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Come Unto Me

Hear the blessed Savior calling the oppressed,
"Oh, ye heavy-laden, come to Me and rest;
Come, no longer tarry, I your load will bear,
Bring Me every burden, bring Me every care."

Come unto Me, I will give you rest;
Take My yoke upon you, hear Me and be blest;
I am meek and lowly, come and trust My might;
Come, My yoke is easy, and My burden's light.
Are you disappointed, wand'ring here and there,
Dragging chains of doubt and loaded down with care?
Do unholy feelings struggle in your breast?
Bring your case to Jesus—He will give you rest.
Stumbling on the mountains dark with sin and shame,
Stumbling toward the pit of hell's consuming flame;
By the pow'rs of sin deluded and oppressed,
Hear the tender Shepherd, "Come to Me and rest."
Have you by temptation often conquered been,
Has a sense of weakness brought distress within?
Christ will sanctify you, if you'll claim His best;
In the Holy Spirit, He will give you rest.

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CHRIST IS THE ANSWER

Greetings to the Saints of God!



Pastor Junior and Brenda Tingle

you, as I have said many times it is because of you our readers that we are able to continue to publish this newspaper to reach souls, we always want you to know that we are thankful for your support and burden and also for your prayers. It might astound you to know how many people you will reach with the gospel through giving, we want to say "Thanks" for your unselfishness and thoughtfulness. As long as we have faith in Jesus through our prayers this ministry can grow and continue to reach others, so we greatly covet your prayers. We are beginning to send out the Beyond Belief biblical booklet on salvation to the prisoners this too is because of our supporters. anyone who wants to help with these booklets can purchase them the cost is \$245 per 150 booklets that includes shipping. These booklets will be sent to each prisoner that writes us. We must do what we can while we have an open door. Together we can reach many.

God bless you, Bro Jr. Tingle

The Skeptic's Dilemma

A young skeptic once said to an elderly lady, "I once believed in God, but now, since studying philosophy and mathematics I am convinced that God is but an empty word." "Well," said the lady, "it is true that I have not learned these things, but since you have, can you tell me from whence this egg comes?" "Why, of course, from a hen," was the reply. "And where does the hen come from?" "Why from an egg." Then the lady inquired, "May I ask which existed first, the hen or the egg?" "The hen, of course," rejoined the young man. "Oh, then a hen must have existed without having come from an egg?" "Oh, no, I should have said the egg was first." "Then I suppose you mean that one egg existed without having come from a hen?" The young man hesitated: "Well, you see that is of course, well, the hen was first!" "Very well," said she. "Who made that first hen from which all succeeding eggs and hens have come?" "What do you mean, by all this?" he asked. "Simply this, I say that He who created the first egg or hen is He who created the world. You can't explain the existence even of a hen or an egg without God, and yet you wish me to believe that you can explain the existence of the whole world without Him!"

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By O.F. Fauss

Questions & Answers

Question:

In John 20:17, Jesus told Mary: "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them. I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God." Why did Jesus have to go to the Father to be glorified?

Another questioner asks. Why did Jesus say to Mary, "Touch me not,, then tell Thomas eight days later, "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands: and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side"?

Answer:

Mary had seen Jesus after His resurrection, but she still thought of Him as only a man. Although she had recognized Him as her Lord and Master, she had never seen Him as had the three disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration, when He was transfigured before them, and His face shone as the sun (2 Peter 1:16, 17; Matthew 17:1, 2). Jesus had spoken of being glorified, and this was to happen before the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. (Read John 7:39.) The human body of Jesus had to be glorified by the Spirit, even the Father, that in Him (Jesus) should all the fullness of the Godhead dwell.

John saw Him in His glory, and heard Him say, "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last ... I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for-evermore" (Revelation 1: 11, 18).

Why did Jesus forbid Mary to touch Him? The Scriptures do not say. There have been different interpretations. Some say that Mary wanted to hold on to Him, to detain Him, and this was not according to His will. Others say that He had not yet entered into the Most Holy Place in heaven, with His own blood, to obtain eternal redemption for us (Hebrews 9:11, 12), and should not have been touched by human hands until he had done so. Eight days later, He could say to Thomas, " ... reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side, ... " because by then He had ascended into heaven, entered into the Most Holy Place in the heavenly tabernacle with His own blood, and purchased eternal redemption for us.

One thing worthy of note is Jesus' compassion for Mary Magdalene, who had followed Him since He had brought deliverance to her by the touch of His hand. She was heartbroken over His death. According to John's Gospel, she had come to the sepulcher, found the stone rolled away, and Jesus' body gone. She still did not understand that He was to rise from the dead. All she wanted was to see Him. Undoubtedly she said within herself, "I must find Him; I must see Him."

Hearing footsteps behind her, she turned, suppos-ing the one approaching to be the gardener. She said unto Him, "Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary," and she recognized Him. It was then that He told her not to touch Him.

One desperately hungry soul longed to see Him, and He halted the process of His glorification to satisfy the hunger of that soul.

He is still touched with the feeling of our infirmities. He is anxious to hear the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man, and has declared through James that such prayer availeth much.

QUESTION:

Should I Not Drink Water While Fasting?

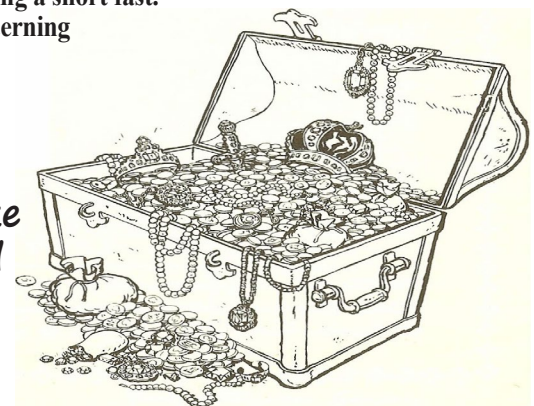
When fasting, is it necessary NOT to drink water? I've heard pro and con, so I'm confused.

ANSWER:

It has been my conviction that water, but only water, may be used while fasting. Water has no food value and does not stimulate, but only prevents dehydration.

However, there may be reasons why your pastor desires you to abstain from water during a short fast. Follow your pastor's instructions concerning matters of this nature

*I slept and I dreamed
that life is all joy. I woke
and I saw that life is all
service. I served and I
saw that service is joy.*



TO KNOW HIM

E. J. McCLINTOCK

The one supreme purpose for which the Bible was given is that we might know Him. There are 228,500,000 in the dark communistic land of China alone that have never heard of the name of Jesus, let alone know anything about His wonderful love for them. Then we see another dark picture which is just as appalling, and that is the untold millions in this earth who know about Him from an historical standpoint but have never really met Him, have never experienced His marvelous grace and love in their hearts. What a privilege we have to know Him as we do today.

