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YE HAVE NOT YET RESISTED UNTO BLOOD, STRIVING AGAINST SIN. WHEREFORE SEEING WE ALSO ARE COMPASSED WITH SO GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES, LET US LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT, AND THE SIN WHICH DOETH SO EASILY BESET US, AND LET US RUN WITH PATIENCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US.

The character of our accomplishments whether small or great must be determined by the character of our task whether great or small; and by our ability. Have we one or ten talents? What does our proprietor the one who has called us into service expect of us? When will he say well done?

If we are earnest honest and sincere we are going to be greatly influenced by our coworkers. If they show interest in what we are endeavoring to do, will speak well of and help us in what we are endeavoring to do when it is possible to have faith and confidence in what we are endeavoring to do will be increased and strengthened.

Those who are witnesses observing what we are doing and our deportment have a mighty influence over us who are this is especially so if these have done just what we are endeavoring to do.

Acceptable service in the vineyard of the Lord can be rendered only by those who are free from carnal weights.

Then there are sins when polished up look like righteousness. So those who are going to work in the vineyard of the Lord must go to the divine oculist frequently so as not to let the little polished sins beset you and keep you from doing the will of God.

May there be a united resolution on the part of the members of this church to lay aside the SIN that does so easily beset us.

..............AMEN..............
In some matters the less some people know the more zealous and enthusiastic they are. Such people in all their activities are concerned about GOING and DOING. They are not so much concerned about where they are going and what they are doing.

Such people like to be in big crowds so if things become dangerous and they have to explain their position and deportment they can hide behind some of the big leaders.

Such people send you to Jerusalem to consult the HIGH PRIEST to the SADDUCEES and PHARISEES.

Such people do not know nor do they care particularly about what the outcome of their activities and deportment may be. They are like the man with a loaded gun, they are just bubbling over with zeal and wish some where and some one to shoot.

Now KNOWLEDGE is to ZEAL what ballas is to a ship.

The man who has knowledge THINKS LONG and if he is a christian prays much before he before he speaks.

The man who has KNOWLEDGE plans well before he begins to BUILD.

From the WORD of God let us learn the value of ZEAL and KNOWLEDGE and how and when to use these two virtues.

........AMEN........
CAN TWO WALK TOGETHER, EXCEPT THEY BE AGREED?

The expression WALK TOGETHER has many applications. It may mean making progress in a determined journey. It may mean moving agreeably towards working out a scheme that has been mutually agreed upon.

We are preeminently social beings. But we can not be at our best socially until we have the SPIRIT of God, or until we are born again.

We can not have a better form of government than a democratic form. But a Godless democracy is no better than any other form of government.

The long walk upon which we as christians have started must be recognized in certain phases by all who start upon it.

All must remember that it is a strait and narrow way.

All must remember that it is an attractive way only for those who have been born again.

All must remember that all who travel this way have similar experiences.

All must remember that this way upon which we have agreed to travel is the way upon which Jesus traveled himself.

All must remember that two can walk together if the same some one has charted their course.

We should keep in mind that with our original determination we can not nor do we wish to walk with every body. Nor do we wish every body to walk with us.

As christians let us keep ever in mind the WAY that Jesus himself constitutes for us.

............AMEN............
MUCH PEOPLE OF THE JEWS KNEW THAT HE WAS THERE; AND THEY CAME NOT FOR JESUS' SAKE ONLY, BUT THAT THEY MIGHT SEE LAZARUS ALSO, WHOM HE HAD RAISED FROM THE DEAD.

Great characters are inherently attractive and worthwhile in themselves as individuals. But if they have done a piece of outstanding work, there are many who will not stop at the laboratory, the work shop, the surgical room to see the great character, but will hasten on to where the work that has been done is on exhibition.

Never was one in himself so attractive as the Lord Jesus. But those who were not qualified to recognize and appreciate his Deity, the great Source of his GREATNESS were not particular anxious to see him. But they were eager to see Lazarus humanity that had been dead raised to LIFE.

When here in the flesh Jesus performed a number of miracles. But none were so impressive and attractive as the ones that brought persons who had become sorely afflicted even unto death back to normality back to their natural condition. Our text gives us a concrete record of such a case.

We stress the above fact because conditions to day are about as they were in the days of Lazarus. People are eager to see men women and children who have been raised from the dead.

The church is anxious to see those who claim that they have been raised from the dead by the Lord Jesus around when he is being entertained.

