereafter. But the same Bible which tells us of heaven also tells us of hell and makes it even stronger than that by saying, death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. An eternal place of hell fire, tormenting flames, and unsatisfied conscience and a desire to be delivered from which never reaches any source of help through all the ages to come. This place, called hell, was prepared for the devil and the fallen angels and not for we people of today, but when a man neglects his soul's salvation there is no place of escape, so he will find his doom in this eternal destiny.

Again there are those who travel the highways telling us there is no place called hell, but to those I want to say, just as sure as they breathe (according to God's Word') they will land in that place.

Rev. 22:19. And if any man shall take away from the words of the Book of this prophecy, God shall take away His part out of the Book of Life and out of the Holy City, and from the things which are written in this Book. So you see that class will find out what hell is like.

Job. 11:20. The eyes of the wicked shall fail and they shall not escape; this clearly shows us there is no escape for a person who neglects so great a salvation.

In **Eccl. 7:26.** Who so pleaseth God shall escape. In other words, that person will find salvation, for we cannot please God unless we get saved. I am sure the horrors of hell should cause one and all to find this great salvation and escape this eternal destiny.

In **Luke 16:19-31**, we find a man who had neglected his soul's salvation and died. In hell he lifted up his eyes. There are those who say that was the grave. Did you ever see a man lift up his eyes when he was put in the grave and covered over with ground? What nonsense people would leave the devil deceive them with. I want you to notice the faculties of this soul in hell. Verse 23, he could see for, "he lifted up his eyes and seeth Abraham." V. 24 "He cried and said," so you see he could talk. What did he say? "I am tormented in this flame:" Again we notice he could feel. V. 25 Abraham answered him by saying, "thou are tormented because of your evil life." In V. 26 Abraham tells him there is no chance for a change in life when once a soul is in Hell. In V. 24, he has a desire for water and in V. 27 and 28 he has a sense of his five lost brothers, with the reasoning power.

That if one would go from the dead and preach they might get saved and escape hell. But no one ever returns from the dead to preach, so we have preachers who deliver God's Word and if the people fail to hear and heed it they will be lost.

So the final destiny of a man who neglects this great salvation is hell. What must I do to be lost? Why nothing more than you have been doing, because a sinner is already lost and doomed for that place. But the only escape is salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Second This salvation is great because when a man is lost in sin Jesus Christ can save him and set him free and that man can live a Christian life here and then at the close of this preparatory life, he can live in heaven for ever and ever. Again salvation is great because it was bought with a price which was far superior to money or any earthly material thing. This was the blood of the blessed Son of God. Again salvation is great because there is no other sacrifice for sin. There was no duplicate copy. And when one tries to duplicate salvation by church membership, or raising a hand, or quit doing bad and be good, or any source, whatsoever, beside old fashioned repentance of sin and praying clear through and getting the witness from God, they are deceived and will be lost and go to the same place all sinners go. Dear hearts, let us make sure we possess this great salvation.

Salvation is the greatest thing that heaven ever offered to the world. John 3:16, God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

God was and is concerned about us all, and His will is that none should perish, but that all come to repentance and find this great salvation. I fully believe if we have found Christ our attitude will be the same, and we will do our best to reach the lost with the message of salvation.

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02 -- SANCTIFICATION

A Second Definite Work Of Grace

Text, Matt. 3:11. 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.

We read in the Bible of two baptisms, the one is the baptism of water; the other that of the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist preached repentance to his people under his ministry, when they repented and accepted salvation, 'he baptized them. Philip in his ministry with the Ethiopians, when he believed he was baptized. The disciples went about preaching and baptizing. John baptized Jesus in the river Jordan. John tells us in the text, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance."

But he said when Jesus is come He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. That is when Jesus has come into the heart of man as his Savior.

There is another experience that every Child of God needs. It is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. John Wesley called it perfect love, we term it Sanctification; this also is the Bible term. The word Sanctification means little, but the experience means much. For without the Holy Spirit as our Sanctifier the heart is not pure. And in Matt. 5:8 we read, Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Therefore, it means we must have a pure heart to go with Jesus when He comes. Hebrew 12:14. Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Dear reader, I want to say it is holiness or hell. There are so many people who are opposing holiness, they say it is a thing of the past, people do not need it today. But one man said the Bible is so holy they could not get it all inside the book and put Holy Bible on the outside.

Heaven is a holy place, the angels there are holy, and only holy people are going there. This is the only place to prepare for, so we must be holy here. People say it cannot be done, but the Bible says in Col. 1:21-22. And you, that were sometimes alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight. Ephesians 1:4. According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.

This long forgotten experience, which we call a second definite work of grace, was what Jesus' disciples enjoyed on the day of Pentecost. In Luke 24:50 we read that Jesus led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. These disciples were Christians at this time, they were blessable, for Jesus blessed them, and it was at this time when he was parted from them and carried up into heaven. These people worshipped Jesus and went to Jerusalem, with great joy in their hearts, and I believe they manifested this joy. In verse 23 they continued there, praising and blessing God, until the day of Pentecost. Why were they there? They had been commanded to tarry for the Holy Spirit, and they were thereof for this purpose. In St. John 17, Jesus prayed for them that they should be sanctified. In Acts 2:1-4 we find them receiving the Holy Ghost, the most glorious experience for the saved person on this side of eternity.

In St. John 17:20. Jesus prayed and said, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; verse 21, That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us; That the world may believe that thou hast sent me. So you see dear reader, Jesus prayed that we may receive the Holy Spirit. It is His will that we should be sanctified holy. It is our privilege; also we need it in order to have a pure heart to go when Jesus comes. The statement made by a man, "That is a thing of the past." does not change the Bible, or the need of man for the experience.

II Kings 2:9. Elisha said to Elijah, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. Entire sanctification as a second definite work of grace, is found in the Bible from the beginning to the end, either in type and shadow, or in precept and example. There are five hundred and eleven verses in the old testament which deal with a second definite work of grace, and one twelfth of the New Testament deals with the same thing.

When God fed the Children of Israel with manna in the wilderness, they were commanded to gather a double portion on the sixth day, so there would be sufficient on the Sabbath. In other words, this was a double portion. This dispensation of grace, in which we live, is the sixth one, and we need to have a double portion in order to be ready for the seventh dispensation. Let us notice a few places where the double portion is stated in the Bible. The two rests found in Matt. 11:28-29, first the rest promised to the sinners: Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Second, the rest promised to the believers: Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. The two gifts are: first, God's gift to the sinners: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. St. John 3:16. Second, the gift to the Church: Christ so loved the Church' and gave Himself for it; That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word. That He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing. But that it should be holy and without blemish, Ephesians 5:25-27.

The two commands in James 4:8 are: The command to sinners, Cleanse your hand ye sinners. Second, Purify your hearts, ye double minded. A double minded person is one who is saved and has the carnal nature within. In order to be single minded, means we must have a double portion of God's spirit or a second definite work of grace. In God's Word we find where this experience has been provided for man, in order that he might be holy. In Revelation 20:6 we read, Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection. Therefore, let us make sure we have the double portion. There are those who teach a false doctrine, such as a second chance after this life, but there is no second chance. This is a Light from hell, for there is no such teachings in God's Holy Word. Then there are those who teach that man goes to Purgatory, where the carnal nature will be cleansed, but this is not so, for in this present age the Bible tells us to prepare for Heaven. This is the only chance you will have and it takes the Holy Ghost and Fire to cleanse a heart from sin, as well as to destroy false doctrine.