These words come thundering down to us today "That I might know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead." Phil. 3: 10-11. In the preceding verses of this third chapter of Philippians Paul wrote and admonished the disciples to rejoice in the Lord and not to place any confidence in the flesh. He set forth the facts clearly that if anyone had a right to rejoice in the flesh, it was himself. "Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless." Verses 5-6. Paul was quite a "religious man but was not a "Christian." Paul was blameless as far as the righteousness of the law was concerned but he still did not know Jesus and have an experience of His marvelous life of grace and pardon from sin. Paul met Jesus on the road to Damascus and from that time on his whole life was completely changed. He could then say: "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ." Paul was a new creature, old things had passed away and all things had become new. He "KNEW" Christ without the shadow of a doubt. Young people we must know Him!



Mary chose that better part which Jesus said would not be taken from her. Her desire was to sit at His feet and learn from the gracious words that fell from His lips. Today we can get alone with God and open His precious word and learn of Him. Do we really want to know Him and why should we? We believe there are several reasons why we should want to know Him which we shall set forth. FIRST: He is the only means of salvation for the world today. He is our only Saviour. The law only brought condemnation, sin and death with no hope. The penalty of breaking the law was death. We were all condemned to die but Christ came and paid the price for our redemption by His death on the cross. This set us free from the curse of the law if we believed on Him and obeyed the terms of the Gospel. He covers us with a robe of righteousness, pure and spotless, not self-righteousness which came by the law, but a robe undefiled by human instrumentality. Christ is the only answer to the need of man today. His gospel is the force which can save men today from their sins. Jesus proved all His claims emphatically when he said to the sick of the palsy and others, "Arise take up thy bed and walk and immediately the lame man took up his bed and walked." We must know Him as our Saviour if we are to know Him in any other way.

SECOND: We should know Him and the power of His resurrection. The Spirit of God is the power by which Christ was raised from the dead. Paul desired more of this power in his life. The precious Spirit of God is what we need more of in our lives today. We need that power to walk uprightly before Him and stand firm and true to Him. Jesus told the early disciples: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." They received this power when they tarried in the city of Jerusalem until the day of Pentecost was fully come. After this marvelous infusion of the Spirit of God into every fiber of their beings the disciples went forth into all the known world preaching repentance toward God, baptism in water in the mighty name of Jesus and the receiving of the Holy Ghost baptism with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. Without this wonderful experience in our lives we will not be ready to leave this world when Jesus comes. Also, unless we keep this experience paramount in our lives, we will miss the greatest event of all times, the coming of Jesus for His Bride. Definitely, it is essential for us to know Him in the power of His resurrection.

THIRD: "That I might know Him and the fellowship of His suffering." The Apostle Paul learned many things through suffering that he would have never learned otherwise. In 2 Corinthians 11 :24-28 Paul enumerates several of his experiences thusly: "Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I stoned, thrice was I beaten with rods, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren: In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches."

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TO KNOW HIM

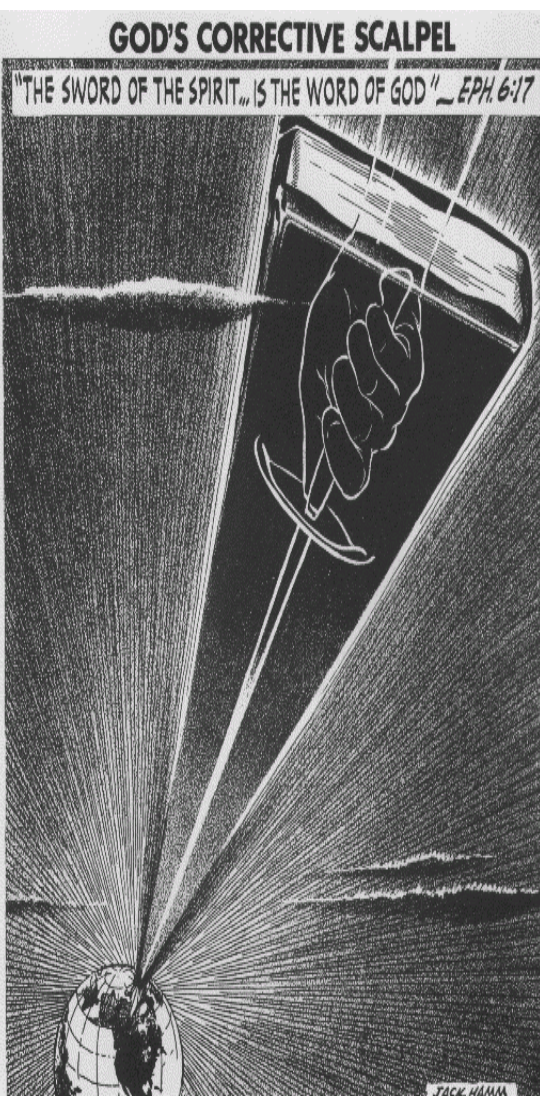
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But Paul had also learned a great secret and that was to let his experiences in suffering work for him. In 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 we read: "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." Paul had learned to have fellowship with Christ through suffering. Another outstanding scripture on this subject of suffering is found in 1 Peter 2 :21, reading "For even here unto were ye called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow His steps." Pentecostal Conquerors, we are called to lay aside all and follow Christ, yes take up our cross daily and walk humbly before Him. If our Master was hated and persecuted, so will His true followers today. Do you still want to know Him? Paul longed to know Him in the fellow-ship of His suffering.

FOURTH: "That we might know Him in the resurrection and see Him face to face, "If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead." Paul's ultimate goal was the resurrection, the redemption of the body, the changing of mortal to immortality, and corruption to incorruption. Paul was pressing forward if by any means he could attain unto the resurrection of the dead, and he realized the necessity of forgetting the things which were behind and reached forth unto those things which

were before him, that he might gain the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. The question again comes forcefully to us, do we actually want to know Him? We answer in the affirmative if we know our own hearts. We can know Him more and more as we yield our lives to Him. In these dark and evil days in which we are living it is going to mean more to have a personal, work able knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us as a group of Pentecostal Conquerors around the entire word seek to really **KNOW HIM.**"

To know Him is to love Him, and to love Him is to serve Him! ! !



YOU CAN BEGIN TODAY

TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY of the rest of your life!

This statement is admittedly true if you read it on the first day of the new year. But it is just as true if you pick up this issue of the Christian Newspaper, and read it on February 7, May 14, or any other day of the year. Try it, with this slight variation, whenever you pick up this paper: Today is the first day of the rest of MY life. "All right," someone may say, "I accept the validity of the statement. But what is the point? What do these words mean to me?" Perhaps noth-ing! If you have lived a perfect life since you were saved; if you have never failed by omitting to do some good deed, or to speak a kind word; if you have never neglected prayer or other vital spiritual exercises; if you have always given your best for God, in thought, word and deed - then do not waste your time reading further. This is not for you.