Those who have been raised from the dead by the Lord Jesus do not have to put forth a special effort on special occasions to show that they have been raised from the dead. But the fact will be seen in every phase of their life wherever they may be.

People have never been too ready and willing to fellowship those who have been raised from the dead. But no one hesitated to keep company with and fellowship those whom Jesus raised from the dead.

Dont be surprized when after you have been raised from the dead you find yourself with many of the appetites that you had before you died.

.............AMEN.............
BRING YE ALL THE TITHES INTO THE STOREHOUSE, THAT THERE MAY BE MEAT IN MINE HOUSE, AND PROVE ME NOW HEREWITH, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS, IF I WILL NOT OPEN YOU THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN, AND POUR YOU OUT A BLESSING, THAT THERE SHALL NOT BE ROOM ENOUGH TO RECEIVE IT.

There are all kinds of possessions in this world. So it will be difficult to find some one who has no possessions.

Possessions to be worthwhile and valuable must be properly located related invested.

If we have possessions there are always interests that have first claim upon them. There are always good ways and there are poor ways in which one may invest his possessions.

If we would do the best with our possessions we must know how and from whom they have come to us.

We may own our possessions outright as individuals as individuals or as part of an organization company firm.

It is the right and business of the Head of an organization company to tell how, where and when to invest your possessions.

May we always realize that the way we use our possessions determines as to whether we have or do not have that which is a key to the windows of heaven.

..........AMEN........
AND THEY COME TO JERUSALEM; AND
JESUS WENT INTO THE TEMPLE, AND
BEGAN TO CAST OUT THEM THAT SOLD
AND BOUGHT IN THE TEMPLE, AND OVR-
ERTHREW THE TABLES OF THE MONEY
CHANGERS, AND THE SEATS OF THEM
THAT SOLD DOVES; AND WOULD NOT
SUFFER THAT ANY MAN SHOULD CARRY
ANY VESSEL THROUGH THE TEMPLE.

The coming of Jesus into a COMMUNITY, into
a CITY, into an ORGANIZATION, into an INDIVID-
UAL LIFE means change, revolution, a new order.

King Jesus as he rode triumphantly into
Jerusalem did not go to their Chamber of Com-
merce, their Legislative Hall nor to any of
their secular institutions and upbraid and blas-
tise their leaders for the corruption in their
city. But he went immediately to the church of
their day and upbraided their leaders for allowing
the church to get so far away from God's plan.

Jesus wished the religious leaders to know
that he was expecting them to set the PACE in HONESTY,
JUSTICE and RIGHTEOUSNESS. He wished them to know
that the Gentiles and all the nations of the
world were to have a large place in his program.

Here Jesus gave his inaugural address so
that the people might know what to expect under
his reign. He wished them to know that all of
God's Temple was sacred whether used for Jews
or Gentiles.

Here people all over the world who know what it means to live under the reign of Jesus.
They know that under his reign old things pass away and that all things become new. Let us see what happens where Jesus reigns:

Where Jesus reigns the 13th chapter of I
Cor. becomes the CONSTITUTION of the government.
We shall learn from this CONSTITUTION how to
LOVE our enemies, how to do good to them who
dispitefully use us, how to bless and curse not.

Those of us who have had the joy of living
under the reign of the Lord Jesus know how he
has kept to the letter every word of his promise.

May each of us have the joy of having him come into our lives and drive out every thing
that pollutes and defiles us.

............... AMEN .............
When the occasion demands it, Jesus teaches us to act.

Sert ourselves physically as well as spiritually.

These sometimes when Mass Meetings, Debates, and discussions even in legislative halls will

not accomplish what needs to be done. Then the

listed is cast out. Upset, upset. And make

Laws and see that they are kept.
Deut. 10:12
1) Fear the Lord
2) Love the Lord
3) To Keep the Lord's Commandments
4) To Walk In His Ways
5) To Serve Him

Mic. 6:8
1) To Do Justly
2) To Love Mercy
3) To Walk Humbly With Thy God.
The original Jewish Church was a strictly RACIAL church and their God was a Racial God. But the God who created man and every thing that was made is an universal God, every body's God.

When the Jewish people became bigoted and conceited they strayed away from God and made Idols and Images which they called gods and fell down and worshiped them as God.