There are all kinds of evils found in the Holiness movement of today; such as the evil of tobacco. People raise it, sell it, smoke it, chew it, snuff it, and spit it. Then there is the wrong doing in resisting the truth of God's Holy Word. People do fight holiness in this day, also hearts are filled with the carnal attitude:and evil speaking. There are those who try to take out of God's Precious Word certain scriptures that deal with their kind of living, but there is nothing else but the baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire that will clean up a man's heart, actions, evil speaking, and false

ideas. After one has received the Holy Spirit, in order to keep spiritual it means, the soul must be fed the same as the body. The body requires water, food and air. The soul requires the Word of God, which is spiritual food; the blood of 'Christ, which is the spiritual drink; prayer is the spiritual air which we breath. Just as it is impossible for man to live without eating so it is impossible for the soul to live without the spiritual supply. Therefore, we need to pray without ceasing.

People make light of Holiness in this day, but without this experience one is helpless. For instance, we find Peter and John, who were filled with the Holy Spirit, made their way to the temple. As they came to the gate called Beautiful, there was a man asking for alms. Peter said silver and gold have we none, but such as we have give we thee, in the name of Jesus, rise up and walk, and the Bible tells us this man went into the temple leaping, and shouting, and praising God. This work would be impossible without a double portion of God's Spirit. The reason the Church is so helpless is because of the lack of the baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire.

Holiness

Entire sanctification is that second definite work of grace whereby the heart of a justified person is cleansed from the original or Adamic nature and is filled with the Holy Ghost.

This experience is very necessary for a saved person, for we need it to live by and need it to die with. Every individual is born with this sin nature and is not responsible for its origin, but is certainly responsible for retaining it. The Bible calls us unto holiness or getting rid of this carnal nature through the blood of Jesus Christ by faith in Him.

1 Thess. 4:7. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. Heb. 12:14. Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Matt. 5: 8. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. The heart of an individual is not pure until a second definite work of grace takes place, which is the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire.

Rev. 21:27. And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie, but they which are written in the 'Lamb's book of life. Rev. 3:4. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments. And they shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy. Thank God there are a few who are worthy. Are you one of the few? You can be if you will follow God and obey His Precious Word.

When Jesus was present on the earth, the Disciples walked and talked with Him. So one day He told them that it was necessary for Him to go away in order that the Holy Ghost might come. He took them out to Bethany and lifted up His hands and blessed them, and commanded them to return to Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Father which was the Holy Ghost, and He was taken to heaven. In Acts, the second chapter, we read, and when the day of Pentecost was fully come,

they were of one accord in one place. Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind and it filled the house where they were sitting. There appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and it sat upon each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost. What an experience!

This same experience is for us today if we would enter heaven's gate. Jesus prayed for our sanctification in St. John 17. Again the Word says, "This is His will, even your sanctification." Have you received your will from God? He is waiting to give it to you.

He purifies our hearts by faith in Him. When we get saved, we are saved from the sins we have committed, but when we are sanctified He cleanseth the carnal nature out of the heart with the blood of Christ and the Holy Ghost moves in and takes complete control. Does He rule in your life?

Rom. 6:6. Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. There are some things we know. We ask people, do you know you are saved? Do you know you are sanctified? The answer comes such as, I think so or I hope so. But the experience is so real we need not guess. Paul said (knowing this) that our old man of sin is dead. When we are sanctified or baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, the old man of sin is dead and then the Spirit of God moves in and not before. But it will be a real happening in our lives and we will know when the work is done.

What is the evidence? Not any of the gifts can be taken as the evidence, but the Holy Spirit Himself is sufficient evidence. 1 John 3:24. And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He has given us. Acts 15: 8. And God, which knoweth the hearts, bearing them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as He did unto us.

Rom. 12:1. I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. All this we owe to God as our reasonable service. Let us not be fastened to the world, but let us be transformed by the renewing of our minds. May we so have this experience, that we can prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Why Have Ye Not Built Me An House Of Cedars?

Most of us are familiar with the above words and the setting, but it might be well to remind ourselves it came from the heart of God after He had no permanent building since they left Egypt. We have some people who left Egypt with its garb and misery and are happy dwellers in the land of Canaan. They have made their hearts, by His cleansing power, houses of the Holy Ghost.

David sat in his house which was made of cedars and while there thought of his house and the fact that God did not have an house. So David said to 'Nathan, the

prophet, "Lo, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the Lord remaineth under curtains." Therefore, Nathan at first approved the building for God according to David and said, "Do all that is in thine heart, for God is with thee."

That night the Lord appeared to Nathan with a message, saying, tell David thy servant, thus saith the Lord, thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in, for I have not dwelt in an house since the day I brought up Israel unto this day, but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another.

While God led Israel He never spoke a word to any of the judges about building an house, but commanded him to feed his people.

I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast walked and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee and have made thee a name like the great men that are in the earth. Also I will ordain a place for my people, Israel, and will plant them and they shall dwell in their place and shall be moved no more, as at the beginning and since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people, Israel. Moreover, I will subdue all thine enemies. Furthermore, I tell thee I will build thee an house.

Again we read in Hebrews 11:8-10. By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obey; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he so journeyed in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs of the same promise; for he looked for a city which had foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

These men of God did not have an house of cedar or a place of continued worship, for they were sojourners. But Abraham was looking for an house, yea a city that was not made by man for God; but God was making for man to dwell in. He saw by the eye of faith into the future.

Jesus, while speaking to the Jews, commanded them to believe in Him, as they were believing in God. He said, "In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am, there ye may be also."

In Revelation, chapter 21, verse 2, John said, "And I John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." John in his vision of the revelation of Jesus Christ, saw what Abraham saw, by the eye of faith, and was looking forward to. In this day we are nearing the city of God and shall soon see the building made by God.

Again, God's Word tells we are the temples of the Holy Ghost. God's Spirit has no place to dwell but in the heart and life of the Christian. Does He dwell in you in all His fullness? If not, you need Him. It is true in this day we have churches add

we need them to hold worship services. But we should also be looking for the everlasting home, prepared by God, for those who love His appearing. This is the hope of the Christian. John said, "every one having this hope in him will purify himself even as he is pure."

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03 -- SOUL FOOD

What's In The Cradle?

Text -- "A Child is Born." The birth of a child is always an event. Announcements are sent far and wide. No one can despise a little child. This little child may become a great man and lead armies to battle and deliver nations. He may sway a scepter over an empire. He may become a servant of God whose message can save a world from doom. Again he may become a leading criminal and cause the world to shudder or he may become a business man of the world and sell liquor and damn souls. He may become dictator and grind humanity under his iron heel.

Who knows what is in the cradle? Let us look and see what is there. In Cain's cradle I see a murderer. In Able's cradle, a martyr; in Noah's cradle, a preacher of righteousness; in Nimrod's cradle, a dictator; in Abraham's cradle, a friend of God; in Moses' cradle, Israel's deliverer; in Pharaoh's cradle, a wicked ruler; in Joshua's cradle, a valiant soldier; in Samuel's cradle, a prophet; in Saul's cradle, a disobedient king; in David's cradle, a man after God's own heart; in Elijah's cradle, an uncompromising preacher; in Daniel's cradle, a man of faith, and in Belshazzar's cradle, a drunken sot.

For four thousand years men have listened to the message, "A child is born." But this time we hear it in Bethlehem. As we look into this cradle, behold, it is a manger, poverty is all around. Who could this be? No doctor on the scene, no room in the inn, just another poor boy like thousands of others! No, we find something different. Isa. 7:14. "Therefore, the Lord Himself shall give you a sign: Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel." Here in the manger we find this Scripture fulfilled. A child is born. His Name is Jesus, the world's Savior.