But if you are like us other ordinary, fallible, frail, failure-prone mortals, who confess that we have not yet come ". . . unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ; or, as Paul put it, not as though we " .. had already attained, either were already perfect," continue reading - this is for you. The statement speaks of beginning again. It sets forth the blessed privilege of starting anew, not only on the first day of a new year, but any time. Any day can be the time of a new beginning, for any day is the first day of the rest of your life. Perhaps trite, but nevertheless true, are these words: "What has been done, is done." There is no way to actually undo any deed of the past. None can go back down the trail of yesterday, into the "land of used to be," to undo any wrong, whether negative or positive. In the words of a certain song:

"Here you may yearn to backward turn

but such is an utter impossibility. What, then, is the alternative? Simply this: forgiveness for the irreparable deeds of the past, and a beginning again, with a determination to do better in the future.

How thankful we erring mortals should be that God allows this! What would Peter have done, after his craven denial of Christ, if he had not been given the privilege of beginning again? Even the vile Ahab was given another chance when he repented, and walked softly before God.

Ask yourself these frank questions, and then answer them honestly from your heart: Have I done my best in serving God? Have I always treated every other Christian as I should? Have I been faithful in seeking to win lost souls for Christ? If, in any case, the answer is "No," then thank God for the privilege of beginning again, and determine, from henceforth, to be a better Christian in every sense of the word.

Today is the first day of the rest of your life!

The Presence Of God In Us

Living for the Lord is the greatest experience in the world. We find that serving Christ brings many blessings into our hearts, one of which is to have the Spirit of the Lord. One blessing of having God's Spirit is that of being able to feel God deep within our spirit. No matter where we may go in this world or what adventure we endeavor, Jesus is always with us: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

Some people are led to believe that we cannot feel God's presence in our hearts. How sad and untrue that is. Jesus had something to say about this subject: "At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you" (John 14:20). The apostle Paul reminds us that we are the dwelling place of God: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (I Corinthians 3: 16). Another verse of Scripture supports this reality: "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27).

The Lord is a real and living force in our lives. He lives in every born-again Christian, and we can feel Him in our hearts and lives. This does not mean that we can touch the Lord physically, or that we are capable of seeing Him with the natural eye.

John 4:24 states that God is a Spirit, and a spirit cannot be seen or touched in the natural sense. John 3:8 tells us that God's Spirit is like the wind. The wind cannot be seen, but no one can deny the force and authority of the wind. And we feel it and see its effects wherever it is present.

While we may have a vision or dream in which the Lord Jesus would appear, He is not seen today physically, yet He is seen and known to us by His Spirit. The Word of God tells us that we experience joy unspeakable and full of glory, and this joy comes from the presence of the Holy Ghost. (See I Peter 1:8 and Romans 14:17.) This joy belongs to every Christian, for Christ is in him.

We are serving the living God, and He moves and works in and among those who believe and obey Him. Some Christians, however, live as if God is inactive, dead, or unable to make Himself heard or known spiritually.

Paul told the Athenian philosophers on Mars Hill that God is alive, a living being whom we can find and experience: "For in him we live, and move, and have our being."

To those who do not know the power of God, God may seem to be dead, for they do not feel Him in their souls. When Jesus touches the soul, however, there can be no misunderstanding about His presence. All doubt will fade, and fear will disappear.

His presence with us makes us proclaim as did the Samaritan woman returning to the city: "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?" (John 4:29). Her encounter with Jesus made a difference in her life. Although we are not told, it is not unreasonable to assume that she received the Holy Ghost in the Samaritan revival conducted by Philip. (See Acts 8.)

When the Lord Jesus lives in the heart, He is known to us and His presence with us and in us makes every day wonderful.

J.A.Meeks

*Lord, lay some soul upon my heart, And love that
soul through me; And may I nobly do my part, To
win that soul to Thee*

TO BE A CANDLE



THE WORDS wax, waxed, waxen, several times in Scripture. For example, "David waxed stronger and stronger" (II Samuel 3:1) and "David waxed greater and greater" (I Chronicles 11:9). In reference to Jesus we read, "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit" (Luke 1:80; 2:40). The Apostle Paul wrote of weak followers "waxing confident by my bonds" (Philippians 1:14). As I began to think on what these words meant, my mind drifted to the art of making candles, which is not very common now that we have electricity. In the East, however, where there are frequent power failures, candles are still popular. Making a candle begins with a short piece of string, which does not possess much value in itself. In the process of making the candle,

the wax is melted and the pliant string is dipped into the boiling wax again and again. Each time a new coat of wax is allowed to harden before dipping it again into the liquid wax. The candle does not appear in a moment of time;

but in the repeated dippings a candle of desired dimension is created. If the desire is for a fancy candle, colors and designs can be added.

Spiritually, every time we are dipped into trials of "boiling" experiences, we come out having "waxed" stronger, greater, or more confident. When we are complete-ly made into a candle, we are ready to be burned with the flame of the Holy Spirit to bring the Light to the world. Bro.Shalm

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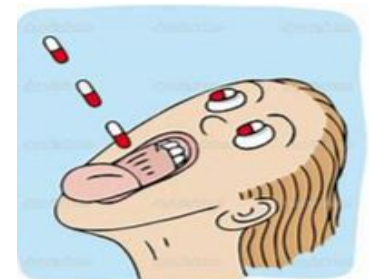
Do You Swallow Anything ?

British surgeons recently removed two spoons, four coins, several pieces of wire and a bed spring from the stomach of a 37 year old Irishman. Now there's a man with an appetite for the unusual.

And in Italy, butchers found that a cow had swallowed 75 pieces of metal - including screws, a file, several bolts, and a key. No Iron deficiency there !
What have you swallowed lately?

A choice bit of gossip? An unfounded rumor? Some Pessimistic reports about an elder? A cynical observation about a stranger? Nutritionists believe you are what you eat, and philosophers say you become what you think, So be careful what you swallow.

Think a minute!!!



A Vision For Victory

What vision should Christians have in this generation? There is no wrong and much right for us to look for signs and wonders, miracles, revival, and evangelism. We are also admonished to watch for signs indicating the return of Jesus Christ.

Some Christians, however, seem to focus their vision on unprofitable areas such as flaws in the lives of fellow Christians, health and wealth in the goods of this world, political solutions to life problems, and pleasure and fun. The Bible instructs us to "walk circumspectly," that is to be aware of ideas and events that crowd our horizon, but we must not be so distracted by them that we ignore our faithful walk with God. Our focus must remain on Jesus Christ: "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2).

Hebrews 11 presents Old Testament heroes of faith as examples of living victoriously, and these faithful people now are a great "cloud of witnesses" to give us faith and courage in living for God. Beginning with chapter 12, the writer uses a metaphor from a sporting event, a race, to reveal some aspects of our Christian life. For example, the Christian life takes effort, energy, and endurance. The heroes of faith are spectators to urge us toward the goal at which our Judge, Jesus Christ, will crown us with victory. their race, and while they provide encouragement for us, the race is now ours to win or lose.