Jesus came to redeem man from the cursed state into which he had fallen. Jesus seems to have been willing and anxious to lead his people back to God without dying. But they would not receive him. So God decided through Jesus Christ his Son to gather a people unto himself out of every kindred tongue and tribe under the sun. Hence we and all Gentiles have a chance. We do not know all about how the plan of redemption was worked out. But we believe that some mysterious way beyond our comprehension was worked out, and in the fullness of time Jesus came unto his own and his own received him not.

To reject Priest and Prophet to lead us back to God is bad enough indeed. But to reject the Son of God we have deprived ourselves of the only means by which we can be reconciled to God.

But we have this to encourage and comfort us, that while we have rejected the Lord Jesus many times, that he has never rejected us when we have earnestly and honestly appealed to him.

He has caused his Ministers and People to work night and day and to use different means to get men women and children reconciled to God.

To aid us he has given a great variety of means; He has given us many SIGNS and SYMBOLS. He has given us SACRED DAYS as Christmastide, Pentecost Good Friday and Easter. Then he has given us Sacraments which if used properly will help us on to God.

Let us keep in mind all that the Lord Jesus has done for our redemption and be better men.

.......AMEN.........
AND THEY WERE EXCEEDING SORROWFUL, AND BEGAN EVERY ONE OF THEM TO SAY UNTO HIM, LORD, IS IT I?

We the disciples of the Lord Jesus spend years and years with ourselves, we study and discipline ourselves. Then when a crisis a test comes we awake to find out that we do not know ourselves.

With impunity we say unbecoming things and do hurtful to our best friends and benefactors that we never thought we could say or do.

Like the disciples of old we shall do well to find out from the Master himself, one who knows all about us and what, separated from him, we are liable to say and do against our best friends.

We should be mindful always of the fact that we are influenced in what we THINK SAY and DO by our:
ENVIRONMENT-----ASSOCIATES------AMBITIONS and ASPIRATIONS.

In the upper room, made sacred by the presence of the Lord Jesus, the disciples were brave courageous and outspoken for the Lord Jesus. But in the PALACE of Caiaphas the High Priest their whole demeanor was different. A couple of young women who were not friendly to Jesus made these once brave courageous men cowards and made them deny their Lord.

In company with their fellow disciples they knew the Lord Jesus and could sing his praises. But alone with the enemies of their Lord their singing was turned into cursing and denying their Lord.

We have said that we are actuated in what we say and do in connection with our Lord by our AMBITIONS and ASPIRATIONS.

So when the disciples saw the possibility of their sharing with their Lord the GLORY and HONOR of the Kingdom they would never leave nor forsake him. But when these possibilities vanished they fled and walked with him no more.

As we endeavor to serve God LET us be careful and watch the motives that actuate us and always be the right motives.

..................AMEN..................
CONFESS YOUR FAULTS ONE TO ANOTHER, AND PRAY YE ONE FOR ANOTHER, THAT YE MAY BE HEALED. THE EFFECTUAL FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVALLETH MUCH.

This injunction found here in the words of our text is not for the satisfaction of those who like to pry into other people's business, not to please those who are more concerned about the faults of others than they are about their own faults. These words are for the benefit and profit of those who are conscious of the fact that they have faults and are anxious to get rid of them.

As a rule we do not like for people to know that we have faults or that we are sorely in need of a physician. We like for people to think that we are in a good condition PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY and SPIRITUALLY. But our text by implication tells us, that we have FAULTS and that we are sick. Then it tells us very definitely what to do about it.

We are almost startled when we read the prescription for our faults and our afflictions. Let us read Dr. James' prescription once more so that we shall make no mistake, for this does not sound like the prescriptions that we have received from other Doctors; it says nothing about spoonfuls, so many drops so many times a day. We get another prescription from this BOOK which tells us that Dr. James' prescription must be taken unceasingly.

Dr. James tells us that his prescription is effectual and availeth much. He treats only one trouble, SIN which may afflict you with MALICE, HATE, DECEIT, DISHONESTY, HYPOCRACY, BIGOTRY, UNTRUTHFULNESS, PARTIALITY.

When we confess our faults to one another we help one another to discover defects and imperfections that we never dreamed of.

When we discover our own faults we will not be so hard in our criticism and so ready to condemn our brethren.

When we learn that it is the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man that availeth much we endeavor to keep in touch with God that we may partake largely of his RIGHTEOUSNESS.

When we pray as we should we will not have so much time to find fault with our brethren.

Let us learn the ART of CONFESSION of our FAULTS to one another.