This child is the Son of God, for He was divinely conceived and His birth announced by the Holy Angel Gabriel as the Bible tells us and I believe it with all my heart. Praise God.

Isa. 6:9. For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given. John tells us that the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. The Son of God did not always exist in human form, therefore, the 'Child was born. "A Son is given," refers to the

death on the Cross, for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Christmas means the birth of Christ. God's gift to us. Therefore, we give gifts in memory of the gift God gave us. What a wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord. Surely every one should love this Child. He was born to die and make the sacrifice for sin, because the blood of bulls and goats could not forgive sins. There was a needed sacrifice that could make clean the sinner's heart, so God sent His Son to be the sacrifice, the greatest gift of all time -- Salvation, the gift of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Were people interested in the birth of Christ? There were wise men in the east who saw the star and immediately followed it until it led them to the place where the Child was. It was soon noised abroad that Jesus was born. Some were interested in Him for good, but wicked Herod wanted to take His life. There are many like that in this day, while hungry souls are seeking for the Christ who saves.

Herod was troubled when he heard these things and demanded of the chief priests and scribes where Christ should be born. They told him in 'Bethlehem of Judea. He then called the wise men and told them when they found the Child to let him know. When they came into the house they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down and worshipped Him, and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts -- gold, frankincense and myrrh. Being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. When they were gone the Angel of the Lord came to Joseph and said, "Take the young Child and His mother and flee into Egypt and stay there until I let you know when to return." So they protected Jesus from wicked Herod until after Herod died. Then they came to Nazareth and dwelt in Joseph's home.

The Transfiguration Of Jesus

I want to read to you St. Matthew 17:1-9. And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James and John, his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them; and His face did shine as the sun, and His raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with Him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here; if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold a voice out of the cloud which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, un-til the Son of man be risen again from the dead. My text is as follows: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am

well pleased; hear ye Him. (St. Matthew 17:5). The words of my text, this morning, we find in different places of the Bible, in connection with the transfiguration of Jesus. (Isaiah 42:1, Ephesians 1:6, Colossians 1:16, and other portions of the Bible proves that Jesus is the Christ, and we are commanded to hear Him). On the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked his disciples an impressive question. Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter said, Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God. If you were asked the same question, "who do you say that Jesus is? As far as I am concerned, I want to say as Peter: that Jesus is the Son of God, whom I 'have believed and accepted. I know that Christ is my Savior, and that all my sins are forgiven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this Rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (St. Matthew 16:18).

In reading the Bible, we must interpret it correctly as Christ being the Rock, not Peter. Dear friends, it pays us all to build our foundation on the solid Rock. We that hear and do the commands of the Lord are likened unto a wise man that built his house on the rock. The wind blew against the house, but it was built so securely that it could not be destroyed. The other man built his house on the sand; the rain and wind blew against it and it fell. (St. Matthew 7:24-27). Now do you believe that Christ is the Rock? (I Cor. 10:4). I say to you that Christ is the Rock and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (St. Matthew 16:18) This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Peter, James and John went along with Jesus into the mountain. When they got up they were tired and fell asleep. After they awoke, they saw with Jesus two other men. This had been Moses and Elias that had appeared before them. Jesus was transfigured before them; and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. It has been stated that the appearance of Jesus at that time, was like unto what His appearance will be when we shall behold Him. Can you picture them on the mountain? Peter was so thrilled that he said to Jesus, that they wanted to erect three tabernacles; one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elias; forgetting all about James, John and himself. The glory of God was so great, that he saw nothing but Jesus. In order for us to be followers of Jesus, we must forsake all, and take up our cross daily and follow Him. To experience full salvation we must have close fellowship with God. We must read the Bible more to keep in closer contact with God. The disciples lived near to Jesus. This world needs more people to live close to Jesus as the disciples did. James said, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16). And while he yet spake a bright cloud overshadowed them: And behold, a voice out of the cloud which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him.

When the disciples heard the voice out of the clouds, they fell on their faces. Jesus told them not to be afraid. At this time Jesus was all alone with them. After they came down from the mountain, Jesus told His disciples not to tell anyone what

had taken place until after the resurrection. We are enjoying the same this morning by feeding our souls with the Word of God.

This question is asked many times: What becomes of a person when he dies? Some say they sleep; the Bible does not say so. Moses died hundreds of years ago, and is enjoying himself in the presence of God. Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. I expect to live a long eternity with the One that has washed me in His blood. This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (Matthew 17:5, St. Mark 1:11, St. Luke 9:35).

John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. When Jesus came out of the water, the Spirit of God came down upon him as a dove. A voice said unto him, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. I am grateful to say to you that Jesus is my personal Savior. I am so thankful for a Savior like Jesus. I am going to be joyful in the presence of God.

My friends, may we all walk in the Light as God gives it to us.

A New Year

Text, Job 32:7 -- Multitude of years should teach wisdom.]'his may seem like a peculiar text to think about. Nevertheless, it is good for us. We have lived a number of years and many people are spiritually sleeping or ignorant of the condition of our country and the times in which we live. So the text says multitude of years should teach wisdom.

Once again we have come to the close of an old year and a new one has dawned upon us. This year should be one of great spiritual blessing and an eye opener to the near coming of Christ. For as we look at the condition of our country we can see how much nearer we are to the coming of Christ; therefore, we should strive as never before to gain the portals of heaven. While many are leaving down and back sliding, we must be up and doing for the time is short.

I have written a number of messages, but I still feel like warning men and women before it is too late. We do become careless and feel like saying what is the use, but when we look to the Word of God and spend time in prayer we see how far away from God's requirements people are living -- there seems to come the message, new and fresh on this New Year, "Rescue the perishing."

Years that are past can never be lived again, so why don't we live the way we wish we had. Years should teach us wisdom, but it seems the opposite. May the good 'Lord help us to see that it is time to wake up to the near coming of Christ and set our house (these temples) in order.

In Jer. 28:16, the Lord said to Hananiah, "This year thou shalt die," because he made the people trust in a lie. Did he die? Yes, in the same year in the seventh

month. Supposing that were you; many are just like that today. Even preachers are getting people to trust in a lie. I can hear some one say, "What do you mean. Just this -- Any thing that will take the place of the old time salvation is offered to the people and the preacher will tell them that the new way is what they need. But, dear reader, what we need this year is a revival of the Old Time Religion until people will be converted and sanctified holy in the Old Fashioned Bible way. Furthermore, we need more holding on at the altars in prayer until the assurance of heaven has reached the seeking soul, then there would not be so much back sliding. If Jesus would come this year for you would you be ready to go to heaven? Or would you be like Hananiah?

In Luke 4:19, we read about the acceptable year of the Lord. There is a time appointed for man according to the Bible. His years are appointed in which he lives, his year of salvation is appointed. (Namely this dispensation of Grace). Therefore, the time is drawing very nigh when the Holy Spirit will be lifted and Christ will take out His people and then the day of Grace is gone forever.

Some say we will wait for a second chance. There is no such a thing. Today is the day of salvation. If we hear His voice harden not your hearts. There will be many homes broken up, families divided, some taken and some left. Two at the mill grinding -- one taken and the other left; two in bed -- one taken and the other left. How sad, for all have had a chance but only a few have chosen the straight and narrow way.

The Valley Of The Shadow Of Death

In the twenty-third Psalm we read of the valley of the shadow of death. This does not have anything to do with physical death. No physical sickness, death, grave-cloth, coffins or graves are in the least sense connected with it. It does not have one thing to do with the unfriendly and ghostly skeleton that we call death. But it has to do with an experience that may be even more severe and harder to be endured than either death or the grave.