To enjoy victory, a Christian must lay aside "every weight, and the sin that so easily" ensnares him, run with patience, and keep his eyes on Jesus. He endured intense hostility from sinners, who not only rejected Him but also demanded His crucifixion. The very people He came to save refused to receive Him, condemning Him to a criminal's death. Still He gained the victory for all of us, and He stands not only at the finish line but beside us to strengthen and guide us.

Why do Christians fail? One reason is that the events in our world become more than a distraction; they become the focus of their living. Their attention turns from Christ to self, from holiness to worldliness, from prayer to pleasure, from the good news of Christ to criticism, and from faith to failure. When the world around us becomes more important than the work of Jesus Christ, we soon slow, fade, and stray from the course God set before us. Our heavenly vision blurs, our spiritual sensitivity slips away, and our carnal nature asserts its sinful tendency.

Yet in moments when our spiritual life suffers, we need only to look again to Jesus to find our way back to spiritual health. The vitality of our spiritual life is not found in church programs or rituals but in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. When He fills our thoughts, captures our hearts, and floods our souls, we successfully subdue our sinful nature and resist satanic seduction.

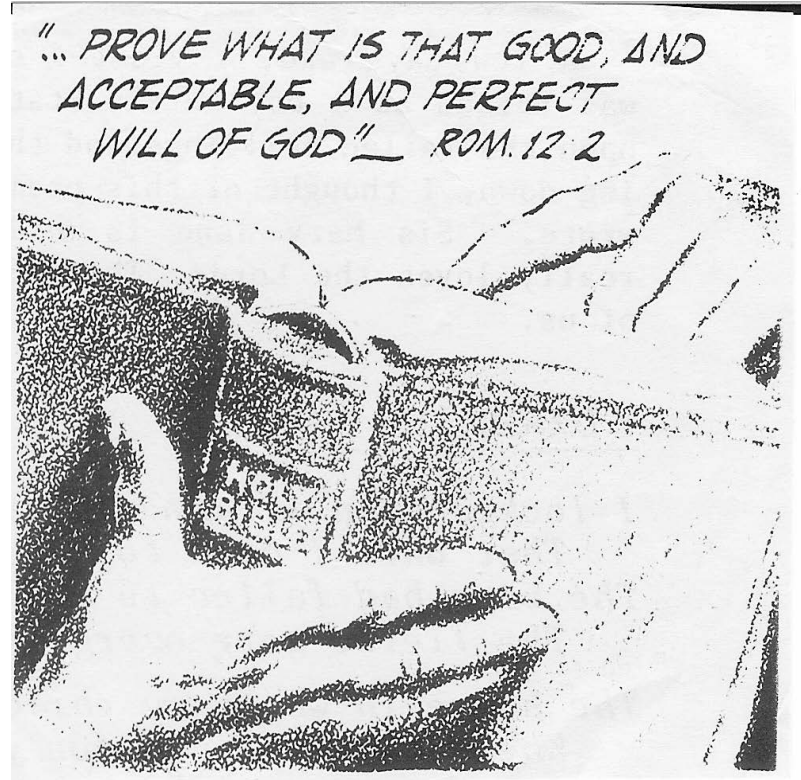
When we surrender our life to Him, in obedience to the scripture (Acts 2:38) To delight in Him dislodges selfishness, destroys sin, and defeats Satan.

When apostle Paul sensed that his life on earth was soon to end, he wrote his second letter to Timothy, his son in the gospel, to admonish him to resist all distraction in the work of God. He wrote for Timothy: stir up the gift of God which is in you, do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, hold fast the pattern of sound words, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, be diligent to present yourself approved of God," shun profane and vain babblings, flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace," "avoid foolish and ignorant disputes," "continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of,

preach the word, be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry" (II Timothy 1-4,).

Paul then used his own life as an example: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. henceforth, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall

give me on that day, and not to me only (II Timothy 4:7-8, Paul's vision of the prize at the end compelled him to press on toward the expectation of eternal joy and glory. May we ever keep our vision clear, that our eyes will always be focused on Jesus, for He alone is our victory. J. Hall



*"... PROVE WHAT IS THAT GOOD, AND
ACCEPTABLE, AND PERFECT
WILL OF GOD" — ROM. 12:2*

Youth and the World by Edgar Guest

There is many a battle that's yet to be won,
There is many a glorious deed to be done.
The world is still young for the youth at its door.
There are tasks some shall do never dreamed of before.
On the well-traveled lanes of the land and the sea
Every day will the crowds of humanity be.
On the streets which are paved and the avenues known
Are the people who care not to venture alone.
But the young heart and stout sees the goal that's afar,
And dares to set out where the strange dangers are.
What's not possible now shall be possible when
Some young heart and brave shows the way to all men.
Youth shall remake the world. What is best today
Shall tomorrow to something that's better give way.
So, come you young fellows to life with a will,
While you work and you dream the world cannot stand still.

The Biblical Experience of Salvation

by J. L. Hall

The Bible states that everyone has sinned and come short of the glory that God wants us to enjoy (Romans 3:23). By experience and observation, we all know that our human nature is flawed by sin, that we are born with a tendency to be selfish, untruthful, and rebellious. And all of us have at one time or another yielded to our sinful nature. To deny that we have sinned is merely self deception (I John 1:8).

The good news is that Jesus, who is God manifested in flesh, came to our world and gave His life on the cross to save us from our sins (Luke 19: 10). When He died He paid the full penalty for the sins of everyone in the world and opened the way for us to be forgiven of our sins (John 1 :29). As the Son of God conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of a virgin, Jesus did not have a sinful nature as we do. Therefore, He could and did die for our sins.

As God manifested in flesh (John 1: 1, 14; I Timothy 3: 16; Matthew 1:23). Jesus has the power to forgive us of our sins. No one can cleanse himself from his past sins, nor can he by his own efforts destroy his innate sinful nature.

But Jesus can both cleanse him of his sins and give him a new birth of righteousness. (See I John 1 :9; John 3:3-5.)