...............AMEN...............
THEN JESUS SAITH UNTO THEM, CHILDREN, HAVE YE ANY MEAT? THEY ANSWER HIM, NO, JESUS SAITH UNTO THEM, COME AND DINE.

There are those who like to have you dine with them, not so much because they are concerned about whether you are hungry or not, but they are rather concerned about having their SOCIAL program carried out according to their planning.

Jesus' plan and purpose are very different. He first finds out the state in which his prospective guests are, then he provides accordingly. An important part of this provision is to have his prospective guests bring of what they have gotten along with them.

This seems to be a good pattern a good Plan for us to follow on our festival occasions, especially at this our eucharistic occasion. For from this occasion we shall receive no more in INSPIRATION, ENCOURAGEMENT, HOPE, PEACE and JOY than we as individuals are bringing into it.

What have we as disciples been doing during the past month? Have we been thinking and praying about this occasion especially during the past week and more especially last night and this morning that we might in MIND, SPIRIT and THOUGHT bring something to this service to help make it a blessing to every one of us?

Have our attitude towards and interest in our Lord and Master been such as to make us feel fit and worthy to accept his invitation to COME and DINE?

When without consulting our Lord and Master we decide to go about some task that we have decided just among ourselves, don't be surprised when you get in touch with the Master if he reveals to you the fact the fact that you have done two wrong things, that you have WORKED in the DARK and that you have WORKED on the wrong side.

Often when our earthly friends invite us to a banquet or supper we are anxious to know if it going to be a full dress affair. We can be sure always that when the Master invites us to dine with him that it is a full dress affair. If we do not have on the right garment our fellowmen may not put us out, but the Lord Jesus will.

Let us strive to be ready each day to partake of the FEAST that the Master has prepared for us.

.............AMEN.............
May 13 '51

Prov. 22:6

TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE
SHOULD GO; AND WHEN HE IS OLD,
HE WILL NOT FORGET.

The fine efficient teachers in our public,
private schools and colleges do work and make impres-
sions upon our children that they can never forget.
But there is a more delicate and tender service ren-
dered by the MOTHER. She trains them in books of lit-
erature, art and music and she trains them in other
subjects also that the child should and must know as
he or she comes into the practical realities of life.
The MOTHER the real MOTHER teaches her children the
need of scissors, the broom and mop. She teaches
them how to sew, cook how to stew boil and bake. She
Trains her children in the art of morality, sobiety,
honesty, truthfulness, industry, frugality, piety,
patience. She teaches them the Word of God and how
to pray and make a joyful noise to sing unto the
Lord.

There are many things children can do to
keep their MOTHERS young and happy.

Many children pay a big price for brands
of information that does not do them any thing like
the good as the information they may get from MOTHER
free of charge.

The best and most effectual way to show
love for mother is to do the good and noble things
that you know she would like to have you do.

Study the Word of God and keep up to date
on the training that your MOTHER gave you and is
giving you still.

Always so live that you will be an honor
and glory to MOTHER who trained you.

.............AMEN.............
May 20 '51

**Jno. 10:28**

**But rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.**

When the people in the eastern part of this country, in great numbers, went west and staked their claims, the first thing they did was not to populate their plots with all kinds of fowl and live stock; and to see how great crops they could grow. But the first thing they did was to see to it that their claims and their names were written upon the books in the Land office at Washington, D.C.

So we are exhorted by the Lord Jesus to make sure that our names are on record in heaven.

We have often heard this expression: I am not home sick from persons that we have every reason to believe that they are good christians. No we do not have to be home sick. But when we have the assurance that our names are written in Heaven the logical thing for us to do is to think about it, talk about it and rejoice as we think and talk about it.

It is not well for us, indeed it is dangerous for us as the children of God to become earth centered for in so doing we fail to do our christian duty and have a bad influence upon our fellow men and cause them to undervalue the privilege of having their names written in Heaven.

Heaven has a new meaning and a new value for us when we know our names are on record there.

The fact that our names are written in Heaven increases our courage, gives us new hope as an anchor to the soul' both sure and steadfast which enters into that within the vale.

Let us remember and rejoice in the fact that our names are written in Heaven because we have been adopted into the royal family of the King.

Let us do our best to get men women and children adopted into the family of the King so that their names may be recorded in Heaven.

.............AMEN.............
The Christian Church is not like any other organization. In deed it is not an organization at all, it is an organism. The Church is not an organization in which each individual can upon his own authority have his say. If he would be constructive in what he has to say he must preface it by a THUS SAITH THE LORD. And his actions should be according to the pattern showed him, when like Moses, he has been in the mount alone with God. This can be done only when we have eaten from the same store house and drunk from the same fountain.