It does have to do with the journey of the soul through the dark and lonesome valley of trial, wherein thousands of holy men and women have encountered things more bitter than physical death could be and many times more cruel than the grave.

To the shepherd of Palestine, it meant the deep, dark gorge between the mighty cliffs, the long and lonesome valley twisting its winding way among dark, overshadowing mountains, where the wolf and leopard and the cruel panther with fiery eyes, looked down from the threatening ledge, where the ferocious bear and the screaming jackal and the blood-sucking vulture haunted the wilds and the savage mountain lions, up from the swelling of Jordan, watched to spring upon their unsuspecting prey. This was "the valley of the shadow of death" that David had in view when he made this statement. He knew all about it, for he had often

been there with his sheep and in some such a dreadful place is where he had killed a bear and a lion that came to scatter his flock.

In this short psalm there are one hundred and nineteen words and every word is true to life, as experienced by the shepherd and his flock out of those ancient hills.

The valley of the shadow of death is the strange, unsought and unwelcome valley that all the saints of God must go through in order to reach the goal. This is the valley through which all the saints have gone, which have made it through to heaven.

It is the valley through which the people of God pass when under the fiery lash of some carnal and unfriendly tongue. Again it is the valley through which all pass when we die, out to sin and self and carnal pride and are sanctified wholly. It is the valley through which we pass when under persecution, when in dark trials, when in an almost helpless condition in life. That valley of the shadow of death.

In this dark valley, Jesus our Savior, spent forty days and nights with the wild beasts of the forest and the deep dark solitude of the howling wilderness all about Him. In this valley the devil came to Jesus with his temptations, but at the end the angels came down from God and ministered to His needs. And so it will be with all of us who faithfully endure and go through "the valley of the shadow of death." Whatever the condition may be through the valley, angels will guard the people of God and they can come out with a shine and a shout.

Talkativeness

Talkativeness is utterly ruinous to deep spirituality. James 3:6. And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. The very life of our spirits passeth out in our speech and hence all superfluous talk is a waste of the vital forces of the heart.

If one would not say so much there would not be so much to take back. Let me ask you a question. Can a spider's web be put back in place after it has once been swept away? -- Or can a hasty word ever be unsaid? It is all right for a wagon to have a tongue, but wrong for a Christian to have a waggin' tongue.

In growing fruit it often happens that excessive blossoming prevents a good crop and may prevent fruit altogether. While in so much talking the soul runs wild in word blossom and bears no fruit. This does not apply to sinners nor to saints testifying about Jesus, but to nominal spiritual persons and professors of religion who have an empty heart. Talkativeness is one of the greatest hindrances to deep, solid union with God.

Notice how people will tell the same thing over and over and of how little importance the matter may be, yet one will run to a number of people with the same useless story; how a worthless non-essential is argued and disputed over and how a deep thing of the Holy Spirit is rattled over in a light manner until one must tear away to a silent place and gather up the fragments of his mind and rest in God. Then, again, there are those confessed things that should be buried which are dug out into gossip and carried around by many, through one tongue.

Shame on the professor of religion; can you see the evil effects of such talking?

Second, it is a waste of time. If the hours spent in this manner were spent in secret prayer what a great work could be done for God! It is impossible for even the best of saints to talk beyond a certain point without saying something unkind, or severe, or foolish, or erroneous. I think it is very necessary for us to keep ourselves from these things and withdraw from company to enter into prayer with our Lord. Therefore, the remedy is to talk in the Spirit and not talk for the sake of talking. To speak effectively, we must speak in God's appointed time and in harmony with the Holy Spirit.

Third, there are those who have not spoken together for a long time because of some indifference. They will go to the same camp meeting and shun each other and profess a high standard of grace, and then speak to a brother or sister about that one. They put all the blame on the other fellow. But how can you see to cast a mote out of your brother's eye while there is a beam in your eye. May it not once be named among you as becometh saints.

I pray God ,that this little message will reach your heart and you will talk to God about this matter and I am sure the Lord will tell you what to do about it.

Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord

In a little sketch concerning our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we endeavor to set forth the following:

Christ our Lord and Savior in the fulness of time was born of the blessed Virgin Mary at Bethlehem and laid in a manger. On the eighth day after His Nativity He was circumcised, and named Jesus.

Joseph takes the young child and his mother and flees into Egypt, because Herod had commanded the infants in and about Bethlehem to be slain. In two years Herod died, and his son, Archelaus, is by Caesar, made tetrarch of Judea, and Christ by the appointment of God is brought back to Nazareth. By occasion of the Passover our Lord goes up with His parents to Jerusalem, and there disputes with the doctors in the Temple.

It was at this time when Augustus died, and Tiberius succeeds him. Josephus called Caiaphas Who was made .high priest of the Jews by favor of the Roman governor.

John the Baptist begins to preach and to baptize in the desert of Judea, thereby preparing the way of the Lord, and doing his endeavor that Christ coming after him may be made known unto Israel. There was a sign given by God to John, whereby he might know Christ. He said, "Upon whom ye shall see the Spirit descending and remaining on him the same is he which shall baptize with the Holy Ghost."

Jesus, when He was thirty years of age, came from Galilee to Jordan and was baptized of John; at which time a most illustrious manifestation was made of the blessed Trinity. For when Jesus was baptized the heavens were opened, and the Spirit of God ,in the form of a dove descended upon Him, and the voice of the Father was heard from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." John saw this and bore record that this was the Son of God.

Jesus, full of the Holy Ghost, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness where He fasted for forty days and nights, followed by the great temptation of the devil.

John testified to his disciples that the Savior was passing by. Andrew, Peter, Philip and Nathaniel, acknowledge him to be the Messiah and become His disciples.

Next we find Christ at a marriage in Cana of Galilee, turning water into wine. He also becomes very closely associated with His disciples and teaches them to pray.

On another occasion Christ raised Lazarus from .the grave, having been dead for four days, while Caiaphas, high priest of the Jews, prophesied concerning the death of Christ.

Again we hear of Jesus passing a certain way, when He looks into a tree and sees a man by the name of Zacchaeus, a publican, and he comes out of the tree and: is converted. Next we see Him healing blind Bartimaeus as He journeys on. He goes to dine with Simeon when Mary, the sister of Lazareth, anoints our Savior's feet with costly spikenard, and wipes them with the hair of her head.

Christ rides triumphantly into Jerusalem; the multitude spread their garments in the way and cry, "Hosanna to the Son of David." Coming near the city He weeps over it and tells of the destruction. He enters the temple and casts out those who bought and sold there, and proceeds to heal the sick and crippled. This opens the Passover in which Christ our Savior is sacrificed and by Friday of that week, five bleeding wounds He bears for you and me, in order that we may be saved from our sins, and have a pure heart.

Christ has paved the way for us all. He lived among men, taught the way of salvation, and made disciples, sending them out to preach the Word for Him. Until today all over the land are found those who have come in contact with this Christ, the Savior of the world.

His love for us and our sins caused His death. Therefore, we should love Him as none other. He is the fairest of ten thousand to my soul, He is the lily of the valley, the bright and morning star.

O sinner friend if you have not found this Christ, please seek Him while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near, and He will surely hear and answer your prayer. Then when He comes back, you too may go with Him in Heaven and live with Him throughout all eternity.

Our Bodies A Living Sacrifice

Romans 12:1 and 2. I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

This subject beseeches a certain class of people. Paul addressed them as brethren, or people who have an experience in the grace of God. The Bible tells us that he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one. We are one with Christ and with each other as a family, when we are born of God's spirit. Thus the Apostle called God's people, "brethren," of which every Christian is a member. It is to this family of God to whom the message is given.