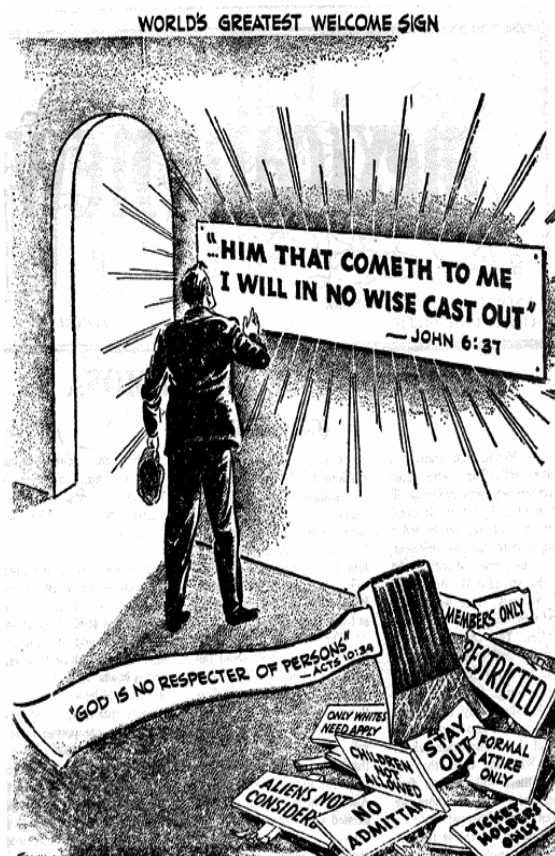
How does a person find salvation in Jesus Christ?

The answer is found in the Bible. God's Word to us. During His ministry, Jesus told us that the way into the kingdom of God is by a new birth of water and Spirit (John 3:5). He taught that a person must repent to enter the kingdom of God (Matthew 4: 17; Luke 13:3, 5). and He assured us that God gives the Holy Ghost to all who ask Him (Luke 11:13).

After His resurrection, Jesus told His disciples that "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:47). He then instructed them to stay in the city of Jerusalem until they received the Holy Ghost (Luke 24:49; Acts 1 :4-8).

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, about 120 disciples received the Holy Ghost with the sign of speaking in other languages as the Spirit within them gave the utterance. This was a most glorious moment, for it was the beginning of God's salvation for the whole world through the New Testament church.

Thousands of people witnessed the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the 120, and they asked the meaning of people speaking in foreign languages that they had not learned. The Apostle Peter explained that speaking in tongues was the evidence that God had poured out His Spirit because Jesus died for our sins and was exalted by God.



Then the people asked the apostles, "What shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). They wanted to be saved, so they asked what to do in order to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

The answer that Peter and the other apostles gave that day is God's answer to us today. After we believe on Jesus, we are to repent of our sins, be baptized in water in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and then receive the Holy Spirit. "Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the

gift of the Holy Ghost'" (Acts 2:38, KJV). This same answer was given to the people of Samaria (Acts 8:5-17). to Paul (Acts 9:6-17; 22: 16), to the Gentiles in Caesarea (Acts 10:34-48). and to the converts of John the Baptist (19:1-8).

This apostolic pattern-faith, repentance. water baptism, and infilling of the Holy Ghost is still the pattern of salvation for us today. There is no other plan of salvation, no other true gospel. The apostle Paul wrote. "But even if we, or an angel from heav-en. preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:8).

Why have faith in Jesus?

We cannot save ourselves, but by believing in Jesus we accept His death on the cross for our sins. This made available by God's forgiveness. We are saved by grace through faith, and not by our works (Ephesians 2:8).

Why repent of our sins?

Because we must confess that we are sinners and ask God to forgive us (I John 1:8-10). With the help of God's Spirit, we are to turn away from our sinful ways and turn toward God and His righteousness in Jesus Christ. When we repent, we open the door to God's forgiveness.

Why be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ? Water baptism is for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). and sins are remitted (forgiven) in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 24:47; Acts 4: 12; 10:43; 22: 16). Since Jesus died for our sins, salvation is given to us through faith in Him and in His name (John 3:16; 20:31; Acts 16:31). In water baptism. we identify with Him, for we are buried with Him into His death and we also rise with Him in the likeness of His resurrection to "walk in newness of life." (See Romans 6:1-8.) Water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ follows the pattern established by the apostles, for the apostolic church always baptized converts in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38; 8: 16; 10:48; 19:5: 22:16). (See also Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12; Galatians 3:27.) At water baptism we call on the name of Jesus for the remission (forgiveness) of sins and the name of Jesus is called upon us.

In this way we express our faith in His death for the forgiveness of sins and in His resurrection for a new life in Him. (continued on page 9)

The Biblical Experience of Salvation

When we use the name of Jesus Christ in water baptism, we fulfill the command of Jesus to baptize in the singular redemptive "name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28: 19,)

Why receive the Holy Ghost?

It is the birth of the Spirit into the kingdom of God (John 3:3, 5; I Corinthians 12: 13). During his ministry, John the Baptist foretold that Jesus would baptize people with the Holy Ghost. Although Jesus confirmed that those who believe in Him would receive the Spirit, the Spirit was not given to them until after He was glorified after His death and resurrection (John 7:37-39). After His resurrection, Jesus told His disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they received the Holy Ghost (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8).

On the Day of Pentecost believers first received the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:4), and since that moment anyone who believes in Jesus, repents of his sins, and is baptized in the name of Jesus Christ can receive the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:38-39). In the Book of Acts, Jews received the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:4); Samaritans received the Holy Ghost (Acts 8: 17); Gentiles received the Holy Ghost (Acts 10:44-48); and the disciples of John the Baptist received the Holy Ghost. (Acts 19: 1-6). These biblical examples show us that the gift of the Holy Ghost is available to anyone regardless of race, creed, color, or nationality. The Holy Ghost is the seal of God in our lives and the guarantee of our inheritance of eternal life (Ephesians 1: 13-14).

How does a person receive the Holy Ghost? A person receives the Holy Ghost today the same way people received the Holy Ghost in the Book of Acts. When we believe, repent, and are baptized, we are ready to receive the Holy Ghost. Repentance and baptism are biblical faith responses to the gospel, and by faith we allow God to fill us with His Spirit. God gives the Spirit to anyone who opens his heart in obedient faith to Him.

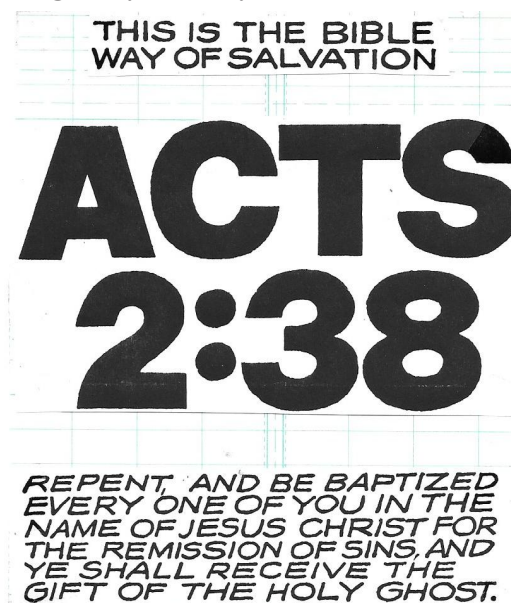
How does a person know when he receives the Spirit? When a person receives the Holy Spirit he will speak in other tongues (languages) as the Spirit within him gives the utterance. This is the biblical evidence of being filled with the Spirit; speaking in tongues was the initial sign given to people in Acts when they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4: 8:16-18; 19:6 Speaking in tongues is the one consistent biblical

sign that the Holy Ghost, has entered into a person.