If we would be a live organism we all must partake of the provision that has been made for us by the one who knows our need. As in our material life so in our spiritual life we are what we eat. We are in constant need of one who knows what to tell us about the spiritual food that we need and must have if we are going to help constitute the visible body of Christ. The member of the family who does not partake of the bill of fare that has been scientifically prepared in the home, but goes out to lunch counters where he can get his food free but pays for what he drinks, and it is not tea or coffee or milk or pop, can not be in harmony with the other members of the family who stay home and eat wholesome food. They do not think talk nor act alike.

The Master when here in the flesh was greatly concerned about his disciples being UNITED. And he knew as no one else what to do to bring about that union. He knew that they all must receive their life from the same source, from HIM. And he said to his disciples, Except ye eat my flesh and drink my blood ye have no life in you.

Recently we have been reading and hearing much about the Red Cross and the Blood Bank. Millions of quarts of blood are given to the Blood Bank every year. But not every one is permitted to give his blood. The blood of every one who would give must be tested, and if it is not up to the standard it is rejected.

The quality of your blood depends upon what you eat and drink and the air you take into your system.

Out of this blood bank blood goes to multitudes who are in need. So we eat and drink and breath so as to have an abundance of good blood, not alone for ourselves but for others also who are all about us, who are in need and can not live except some one gives them blood.

The Lord Jesus is our Great Blood Bank. We are not asked to put into this blood bank but to draw out of it and give to dying multitudes all over the world.
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Now we see and understand the meaning of the Master's injunction found here in the words of our text. Let us follow this injunction and prove to the world that we have life Spiritual life in Us.

AMEN.
July 1 '51  I Cor. 15:22, Heb. 2:9

FOR AS IN ADAM ALL DIE, EVEN SO IN CHRIST SHALL ALL BE MADE ALIVE, THAT BY THE GRACE OF GOD HE MIGHT TASTE DEATH FOR EVERY MAN.

The Law of inheritance puts us in possession of much that we do not like and do not wish. But it also puts us in possession of much that we do like and wish to have.

But just a Will and a favorable decision of the Surrogate do not make an inheritance of any practical value to the legal heir.

The heir must qualify himself so as to make the proper use of his inheritance so that its intrinsic value may become real and practical not alone for himself, but for others also who may be in need.

Real heirs who understand their real obligation and duty are constantly on the outlook for PLACES and PERSONS in whom and in which they may advantageously invest their inheritance.

There are many who illustrate just what we are talking about. Let us name a few: Gov. Cobourn of the state of Maine, Dr. H. L. Morehouse of New York, Mr. John D. Rockefeller. These invested their inheritance largely in buildings for educational purposes. Adoniram Judson, William Carrey, Bessie Gardener and Dr. G. M. P. King. These invested their inheritance in Home and Foreign Missionary work, Dr. Henry Ward Beecher, Dr. Walter H. Brooks and Harvey Johnson. These invested their inheritance in the Ministry.

Heirs do not all, in detail, come into possession of the same thing. The gift of God is of great variety. Paul tells us about this in his Message on Gifts.

Let us never read the first part of our text without reading the last part. For the first part is sad and depressing. The last part is illuminating and refreshing.

May we live and act like those for whom Christ died. May we prove by our deportment that his death for us was not in vain.

.............AMEN............
AND WHY TAKE YE THOUGHT FOR RAiMENT?
CONSIDER THE LILIES OF THE FIELD,
HOW THEY GROW; THEY TOIL NOT, NEi-
HER DO THEY SPIN: AND YET I SAY
UNT0 YOU, THAT EVEN SOLOM0N IN ALL
HIS GLORY WAS NOT ARRAYED LIKE ONE
OF THESE.

In order to shape our life as it should be
we have many lessons to learn and teachers ani-
mate and inanimate are all about us. But we do
not see them or if we see them we do not recog-
nize them and use them. According to our stand-
ard these teachers are of no value and are pass-
ed up.

We shall do well to give attention to these
teachers and use them in our endeavors to shape
our life. BIRDS can teach us how to sing much
better than many who wield the baton. Flowers
teach us many important lessons that we need to
learn and practice, TREES are very helpful teach-
ers. If you wish to be what God has intended and
wishes you to be you can not do better than to
recognize the LITTLE CHILD as one of your best
teachers.

of the fact

We should not lose sight that GOD is our
greatest teacher and when taken as he should be
is always in the suplicative in all things. He is
SUPULITAVE in his WORD, ACTS, God has made every
thing BEAUTIFUL. He has not made anything UGLY.