First, let us notice Paul puts up a plea. I beg of you. Jesus, on one occasion, stood, looking over Jerusalem and said how often would I have taken you and cared for you as doth a hen for her little ones, and ye would not. Jesus is begging people to come to Him. And those who are Christians He is begging for them to do something. And the thing He wants us to do in this message is, present our bodies a living sacrifice. Not a dead sacrifice as in the Old Testament but a living sacrifice. He that will not take up His cross daily and follow Jesus is not worthy of Him. So you see there is a sacrifice to make for the Lord.

We are commanded to present our bodies holy, acceptable to God, This, then, is our reasonable sacrifice. The unreasonable part of people is fighting holiness, without which no one shall see the Lord.

There are several things we need to do in order to keep our bodies holy. The first we notice, here, is strong drink. People say a little drink will not hurt, but the Bible says touch not, taste not, handle not. A Christian cannot buy or sell drink for

themselves or any one else; neither hang around a booze joint without staining their bodies with the damnable drink. The Chief of Police in one of Detroit's suburbs, speaking out of his experience, says "The old time saloon was a prayer-meeting compared to many of the beer gardens." One of our city judges of Detroit characterized our beer gardens as "front doors to hell." Governor Fitzgerald, of Michigan, says, "The beer garden is a combination as vicious as any that was ever contrived for the lowering of public moral. Statistics show more women than men are bar-tenders in the United States. It is not only men today but women as well that drink is damning their souls and making their bodies unholy."

Again, tobacco is very injurious to the body. Sixty-five per cent of women in the hospitals are there because their husbands use tobacco. Now, girls and women are doing the same and motherhood of today is ruined. One's body cannot be holy and pure before God when tobacco is used. The Bible says, "From all your filthiness, and from all your idols will I cleanse you." The Lord never intended men or women to use tobacco, therefore, the body is not holy. People who are genuinely saved from sin testify how God has delivered them from the filthy habit when they are saved. The most stinking animal is the skunk, and the most stinking man is a man who uses tobacco. It certainly is filthy and impure and defiles the body. But you say don't preachers use tobacco? Yes, they do, but Christians do not.

Again the Bible says, "Let women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shame-facedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array, but which becometh women professing Godliness with good works." In Isaiah the third chapter is forbidden the wearing of jewelry, which includes ear-rings, finger rings of all kind, nose jewels, anklets and a large list of things that the world uses, but the Bible forbids it. The girls get permanent waves, pull out their eyebrows, paint their finger and toe nails, cut finger nails pointed, paint and powder their faces and defile their bodies and make themselves look like the devil himself. But our text says present your bodies a living sacrifice to God.

Again adultery and fornication are the outstanding sins of the body today. The world with its fleshly desires and the fulfillment of the lust of the flesh and mind are damning souls to hell by the thousands. A little pleasure instead of glorifying God with a body, holy and acceptable, unto the Lord, is the desire of the world and, sad to say, the same thing exists many times in the churches and among holiness professors of religion, but, dear reader, this is sin and every one it entangles will lose their soul if they don't repent and come to the Lord.

But there is a place where we can live free from sin in the world and present our bodies wholly unto God, which is only our reasonable duty we owe to God as well as fellow-men.

We may sin against our bodies by doing things that our bodies do not allow us to do, such as over-eating, not getting our proper rest, sitting in a draft and so forth, but God wants us to take care of our bodies and keep them well and strong

so we can be at our best for Him. God has planned a healing for our sick bodies if we are Christians. In James, fifth chapter, we read, if any one is sick let him call for the older of the faith and anoint with oil, in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he has committed sin they shall be forgiven. But if we abuse our bodies and wilfully wrong them, we will be ashamed to ask the Lord for healing. If our bodies were not abused so much there would be less sickness in the world today. People would be stronger and better able to work as the Lord has commanded.

Some people are conformed to this world. Their ambitions and aims are only for this life. We are commanded to seek first God and His righteousness and all other things will follow. The majority of people leave God until last, but let us put first things first. The opposite of conforming to this world is being transformed by the renewing of your mind to the life for Christ. This is to be done in order to prove what is acceptable in the sight of Christ. In Ephesians the second chapter, we read where we are the workmanship of His hands created in Christ Jesus. He wants something that he need not be ashamed of, for by grace are ye saved through faith. When the 'Lord saves a person He saves them from sin, so wonderfully that old things have passed away. All things become new. The things we once loved, now we hate; the places we loved to go, now we stay away. Why? Because we have been transformed by grace divine.

In Hebrew 10:19-21. Having, therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the vale, that is: to say, his flesh, and having a high priest over the house of ,God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Heaven is a holy place and nothing unholy or unclean will ever enter in. So it means a pure body as well as a pure heart to see the Kingdom of God. You say, I don't believe it. It is not what we believe, but just what ,the Bible says about it.

Paul said, but I keep under my body and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others. I myself should be a castaway. Each individual needs to have control of their own body and can have and will have if they belong to Christ. Rom. 8:11-14. But if the spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; but if ye through the spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. Therefore, it is impossible to live a Christian life without considering the body.

When once we become a Christian we need to consecrate our bodies to God and His Service. He wants us to give our bodies a living sacrifice to Him. Willing to

be obedient to the things God would have us do. If the Lord wants us to speak to a soul that is lost, it means we will. If we are busy at secular work and God gives us a call, we need to drop our work and go where He sends. Many say I will go where the Lord leads, but they never go only when they feel like it. May God make us willing to do His will, live Christ-like lives for Him, use our bodies for the things that will glorify Him and there will be a crown of righteousness awaiting at the great and notable day when Jesus comes for His Jewels.

The Parable Of The Talent

And unto one he gave five talent, and to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

A talent of silver according to the Jewish weight amounts to 450 pounds, and a talent of gold amounts to 7200 pounds. In English money a talent of silver amounts to 342 pounds and a talent of gold 5475 pounds. Therefore, we see the value of the talent.

This parable is intended for all Christians, warning them to use their ability to the best advantage for the Lord. It suitably follows and supplements the parable of the Virgins. For whereas they represented Christ's servants as waiting for him. This represents them as working for him.

The parable of the Virgins lays stress on their inward spiritual life. This lays stress on the outward activities in which the spiritual life shows itself. This parable shines clearest in the light of the circumstances; as Jesus was giving it to his disciples, while standing on Mount Olivet overlooking Jerusalem and the temple in all their glory.

Jesus had foretold their destruction. What was the cause of that ruin? Because the nation had buried the talent God had entrusted to them, instead of using it for Him.

Traveling into a far country represents Jesus going back to Heaven and on the day of reckoning will come for His servants.

The five talents represents all the gifts of God to His children. The one with five talents represents the one who has a deeper insight into God's Word, or has constitutionally a more kind or liberal disposition than another, or had been brought up with more abundant means of Grace, with opportunities of turning the same to good with or without a higher station in God's Church than another.

God gives men spiritual gifts according to their natural capacity. A man with a natural gift of eloquence becomes by God's Grace a good preacher, and a man with natural piety a spiritual guide. The Christians are commanded to trade with their talents, by so doing, they must employ them to the profit of their own souls

and to the benefit of others. The talents made in trade are the good which Christians do to themselves, and others by the use of the talents which God has entrusted to them.

The talents gained by the Apostles were human souls converted by them. One man received one talent and hid it in the earth, this represents the man who neither employs his ability for his own advantage, nor for that of others. So when the Lord returned, his faithful servants came and brought double amounts of talents received. Their Lord said: Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of the Lord.