If I have questions about this information what should I do?

Jesus said to people who had questions, "Search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these [the Scriptures] are they which testify of Me" (John 5:39,). If you have questions, search the Bible to confirm the truth. Then by faith repent, be baptized in the name of Jesus, and receive the Holy Ghost. When you do, you will join the church established in the Book of Acts and millions of people living in nations around the world.

May God's love and grace bless your life and guide you always.



Time

What would you do if your bank credited your account every morning with \$84,600 but every night canceled whatever you failed to use during the day? You'd draw out every cent, wouldn't you? You have such a bank. Every morning God credits your account with 84,600 seconds.

Every night He cancels whatever you failed to use. You can't buy time, and you can't save it. You can only spend it. If you don't spend it well, you waste it. Yesterday is a canceled check. Tomorrow is a promissory note. Today is all the cash you have. Spend it wisely.

"Ordered By the Lord"

I looked at the valley. It was dark and cold. I heard Him say, "I am the Light, and My love will give you warmth."

I was afraid when I saw the mountain. It was so tall. Gently He took me by my hand. "I will lead thee. Fear not."

I noticed His hands were scratched and bleeding. "I did it for you, My child. When the thorns reached out to hurt you, I stepped between so that you would feel no harm."

How could He love me so much? I bowed my head in shame, and then I saw His feet, dusty and bruised.

"I used them to push aside the rocks and stones in the path which would have caused you to stumble and fall," He said. I became tired and weary; then He drew me close to Him. "Lean on Me, My little one. I will give you strength."

With my hand in His, I continued walking the path before me, feeling assured that every step I take is ordered by the Lord. I have no fear, for I am not alone. No other way could I go and have the peace and joy I have.

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way" (Psa. 37:23).

Ella McAlister

Challenging Thoughts

"Every time we take a breath four souls perish not having heard of Christ."

"Smile at people! It takes seventy-two muscles to frown, but only fourteen to smile." "True faith always weaves a pattern of good works."

"God is more concerned, about our response to a problem than He is about removing the problem."

"Five firsts to success: Give God the first hour of each day, the first day of every week, the first portion of every paycheck, the first consideration in every decision, and the first place in your heart."

"Your life is like a coin: you can spend it any way you wish, but you can spend it only once."

The Doctrine of Jesus Christ

by David K. Bernard,

"For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power" (Colossians 2:9-10)-

Colossians 2:9 presents the doctrine of Jesus Christ in contrast to false teachings. It is a magnificent description of the Incarnation, emphasizing both the true deity and true humanity of Jesus Christ. Let us examine each major word of the verse.

The Identity of Jesus

Him The antecedent is "Christ" or more fully, "Christ Jesus the Lord" (verse 6,8

"Dwelleth; or lives. The word is in the present tense, meaning that the fullness of God continues to dwell in Jesus Christ. The union of deity and humanity in Christ is permanent.

"Godhead (theotes): the Deity. This Greek word appears only here in the New Testament. According to the Wycliffe Bible Commentary, it is "the abstract noun for God... and includes not only the divine attributes but also the divine nature." The word refers to the state of being God, to the sum total of God's nature. The identity of Jesus as God would be established if verse 9 simply said, "In Him dwells the Godhead," for by definition "God-head" is the fullness of absolute deity.

"Fullness"(pleroma): plenitude, totality. The Gnostics used this word to designate the supreme God in contrast to lesser emanations from Him. This verse contradicts the Gnostic view that Christ was an emanation from the pleroma; instead, it says that the pleroma is in Christ. To be as clear as possible, the verse says "the fullness" of

the Godhead dwells in Jesus, although the Godhead can never be less than complete and absolute. (See also Colossians 1:19.)

"All:" To underscore the deity of Christ even further, the verse says "all" the fullness, although by definition anything less than all would not be fullness. J. B. Light-foot explained that "all the fulness" means "the totality of the divine powers and attributes:' Thus verse 9 uses three words to declare the absolute deity of Jesus in the strongest of terms, although one would have been sufficient to express the point.

"Bodily (somatikos): "bodily-wise, corporeally, assuming a bodily form, becoming incarnate, with a bodily manifestation" (Lightfoot).

This word contradicts the Gnostic view that Christ was a spirit being only. In Christ, God has joined Him self to humanity and has come in-to this world as a human being.

In order to capture the full meaning and implication of verse 9, let us examine some other translations, paraphrases, and commentaries.

"For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form" (NIY)

"For in Christ the Godhead in all its fullness dwells incarnate" (Twentieth Century New Testament).

"It is in him that God gives a full and complete expression of himself (within the physical limits that he set himself in Christ)" (J. B. Phillips).

"For in Christ there is all of God in a human body" (Kenneth Taylor, in the Living Bible).

"For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead), continues to dwell in bodily form-giving complete expression of the divine nature" (Amplified Bible).

"In Him (Christ) dwells permanently all the fulness (pleroma, plenitude) of the Godhead or deity in bodily form, and even also in His glorified humanity upon the throne of the universe" (J. W. Shepard).

"In Christ the entire fulness of the Godhead abides forever, having united itself

with man by taking a human body" (Lightfoot).

'In him' is emphatic. It is in Christ, and nowhere else, that one is to find the fulness of the God-head: In him the fullness dwelleth; that is, has its permanent abode. This 'fulness' means the unbounded powers and attributes of God. The word 'Godhead' denotes the essence or content of divine being, that indeed which constitutes God. Here in most absolute terms Paul states not merely the divinity but the deity of Christ. The word deity, and its corresponding word in the Greek, denotes the 'being God: Christ is not only Godlike; he is God" (Charles Erdman).

All the roles, titles, and attributes of God are invested in Jesus. Whatever God is, Jesus is. He is the incarnate God, Father, Word, Spirit, Lord, and Jehovah. (See John 1:1, 14; 8:58; 10:30; 14:9-11, 16-18; 20:28; II Corinthians 3:17.)

In sum, Jesus Christ is the incarnation of the one God, and according to Colossians 2:6-8 this truth is foundational to our faith.

The Uniqueness of Jesus

Ephesians 3:19 uses similar language as part of a prayer that Christians "might be filled with all the fulness of God:' Although the language is similar to that of Colossians 2:9, the idea is somewhat different. Ephesians 3:19 does not mean that Christians can be God incarnate as Jesus is, nor does Colossians 2:9 mean merely that Jesus was filled with the Spirit as Christians are. A study of their respective contexts will demonstrate the differences between these two verses.

The main theme of Colossians is the lordship of Jesus. In particular, Colossians 1-2 proclaims His authority, preeminence,

omniscience, omnipotence, and deity. The specific words used in Colossians 2:9 express that He is God incarnate. Thus the verse strongly affirms the absolute deity of Jesus Christ.