In shaping our LIFE as GOD would have it
we need to be careful about where we LOCATE,
with whom we ASSOCIATE, with whom we hold CONVO-
cATION, about our EATING and DRESSING.

Let us stop worrying and let God teach
us how to get our NEEDS supplied.

May we from now on give more consideration
to the things and persons to which
and to whom God gives MOST serious CONSIDERATION

Amen
July 15'51  Ps. 51:12,13  V

RESTORE UNTO ME THE JOY OF THY SALVATION, AND UPHOLD ME WITH THY FREE SPIRIT, THEN WILL I TEACH TRANSGRESSERS THY WAYS AND SINNERS SHALL BE CONVERTED UNTO THEE.

All who enjoy God's salvation occupy a high lofty position. They are Teachers and the subject they teach IS THE WAYS OF GOD.

The pupils they have been called to teach are SINNERS, TRANSGRESSORS.

These pupils are to be found in every walk of life.

The school in which these teachers work is open every day and night in the week.

These teachers are expected to attend an institute known as a prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

These teachers, if they do their full duty will try to see their pupils frequently and urge them to attend church as often as possible.

Whatever we may do let not the JOY of our Salvation get away from us.

Let us trust nothing but God's free SPIRIT to uphold us.

................AMEN................
July 22-'51  Dan. 12: 3  V
AND THEY THAT BE WISE
SHALL SHINE AS THE
BRIGHTNESS OF THE
FIRMAMENT; AND THEY
THAT TURN MANY TO
RIGHTOUSNESS
AS THE STARS FOR
EVER AND EVER.

Most of the time this old world is
in darkness.
Our progress in Spiritual growth
is impeded by our intellectual and
moral darkness.
The entire world is living in con-
tention, Strife and hate. Because Social-
ly and politically we are in darkness.
The Master has told us why men love
Darkness rather than Light. Because
their deeds are evil.

We cannot obtain the bless-
ings named in our text by using
worldly wisdom.
The wisdom we must use
Comes from
Reading Word
Prayer
Fellowship
Service

---Amen---
II COR. 5:14, 16

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that he died for all, that they that live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them and rose again.

In the secular world today we hear much about Communism and Totalitarianism. To many these words are music. In them many see a larger life, a greater liberty, a larger chance to get on in the world, they see peace, prosperity and happiness. But we see another great number who when they hear these words are angered, incensed, ready to fight and they stop their ears.

Very early in spiritual life God's people were taught that there was a divine Communism and a divine Totalitarianism. And when God has been listened to and obeyed in using these systems the world has had peace and prosperity; indeed Jesus came and as our text tells us, gave his life that we might have these systems in divine form among us.

Those of us who believe become new creatures in Him.

We are new in our thinking.
We are new in our planning.
We are new in our actions.
We are new in our loyalties.

We need to learn anew why Christ died for us.

He died not alone to save us from hell but to save us for heaven.

He has saved us that we might help him save others.

He has saved us that we might be his representatives.

Let us read our text over and over and know what God is expecting of us for whom he died.

.................AMEN..............
Aug. 5 '51  Prov. 4:18  

BUT THE PATH OF THE JUST IS AS A SHINNING LIGHT, THAT SHINETH MORE AND MORE UNTO THE PERFECT DAY.

The Christian's life unlike other phases of life starts out with an exceptional degree of perfection and becomes better and better as occasions demand.

The character of the PATH of life over which men journey depends upon the character of those who journey over it. When you go through a community in any city you will know quite well what kind of people live there by the appearance of the things that you see.

The way one selects over which to journey determines his aspiration and ambitions. When a broad way is open and lighted and a man selects a narrow dark alley you know he is not interested in the high lofty things of life.

The JUST HONEST TRUTHFUL the Christian man gets his chart his guid from God before he starts.

This man gets his lantern from God and carries it not alone for himself but for all who will come in line with its rays.

The JUST man does not pick easy occasions upon which to shine. The Just man shines every day and every night.

Let us make much of the provision that God has made for the Just man.

..........AMEN..........
Sept. 2-51
Selection 5
O Lord, Thou hast
searched me and
known me.