The man who had received one talent said, Lord, here is thy talent. I hid it and kept it, knowing that thou doth gather where thou hath not sown. His Lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knowest that I reap where I sow not, and gather where I have not strewed: His Lord, therefore, commanded that this one talent be taken away from him and given to the man who had ten talents. Jesus said, for unto everyone that hath shall be given, and' he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Harvest Home

Gen. 8:22, While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, and summer and winter and day and night shall not cease.

Here we have the promise given by God way back in Genesis concerning a time to plant and a time to harvest. The promise is that as long as the earth remains these seasons come. We have come again to the time of harvest. The most of the grain has been gathered, and the fruit and vegetables are being gathered now. So this is the season when we celebrate harvest home services in the churches.

The purpose of this is to bring the best and first of the fruits and vegetables and present them unto the Lord in thanksgiving for the year of prosperity and blessings, both temporal and spiritual. Truly, if we look back and see how the Lord has provided these things for us how thankful we Should be. It seems to me people are reaching out all the time to receive things but never stop to thank the Creator and Preserver of life.

In the seventeenth chapter of Luke we read about ten lepers that met Jesus and He healed them. One of them, when he saw he was healed, turned back and fell at the feet of Jesus and with a loud voice gave thanks. But Jesus said, "Were they not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?"

Above all, we should give thanks to the Lord for the provisions of life, for if one crop fails there is something else to take its place and so God provides for His children and we owe Him thanks.

In Exodus, the twenty-third chapter, we read of three feasts to be observed and which they were not to use blood. First, the feast of unleavened bread; second, the feast of harvest; third, the feast of ingathering. It is the feast of harvest which we wish to mention.

Ex. 23:19. The first of the first fruits of thy land thou bring into the House of the Lord thy God. This feast consisted of the first fruit of thy labors and nothing to take its place. if it was not obeyed their transgressions would not be pardoned.

In Lev. 19:9-10, when they reaped their harvest of their land, they were not to reap the corners, neither gather the gleanings of the harvest, but they were commanded of God to leave it for the poor and the stranger. When Ruth was gleaning in the harvest field of Boaz, he told his men to leave a little fall intentionally so there would be more for her. But the first was for the Lord.

Now days, when people gather their harvest, the Lord is left out. He does not get the first and many times God does not get the tithe. In many cases the preacher does not so much as get the gleanings. While the first of all fruit and vegetables belong to the Lord. God demands the first and the best, while man says if there is any left we will give. Dear reader, it is a wonder God gives anything to people ,in this day. Perhaps if it were not for His promise He would not.

Jer. 8:20. The harvest is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved. This is referring to the harvest of souls. Just as there is a harvest of fruit so there is a harvest of souls. When we preach the Bible we are sowing the seed and God has commanded us to only sow the seed. Then, when the harvest is ripe, the Lord will send forth His angel to thrust in the scythe and reap the harvest.

Every revival is a harvest of souls and at the close of the revival some soul must say summer is past, harvest is ended and I am not saved. What would it mean if this were you?

In Matt. 13:30 Jesus said, "Gather ye together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into the barn." Matt. 13:39. The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world and the reapers are the angels. Let me ask you in closing, will you be included in the harvest of souls? If you are not ready, get ready, for this dispensation is near to a close. What we do we must do quickly.

Old Fashion Times

The most persecuted place in all the world was Staffordshire, England. Charles Wesley said he could ride through this place and tell every Methodist home from the fact that the windows were broken and the homes wrecked.

At Darlston a mob entered the homes of Methodists, smashed windows, broke up furniture and dishes, taking the clothing, ripped open feather beds and scattered the feathers over the floor, and abused and whipped the Christians. The authorities refused to give assistance because they were in favor of the treatment. In spite of all this the Methodists remained loyal and true to their beliefs of Bible doctrine.

2 Tim. 3:12 -- Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. When I read of the persecutions of years gone by and see how little there is today, I wonder if we are Christians. If some church member speaks evil of us we think it is an awful persecution and many times say I cannot endure such things, I must give up. Shame. on us -- we do not know what persecution is.

In years gone by the Christians were persecuted to the extent of death. They were tied to the stake and burned. They had their limbs cut off, one after another, and the question was, Will you now quit serving Jesus? The answer was "No." So they continued to persecute and murder, but they died shouting the praises of God.

This is due to the ministry many times, for we preachers have learned to preach so nice, that we aim at nothing and hit the mark. While in the churches many are cold and few are frozen. Instead of blazing away with the Gospel gun and making many wounds and refuse to apologize for the loaded shells and the old nest, it hits with its victim so neatly seated in. May God help the Evangelical Methodist preachers to purchase a higher pressure pump gun from Heaven that will repeat itself over and over and get the old possum off the limb and the old bird out of the nest and the old skunk out of his hole and take the stink out of him and that old hypocrites and dried-up professors of religion will see where they are at ease and wake up to holiness and get ready for Heaven.

John said, "Ye generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come." What we need is more old time Holy Ghost preaching to awaken people from their spiritual sleep, so they will be watching when Jesus comes. This brings persecution. People will call us holy rollers and say the work will go down in a little while, but if we are true to Jesus we shall wear a crown.

Amos 6:1 -- Woe to them that are at ease in Zion. When the church is at ease there is something wrong. If the church to which you belong does not have people talking about them, there is something wrong.

Most all the people feel there is something wrong when people talk, but the wrong is when everything is at ease. So, praise God, when people talk about you, for if we are persecuted for righteousness, great is your reward in Heaven. But woe

to those who bring offenses. So be careful how you live, preach straighter, live holier and let the devil be. Suffer the persecution and go to Heaven.

He Is Risen

Once again we come to celebrate the Resurrection of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The thing which cheers our hearts is that He is not dead, but alive and alive for evermore. The Angel said "He is not here; He is risen, even as He said. Come see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His Disciples, He is risen from the dead; and lo, He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him: I have told you." Matt. 28:6 and 7.

I am glad we are serving a living Christ and we know Him to be such, for He has brought life to every Christian. On one occasion, Jesus, in speaking to a crowd of evil people said, "Ye worship what ye know not." I believe every true Christian worships Christ. Before one can do this they must be born of the Spirit of God and become a Christian. A Christian is one that is like Christ. To know Him means to come in contact with Him. This brings Spiritual life to the individual.

Those who came to the grave looked for Him there. You know dead people always are in the cemeteries. They thought Jesus to be dead and there are a lot of people in this day who look to Christ as though He was dead. Now the reason I know this, is because they claim to be Christians, that is like Christ, but they are dead, twice dead plucked out by the roots and go to a dead church and listen to a dead preacher. But the only thing Jesus said about such things was, "Let the dead bury the dead, come follow me." Jesus calls us to life and follow Him. The Angel said He is not here.

Second, the Angel said "He is risen." These women had been with Him throughout His ministry. Perhaps each of them heard Him prophecy that He would rise from the dead the third day. This is the most stupendous announcement ever made, more wonderful even than the Angels' proclamation of the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem. It is the most blessed for us, because it takes away the fear of death forever. It placed the crown of triumph on the life of the Savior and gives us victory over the grave as well as sin. Rom. 8:11. But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.

The Angels' invitation was to see the place where the Lord had been. This was evidence He had been buried and that now He is gone. When Peter and John came and entered the tomb, they were powerfully impressed by the sight of the grave cloth in which the body of Christ had been wrapped and especially by the head-bands lying there rolled up in the shape of the Lord's head, like a chrysalis shell from which the butterfly had gone out. We can look back to the time when we were dead in trespasses and sins and see the dead state we were in, but, thanks be to God, we are not in any more, but have come out of our old shell and found life.