By contrast, the main subject of Ephesians is the church. The church is the fullness of Christ because it is His body (Ephesians 1:23). The prayer that we be filled with the fullness of God is coupled with the prayer that Christ dwell in our hearts (Ephesians 3:17). In other words, since Christ is the fullness of God, when we have Christ in us we have the fullness of God in us. Thus Ephesians 3:19 speaks of the fullness we have through Christ. It is a parallel to Colossians 2:10, not Colossians 2:9.

Jesus Christ is different from Christians in that He is actually God incarnate, God revealed in flesh, the human personification of the one God. The Deity resides in Him because He was literally conceived by the Spirit of God; God joined Himself to humanity in the womb of Mary. Jesus embodies the Spirit of God without measure (John 3:34-35). Ordinary humans can live without the Spirit of God in them, but it was not so with Jesus. He was God by nature, by right, by identity; He was not merely deified by an anointing or indwelling. Unlike the case of a Spirit-filled person, the humanity of Jesus was inextricably joined with all the fullness of God's Spirit.

Jesus possessed the unlimited power, authority, and character of God as His very nature,

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While we participate in those qualities only by having Christ in us. We have the fullness of God in our lives only as we let Jesus Christ live in us. We can let God's nature shine through us and control us, but we can also quench it and let our own human nature dominate.

The All-Sufficiency of Jesus

Colossians 2:10 is the practical application of verse 9. The deity of Jesus Christ is not merely an abstract theological concept; it has profound implications for our daily lives. Since Jesus is the fullness of God in flesh, we are "complete".....-filled, completed-in Him.

Complete" here comes from the same Greek root word as "fulness" in verse 9. Some translations use the same English word in both verses to make the connection clear: "And you have been given fullness in Christ" (NIV). "And you are in Him, made full and have come to fullness of life-in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead" (Amplified Bible).

Because Jesus is God incarnate, He is the head of every "principality" (ruler) and "power" (authority). (See also Colossians 1:16; 2:15.)

Not only did Jesus have original authority as Creator, but He continues to exercise full authority over all creation. All forces-good or evil, natural or supernatural-are subject to Him. In other words, He is omnipotent (all powerful).

We have everything we need in Jesus. The new birth consists of repentance, remission of sins at water baptism, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit, all of which come through the name of Jesus (Luke 24:47; John 14:26; Acts 2:38). Even if someone does not understand the doctrine of God or has never heard of the Holy Ghost, he can repent of his sins by confessing to Jesus, have his sins washed away in the name of Jesus, and receive

the Holy Ghost, (the Spirit of Jesus) by calling upon Jesus in faith. If all we know is Jesus, we know enough to be saved, healed, delivered, protected, and preserved, for when we have Him we have everything that God is...

Three Things

I know three things must ever be
To keep a nation strong and free:
One is a hearthstone bright and dear
With busy, happy loved ones near;
One is a ready heart and hand
To love and serve and keep the land;
One is a worn and beaten way
To where the people go to pray.
So long as these are kept alive
Nation and people will survive.
God keep them, always, everywhere
The hearth, the flag, the place of
prayer.

Perfect Through Suffering

God never would send you the
darkness,
If He felt you could bear the light; But
you would not cling to His guiding
hand,
If the way were always bright;
And you would not care to walk by
faith,
Could you always walk by sight.
'Tis true He has many an anguish For
your sorrowful heart to bear. And
many a cruel thorn crown
For your tired head to wear;
He knows how few would reach glory
If pain did not guide them there. So He
sends you the blinding darkness,
And the furnace of seven fold heat;
'Tis the only way, believe me,
To keep you close to His feet,
For 'tis always so easy to wander
When our lives are glad and sweet.
Then nestle your hand in your Father's
And sing if you can, as you go;
Your song may cheer someone behind



Communicating With Christ

As the plane took off, the man pulled out his pocket New Testament and began to read. Eventually the man sitting next to him re-marked, "I don't go much for religion."

"Oh?" said the other. "Well, I surely feel you're missing something."

"Well" replied the man in a rather nettled tone, "I don't see much reason in believing in a Christ that's been dead 2,000 years."

"What's that?" replied the other. "Christ dead? Why, that can't be! I was just talking to Him a few minutes ago."

WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?

Are you concerned that I will take My gifts away from you? Surely, the gifts and the calling are without repentance. Are you seeking my face, or My hand? Are you spending quality time with Me, or are you involved in a ritual of time planning? Let go, and let My Spirit take you to places heretofore you have not been. Let your feet be as the hind's feet, and stand in the high places as I minister to your daily needs. Your greatest needs are not those as you perceive them to be. Your greatest needs you are not as yet really aware of, and so has My hand closed your eyes to them. For if you truly knew how great your need really is, you would falter in faith, and remove your eyes back to yourself. Continue to look steadfastly into the face of your Redeemer, and let not the accusing darts hit their mark. Remain in Me, as I remain in you, and you shall ask whatever you will, and it shall be given to you.

Noah was a conspiracy Theorist, Until it rained.



Keep Walking

We SEE PEOPLE WALKING for their health in the cool of the day. Their physicians have told them to put some EXERTION some added EFFORT behind their walk. That's the only kind of walk that will physically benefit them and improve the condition of their heart. "Sling those arms take broad steps," the doctor says. "Walk when it's cool every day! Be persistent! You must!" His instruction calls for an emphatic and definite walk!

Let's look back to the first walk in the cool of the day. Surely, Adam and Eve had a beautiful, glorious walk with God every day before their "fall." It was, no doubt, habitual and greatly anticipated. Adam and Eve enjoyed it God enjoyed it. The very purpose of God's creation of man was being fulfilled-mutual fellowship!

How beautiful! What a privilege to have such a close, personal relationship with Almighty God! It always has been God's yearning desire that all mankind walk with Him persistently ... every day.

But what happened to those initial parents of the human race? What a shame! A little bit of fruit caught their eyes, lured them, and caused them to wander from that beautiful path where they gloriously walked with God. They lost so much to gain so little! And the vast majority of mankind has been playing a similar losing game ever since.

Let us ask ourselves the question, "Is there an 'apple' of your eye that would lure you from your walk with God?" Satan is still selling "apples" he always considers you and me a potential customer. If he can entice souls from the glory path, then he can sell "forbidden fruit."

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Oh, Adam why weren't you and Eve walking in the garden, and talking with the spiritual "Voice"? That walk would have kept you entirely separated from the tree of forbidden fruit!