The Value of God's Knowledge of Us

I. He makes us known to ourselves

II. He makes us known to our comrades

III. His knowledge of us makes it possible for us to do great things for Him.

IV. God does not use us according to weakness, but according to our strength.

-Amen-
WHAT SHALL I RENDER UNTO THE LORD
FOR ALL HIS BENEFITS TOWARDS ME?
I WILL TAKE THE CUP OF SALVATION
AND CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD.

Ever since Eve and Adam in the Garden fell
from the holy happy state in which God created
them man has been trying to do something to make
amends for his disobedience and to pay his fine
for his transgression against the divine law. He
has invented and carried out all kinds of cere-
monies. He has written, sung and chanted many
hymns and songs. He has with exactness written
and with peculiar fervor, his rituals. Man has
fasted and prayed and has offered all kinds of
sacrifices even his own children upon the altar.
But even unto this day he is not satisfied and
is still asking the question of our text and the
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sainted Dr. Watts tells us, that:

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Or wash away the stain.

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If we have ever done so, let us cease trying in so many ways, but the right way, to pay God for what he has offered and is still offering us, and take the cup of SALVATION and call upon his name. May we see that the cup that the Lord offers saves us from CONDEMNATION, DOUBT, FEAR and the FRUITS OF SIN.

...............AMEN...............
Oct. 7 '51  Phil. 2:5, 6, 7, 8

LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU, WHICH ALSO WAS IN CHRIST JESUS: WHO, BEING IN THE FORM OF GOD, THOUGHT IT NOT ROBBERY TO BE EQUAL WITH GOD: BUT MADE HIMSELF OF NO REPUTATION, AND TOOK UPON HIM THE FORM OF A SERVANT, AND WAS MADE IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN; AND BEING FOUND IN FASHION AS A MAN, HE HUMBLED HIMSELF, AND BECAME OBEIDENT UNTO DEATH, EVEN THE DEATH OF THE CROSS.

This scripture teaches us that we all should be concerned about our own mind and about the mind of our comrades with whom we have to labor. For our mind determines the character of our ASPIRATIONS and DETERMINATIONS.

Our mind determines our ATTITUDE towards the condition in which we may find the world whether anxious to STONE us or to CROWN us.

If we have the right kind of mind we will meet either of these conditions ultimately, to triumph.

If we have the mind of Christ we will not be overinfluenced by the cross so as to lose sight of the CROWN that awaits us.

The mind of Christ makes us for the present, the HONOR, the GLORY and the JOY that await us and yield the MISERIES and AGONY that pursue us.

The mind of Christ makes us live in an atmosphere of HOPE, EXPECTANCY and GLORY.

If we have the mind of Christ we can not have fellowship with every body. Those with whom we profitable fellowship must have the mind of Christ.

If we can consciously engage in all kinds of commercial activities, we can be certain that we have not the mind of Christ.

If we have the mind of Christ not often will we have frowns upon our faces.

Let us remember that we can not have the mind of Christ only as we are in constant communion with him.

When we have the mind of Christ we will spend much time in prayer and reading the Word.

.........AMEN........
In order to be all that this text says we are, we must be the CHILDREN of GOD and the DISCIPLES OF THE LORD JESUS.

Most positions to day that are worth while require a certain amount of literary ability. A certain College, in the West requires every one in its employ to have a degree from some College. The men who have charge of the boiler room the kitchen and the campus must all have their degrees from some reputable College.

All mechanics to day must be educated if they wish to hold positions of responsibility.

So most persons whom you meet today represent, stand for fare more than that you see on the surface. Men and women may have many degrees representing their literary ability. But they do not go around with a label on the lapel of their coats, telling what degrees they carry. But when they make application for a position they are ready and willing to show the certificates of their ability.

We have been thinking and talking about people in the material secular world for analogy purposes. For what I have said concerning men and women in the secular material life is true with men and women in the spiritual life.

We are not accustomed to going into the details and particulars of the life of those who make application for membership in our church organizations. We do not inquire as to their ability to do the things that must always be done in our Church life if we do what the Lord Jesus has commanded us to do.

We do not think of the degrees that every member who joins the church, if he is real and sincere, has. So I am calling attention to just some of the degrees that he carries. First he must be a COG. Second he must be a DQJ. Third he must be a LQW. Fourth he must be a SQE.

We will not have you spend your time worrying over these degrees as to what they mean.

We are going to tell you for we have never heard of them being used as we are using them here. It is hoped that with this explanation all of us will think more of ourselves and of one another.