Third, go quickly -- spread the Gospel or (good news) that He is risen and brought life to those who would accept Him. I think they went at a very rapid rate of speed, that is quickly. They got things on high gear. Today things are on the lowest gear there is. May we see how important it is to get things moving for God! How necessary to tell the Resurrection story of a living Christ. This entire chapter brings swift and joyful action. The message was first for the Disciples or the Christians. This was their hope and what a hope it really was. God has been calling men and women to tell the story ever since. The world is hungry to hear of the risen Christ and find Him as their Savior, but so few are preaching a living Christ and a salvation that saves people from their sins.

Next we see Christ as He appears to those hungry hearts, making them to know Him as the risen Lord and Savior once and for all. He appreciates Peter alone (Luke 24: 34) but their secret details are not revealed to us. And so on we could relate the ten appearances of Jesus and finally His ascension on the last meeting on Mr. Olivet. But we must hasten on. We again see where He had made an appointed place to meet the Disciples the night in which He was betrayed. This place was Galilee. My friend, Jesus has an appointed place for every one to meet Him. It is not at Galilee, but it is at the altar of prayer where He will save us from our sins, if we meet His conditions. He there will save us and sanctify us holy and prepare us so we can meet again the second time in the clouds of glory and so shall we ever be with the Lord. (I Thess. 4:17).

In conclusion, let us notice that Jesus did as He promised. V. 9 says, "And behold, Jesus met them saying, All hail." This was an ordinary form of salutation, but never so appropriate as on this occasion. We greet one another by saying "Praise thee lord." It means we are happy and rejoicing in the Christ of our salvation. This was a time of rejoicing for the Disciples, for when Jesus was buried their hope was shattered. My friends, never become discouraged in times of darkness for Jesus will do as He said. He will be sure to make His appointment on time. Remember He never is late.

May this Easter celebration bring us new hope once more and help us to press the battle for faith and victory through the blood and may our faith be resurrected anew this Easter through the Resurrection of the living Christ, and by our lives may we show this to be our experience.

Resurrected Life

Text Matt. 28:6. He is not here: for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

The Apostle Paul said, "So also is the resurrection. It is down in corruption; it is raised in incorruption; it is sown in dishonour; it is raised in power; it is sown a

natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. The first Adam became a living soul. The last Adam became a living spirit."

The resurrected life is defined with an egg. First, we think of the Easter rabbit, then of the egg, because of life. The egg is put in the incubator and in process of time the little chick comes out of the egg and there is the life.

When a soul dies the body is placed in the grave, but the soul goes to heaven if the person is a Christian, but on the resurrection morning the body is brought out of the grave and the soul comes back and occupies the body and with a glorified touch goes to be with the Lord. Rev. 20:6. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection, on such the second death hath no power. Praise God.

What blessed hope in connection with our 'Lord's resurrection is there then for the Christian? In 1 Cor. 6:14 we are told that "God" will also raise us up by His own power. Rom. 8:11. But if the spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you he shall also quicken your mortal bodies through His Spirit that dwelleth in you. Thank God for the resurrected life of our Savior which also makes possible our resurrection. Praise God.

Jesus went into the city of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and when they saw Him, they cried out "Crown Him King." But when He opened up their sinful lives and told them the way to salvation, they cried out, "Crucify Him." In less than a week He was nailed to the Cross, and there died that we might be saved. After He died the two men of God buried Him, but early as it began to get daylight, the women, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and the other Mary, came to the grave to anoint of body of Jesus. But, behold! He was not there, for He had risen from the grave and the Angel said, "Here is where He was but He is gone." Then He began to appear to those who loved Him. But He was the resurrected life for us all. Thank God.

After forty days Jesus ascended to Heaven and on the day of Pentecost Peter preached to the crowd concerning Jesus and His plan of salvation and the Word says, "They were pricked in their hearts," or they had a conscience convicted of sin and some were brought to say with the jailer, "What must I do to be saved?" The answer went forth, repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and Thou shalt be saved. This is essential to the resurrection. We all hope for this life, but without salvation we shall never get to Heaven.

Oh, what a need there is today for people to see their lost condition and to come in contact with this Lord and Savior which has made possible His resurrection and our resurrection without which we will be lost.

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The Cross

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame,
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best,
For a world of lost Sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.**

In the biographies we read of this cross as the place where Jesus was crucified upon, between two thieves. They crucified Jesus, likening Him unto thieves, but He was the sinless Son of God, and died wilfully on the cross for the sins of the entire world; that whosoever will may come unto Him and find eternal life. Praise His dear name. I am glad I came twenty-eight years ago.

The cross was considered a place of shame, for it was used so crucify the sinners, such as thieves and considered the most cruel of all deaths. So Jesus taking the lowest place and being very humble became our suffering brother in order that we might go free. What a wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, and what wonderful love He showed to us poor lost sinners.

After tying Him in the courts, they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet robe. They plaited a crown of thorns and placed it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon Him and took the reed and smote Him on the head. After mocking Him they took the robe off of Him and put His own raiment on Him and led Him away to crucify Him.

The wicked people made Him carry His own cross, until they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, and they compelled him to carry the cross for Jesus. Thus revealing to us that we have a cross to bear if we will wear a crown of righteousness. When they came to a place called Golgotha they crucified Him, and set over His head this writing, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews."

There were the ones passing by reviling Him, wagging their heads, saying, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If Thou be the Christ come down from the cross. He saved others, Himself He cannot save. If He be the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. He could have very easily escaped but the cross was His own. They borrowed a bed to lay His head when Christ the Lord came down; they borrowed the ass in the mountain pass for Him to ride to town; but the crown He wore and the cross He bore were His own. And this He did in order that whosoever would come might find life.

Jesus not only suffered nails in His hands and feet, but a sword pierced through His side out of which flowed the precious blood of the crucified Son of God which was for the cleansing of all sin. Praise His dear name. That all who will come by faith, may have the blood applied to their sin stains and be made clean, and find Christ who is the living bread from heaven. When Jesus was on the mountain with a hungry audience, He borrowed the bread when the crowd He fed, as well as the broken fish; but the cross that He bore was His own, in order that He might become our living bread that came down from heaven. Not as your fathers did eat manna and are dead, but that which will keep us alive spiritually forevermore.

The cross of Christ was one despised by the world, but upheld by the Christian. It attracts the Christian for the dear Lamb of God left His glory above, to bear it to dark Calvary, and gave His life willingly for mankind to find everlasting life. This cross was also stained with blood so divine, and as we gaze upon it we see a wondrous beauty, for 'twas on this cross Jesus suffered and died to pardon and sanctify me. Therefore, we will cling to the old rugged cross.

Again let us notice if Jesus had a cross, and He had, there surely is a cross for every one who will go through with Jesus.

Matthew 16:24. Then said Jesus unto His Disciples, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Matthew 10:38. And he that taketh not his cross and followeth after me, is not worth of me. Therefore, we see the Christian has a cross. Thank God for it. Take yours and follow Jesus. Yours may be different from any one else, but everyone has a cross, and let us remember if we were to exchange with our brother we may afterwards be sorry, for his may be greater, only he carries his with a smile. And I believe every Christian should not complain over their cross, but go with a smile.

After all, this is the way home to heaven and there is no ether way. The hymn writer said, " I must need go on in the blood-sprinkled way, the path that my Savior trod, if I ever climb to the heights sublime, where the soul is at home with God." So let us onward go as good soldiers of the cross until we reach home, where my Savior waits at the open gate to welcome His children home.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory for ever I'll share.

The Blood Bought Way

Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said unto them, "Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the Passover. And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the

lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the basin; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you. And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons forever." (Exodus 12:21-24).