It will behoove us to notice how many times God inspired the holy prophets and apostles to make reference to various manners or types of walking. Of course, most references are regarding a spiritual walk. The doctor earnestly instructs the heart patient to "keep walking." So, let us also obey the Great Physician, and keep intact our walk with Him. It will keep our hearts "tuned up" and Spiritually healthy. The words of the old song is here brought to mind:

*You've got to keep on walking, keep on walking,
Walking in the light of the Lord. You'll get to heaven some day,
If you walk in the right way, Walking in the light of the Lord.*

How true. We must keep walking in the light of true repentance: keeping the old adamic nature "dead." It is necessary that we keep ourselves (through prayer) immersed in (and filled with) the resurrecting power of the Holy Ghost. We must keep walking with Jesus in the light of His holy path, constantly praising and adoring Him ! "Hand in hand we walk each day, Hand in hand along the way. Walking thus I cannot stray, Hand in hand with Jesus." May God help us to make this more than just a song in church. May it be a constant experience in our hearts.

"And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him" (Genesis 5:24). Surely, Enoch is typical of the souls that God will take in the rapture those who do His good pleasure (Hebrews 11:5) and keep walking with Him!

When Prayer Isn't "Answered"

Try this checklist for possible reasons:

Since God does not always "answer" prayer affirmatively, it is essential to remember that His revealed will may be otherwise (II Cor. 2:8-10) or His unrevealed will may be otherwise (Rom. 8:26). Besides these basic possibilities, the Bible presents clearly stated conditions required of those who pray. Do we take them seriously? Consider the following:

- 1) "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." Psa. 66:18 Unconfessed, unforsaken sin renders prayer altogether futile. And remember some biblical definitions of sin: "the thought of foolishness" [Prov. 24:9]; "whatsoever is not of faith" [Rom. 14:23]; failure to discharge known re-sponsibility (James 4:17); "lawlessness" -rebellion against authority (I John 3:4); "ceasing to pray" (I Sam, 12:23), And take a long look at Ephesians 4:25-29 and 5:3-5-written to Christians!
- 2) "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss" (James 4:3). How much prayer is selfishly motivated, instead of directly or indirectly concerned with God's plans for restoration of universal sovereignty to Christ!
- 3) "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matt. 21:22). "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering" (James 1:6). "He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6).
- 4) "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1). Our Lord's illustration of the man who woke his neighbor at midnight (Luke 11:5-8) and of the importunate widow (Luke 18:1-8)

emphasize the necessity for perseverance in prayer.

Why this is necessary with an omnipotent God is understood when we remember that He is never in the hurry which we are and has purposes to accomplish related to our prayer of which we may know nothing at the time.

G. Campbell Morgan wrote of those "unanswered" prayers for which no immediate explanation is apparent the following:

I thank Thee, Lord, for mine unanswered prayers

Unanswered, save Thy quiet, kindly,
'Nay.'

Yet it seemed hard, among my heavy cares,
That bitter day.

I wanted joy; but Thou didst know for me

That sorrow was the gift I needed most,
And in its mystic depths I learned to see
The Holy Ghost.

I wanted wealth; 'twas not the better part;

There is a wealth with poverty oft given,
And Thou didst teach me of the gold of heart,
Best gift of heaven."

5) But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days" (Dan. 10:13).

One of Satan's minions delayed God's messenger to Daniel for three weeks while the prophet fasted and prayed. But the outcome was certain.

"From the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard" (Dan. 10:12).

God may still be using our great adversary to teach us the necessity and infinite blessing! of "chastening" ourselves before God.

Thanksgiving Meditation

Paula Brodin

We should thank God for table food
And all things that sustain our life,
But we should thank Him even more
Because He sent "the Bread of Life."

"I am the bread of life," Christ said; "I'll raise you up at the last day
If you will eat that bread from God
A little portion every day."

John Six describes that living Bread
Which would give men eternal life;
So eat the turkey and the rest,
And also taste that Bread of Life.

Be thankful we can earn our food,
Our shelter, and the clothes we wear,
And after all is said and done,
We have a little bit to share.

Pray for the men who rule our land,
That they be faithful to God's will. Make
this a great Thanksgiving Day, All you
who trust the Lord God still.

To Mothers of Missionaries

So send I you to give your own with gladness,
To let them go unhindered to the lost,
To hide the tears and every trace of sadness.
So send I you to taste with Me the cost.
So send I you to anxious days of waiting
For word that often leaves so much untold,
To nights of burdened vigil unabating.
So send I you to watch the gap you hold.
So send I you to walk alone when aged,
To need the strength of one you cannot call,
To lean on Me and on the ones I bring you.
So send I you to find in Me your all.
So send I you to know the joy of serving,
To share the triumphs of the one you send,
To reap the fruit of sacrifice unswerving.
So send I you to joy without an end.
As the Father hath sent Me, so send I you.

by:Winona Carroll

**You'll never get a busy signal on the
prayer line to heaven.**

Our Dim Eyes Seek a Beacon

Our dim eyes seek a beacon,
And our weary feet a guide,
And our hearts of all life's mystery,
Seek a meaning and a key;
But a cross shines on our pathway,
On it hangs the crucified,
And He answers all our longings,
With the whisper, "Follow Me."

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The Joy of Sharing

Have you known the joy of sharing,
Known the thrill of burden-bearing;
Have you lifted from some one'
His load of care?

Have you felt in truest fashion, The rich
meaning of compassion, And the glory
of your Privilege to share?

Oh, to be a friend and neighbor
And to help thru toil and labor,
With a heart that's always
Set to do and dare!

Thus our lives will be refreshing,
With the sunshine of God's blessing,
As we make it our main
Business to SHARE.

Dale Crowley

Let us give!

Let us give!
And remember by our gifts that we
May go to lands across the sea
And thru our missionaries there,
In loving service have a share,
As dying people learn to live
Because we give!
Let us give!
Tithes and offerings -never less--
And God who sees and knows will bless,
And thru His power our gifts shall go
Beyond the world we see and know,
And we'll richer, better live
Because we give!

Myrtle R Creasman

Think On These Things

FAITH CUP

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
- ROMANS 5:2 KJV

Clean Out The Well

A man in the north of England was converted, and the work was apparently thoroughly done. When he was fairly out of the darkness, he began to make things right with his neighbors. Among other things, he cleaned out his well. In the bottom of it were found three log chains and various other articles of value which his neighbors had long missed and could not trace.

When the man cleaned out his well, his neighbors got what belonged to them; and there was very little question as to the genuineness of the work wrought in the man.

There are many young persons who claim to have been converted, but their religion has never gone to the bottom of their wells. Zacchaeus cleaned his well when he said, "If I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold."

Many a man is wondering why he does not have the peace and joy and blessing which others possess. Perhaps a look in the bottom of the well, as an investigation of his accounts, and an overhauling of his business matters could give him some light on the subject.



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A sower of God's Word
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A continuous worker
A Very economical worker
A worker that, repeats many times
A worker that never angers
A worker that never contradicts itself
A worker that may touch multitudes
A worker that can go anywhere
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A worker that needs no vacation
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