Moses was the great leader of the children of Israel. He was led by Almighty God, and was obedient to his leading-thus his ministry was a success. God was sending plagues upon Pharaoh, that he would leave his people go. When the first born were threatened, 'Moses commanded his people to secure a lamb for each family. Josephus tells us one lamb was for each ten persons. He also says that, during the time between the death of Christ and the destruction of Jerusalem, 250,000 lambs were sacrificed at the Passover and partaken by 2,700,000 people. Moses then ordered them to kill the lamb, and take the blood and sprinkle some on the door-frame overhead, and on each side. Moses also told them to stay in their homes during the night, as the death angel would pass over the homes of Egypt, and wherever the blood was not found on the door, the oldest son in the family was found dead in the morning; even in the king's home.

They were commanded to roast the lamb and cook some other vegetables with it. They had to eat it while standing around the table, ready to leave at the command of Moses, their great leader.

This was called the Passover Supper, because the death angel passed over, and they were unharmed. Thus, the first feast of the Passover was observed. From this time on they were commanded to keep the Passover; even, Jesus and His disciples observed the Passover Supper, the night in which he was betrayed for thirty pieces of silver. After the Passover, Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, and commanded all true Christians to observe this ordinance until He comes; then we eat and drink anew in His Kingdom.

This was a type of that which was to come; even Jesus, the Son of God, the Lamb, which was slain from the foundation of the world, for the sins of the people. Again, it was typical of the justice of God's passing over, and! sparing such who are sprinkled with the blood of Christ, Purge out, therefore, the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. (I Cor. 5:7). As the angel of death passed over the houses where the blood was sprinkled; so the wrath of God passes over them whose souls are sprinkled with the blood of Christ. Therefore, it was necessary that Christ should suffer and die, and shed his precious blood, before we could be redeemed.

Deliverance from sin, for the soul of man, can only be found through the true sacrifice, which was Jesus Himself, through the shedding of his blood. For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

(Leviticus 17:11). The lamb was killed the first month of the year, which prefigures Christ should suffer death in that month. Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment; and it was early, and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover. (St. John 18:28). The first month of the year means the ecclesiastical year. The month was called Abib. The time of ripening ears, and it corresponds to the end of March and the beginning of April. After the exile it was called by the Babylonian name, Nisan. The lamb was killed in the evening. And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. (Exodus 12:6). So Christ suffered in the last days, and at this time of the day. (St. Matthew 27:46, Hebrew 1:2). The time of sunset represents the Son of Righteousness; who was to suffer and die. At His sufferings universal darkness should be upon the whole earth. And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. (St. Luke 23:44).

The Passover was roasted with fire; this denotes the sharp dreadful pains Christ suffered in our place. This teaches us the absolute necessity of true repentance in all that would profitably feed on Christ.

If we want to have a part with Christ, we must have a part in His sufferings. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. (II Timothy 3:12). For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (St. John 3:16). So great was the love of God for us, we should gladly accept Him as our Lord and Savior.

Now dear reader, I want you to see that it is the blood of Christ that cleanseth us from all sin. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. (I John 1:7). Jesus died on Calvary's rugged cross; a sword pierced his side, out of which flowed the blood, the precious blood of Christ. There was no blood lost, but is available from the throne of mercy this day, for any sinner who will call upon the Lord for mercy and forgiveness. I want to ask you, has the blood been applied to your heart? Do you know you are a Christian? Does the Spirit Himself bear witness with your spirit that you are a Christian? Do you have a real testimony for Jesus, that you and your neighbors know to be true? There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. (Proverbs 16:25). There are many people who are going this way. I am going to tell you the Bible way: It is the blood bought way, paved by our Lord, that leads to heaven, and it is the only way home to glory. Which way are you traveling? Enter ye in at the straight gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (St. Matthew 7:13-14). To the soul missing heaven; hopes are gone, life with a chance is over, separated from God, heaven, and loved ones.

Revive Thy Work

Habakkuk 3:2. O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years. We are living in an age when the work of the Lord needs to be revived. Not in the church of another Denomination or in our neighbor's, but in our own church and in our own individual lives. What we need is an old fashion revival of religion in the home, which begins with father, mother and children. The individual heart needs to be revived, then the family and then the revival will begin in the church.

Our revivals do not amount to very much in these days for we close before anything is accomplished. Revivals used to last four, six, eight, ten and twelve weeks; now we close in ten days or two weeks and it takes even four weeks to get started many times. If we want lasting results it means we must stick until we have the victory, and souls are born into God's Kingdom. The reason there is so little done for God is because we do not stick to the job until it is completed.

Josh. 1:6 tells us to be strong and of good courage. God wants men of courage and strength today who will go forth and fight the battle against sin and the devil and not return without having the victory. Praise the Lord.

So many churches have already reached the heights in education, prestige, refinement, culture and costly buildings, but lack the spiritual side of life. What we need is more of the love of God which never faileth.

There are religious societies, with their organizations of various kind and they labor very hard, but for the wrong thing. What we should strive for is Christian perfection. That which John Wesley called "perfect love." A very good name for holiness. Let us begin days of fasting and prayer and then continue until we shall see results. In all thy way acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.

I meet those who are saying that people do not live as they testify or they say I cannot see any good in my neighbor. I want to say to you, individuals, families, churches, towns and countries have failed, but God's Word never fails. Do not look to man but look to God, the Author and Finisher of our Salvation. May we expect Him and keep our eyes gazing heavenward until we reach the goal.

In the orthodox churches are found places of amusements, such as games, picnics, socials, suppers and frolics of all kind and they say we need to hold the young people. But let me say, what we need is an old-fashion revival of religion in the individual as well as in the church, and when the work of the Lord is revived and people get the Holy Spirit and fire in their souls, that will be all the church needs to draw and hold its people.

There are all kinds of plans and devices within the church for advancement but old-fashion revivals; but what we need are Scriptural revivals; sin killing

revivals; Romans 6:6 revivals -- Crucify the old man with his deeds of sin. Revivals which bring conviction to a lost soul and cause that one to yield their life to the Lord Jesus Christ. Revivals which result in the New Birth, in being Sanctified holy and which will produce new things in the life. Paul said, "Old things have passed away, behold all things are become new." Praise the Lord. O Lord, revive Thy work.

Therefore, may we awake to the need of prayer and pray that God will send forth laborers 'in His field with clean hands and a pure heart, who will preach the Word as it is, without fear or favor of man and reveal true holiness to a lost world. Some one must turn people to God and help souls to be filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. God hath said, "Be ye holy; for I am holy."

There are three things I wish to call your attention to by means in which the work of the Lord will be revived. Confession -- Restitution -- Separation.

Confession is the first step towards becoming a Christian. 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins. Prov. 28:13 -- He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. Dear friends, the most cruel thing is to fail souls along the line of confession and God will hold us responsible if we do. Therefore, we must confess to Christ and those we have wronged.

Restitution is required in the Bible in order to get right with God. Zacchaeus stood and said unto the Lord, "If I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." Jesus left him know he must make things right with his fellowman and owe no man any apology or restitution, only so love him. This should be done before a seeker goes to an altar to get saved. Let us remember that unconfessed sins never go under the Blood of Christ and you are not fully saved until all is under the blood.

Separation means to be separated from sin and the people of sin and all things that look like sin. Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? What Communion hath light with darkness? We cannot be a Christian and belong to oath-bound organizations such as lodges and secret orders. Come ye e0ut from among them. Again from our worldly company we must separate ourselves, as well as from the dead church to which you belong, for if you do not separate from the worldly things you can be none of His.

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