*****************AMEN*****************
WHERE HAST THOU GLEANED TO DAY?

Parents, real parents and elders are concerned about the entire life of their children and their neighbor's children. Their interest all inclusive and comprehensive. Parents must be concerned about all the children in their community and about those in other communities.

Parents know that it is better to have just the simple gleanings from some fields than to have the entire crop from some other fields.

Then the matter of whose field it is from which one is gleaning should be of great concern. What is the character of the owner of the field? And what interest has the owner of the field in you as you glean. These are serious questions that should be settled before you begin to glean.

Young people have to grow and grow in a number of ways, Physically, Mentally and Spiritually. But the real value of growth is revealed only as we express it in our daily life. Have you grown physically strong and are you willing and able to bear heavy burdens? Have you made progress mentally? Help your comrades solve their problems. Have you increased in spiritual knowledge? Help your comrades? Help your comrades to more lofty spiritual heights.

Whatever and wherever you may be gleaning if you are gleaning simply for yourself it does not mean very much. And if you are gleaning simply for the present you are not getting the full value of your labor.

As you glean, glean not alone the material. But try to get much of the mental and the spiritual benefits from the owner of the field in which you are gleaning.

It is always wise and beneficial to consult with those who are intelligent and older than you before you start gleaning. Let them suggest to you the attitude to sustain to the owner of the field in which you are gleaning. Let them tell you about some good fields in which to glean. For often some of the very best fields in which to glean are overlooked, passed up by many.

Here are some good fields in which to glean; LIBRARIES, MUSEUM, HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ART GALLERY, THE LAKE, COUNTRY SIDE, SCHOOLS and CHURCHES.

The fact that you are to report the details of your gleaning to a superior should make you the more careful.

Let us remember that our whole life is effected and shaped very largely by what we glean. And those who come after us are effected largely by what we have gleaned.

..................AMEN.................
Isa. 53:6

ALL WE LIKE SHEEP HAVE GONE ASTRAY; WE HAVE TURNED EVERY ONE TO HIS OWN WAY; AND THE LORD HAS LAID UPON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL.

Everywhere we are taught that it is good for us to be active, up and doing—good in every way, physically, mentally and spiritually. If we are not active we become stagnant. If we are a part of an organization, but are inactive we not only fail to make progress ourselves, but we hinder our associates and impede the progress of the cause with which we are identified. But let us not lose sight of the fact that in improperly directed activity is great danger, the danger of getting off the track of going astray.

Even when we give strict attention to the course over which we are journeying we may never reach our desired destination; for we may not be on the right course. The course over which we are journeying may be BROAD, ATTRACTIVE and EASY TO TRAVEL. Your fellow travelers may be numerous and in every way attractive and congenial. But they may not help you reach your desired destination.

When you have traveled long and far, and are all tired and worn out you may find that you have gone the wrong way, that you have gone astray.

We owe it to ourselves and our associates to learn in the very beginning of our journey how to know when we are on the right course. For like the pilot in the airplane or ship we must keep the compass our GUID right beside us, and consult it constantly. There are many signs that we must keep in sight if we do not wish to go astray.

Whether, as God's people, we are on the right course or not depends upon our attitude towards the Lord Jesus. Do we believe his REPORT? Is his arm still STRONG for you? Does he retain HIS BEAUTY for you? Does he still bear your GRIEF and carry your SORROWS? Do you still believe he was wounded for our transгрations? If so we are on the right course.
CHRIST IS ALL AND IN ALL.
FOR I DETERMINED NOT TO KNOW ANYTHING
AMONG YOU, SAVE JESUS CHRIST, AND HIM
CRUCIFIED.

No age was ever more alert in seeking wisdom knowl-
dom knowledge and truth than the age in which Paul
uttered these words. At that time three of the most
enlightened peoples the world has ever known were
upon the stage of action in every important phase
of life. They were LAWYERS, WRITERS, DOCTORS STATE-
MEN, PHILOSOPHERS, GREAT MILITARY EXPERTS, and EX-
PONENTS of RELIGION. They were every thing mani-
festing KNOWLEDGE. And Paul was one of them. But
after his EXPERIENCE on the DAMASCUS ROAD he gave
it all up that he might preach Christ to all peo-
ple. He preached to the GREEKS, ROMANS and JEWS.

Paul knew that CHRIST was a SPIRITUAL GOLD
MINE and that he had what every one needed and had
to have before he could be safe and at peace with
God.

We need to learn as Paul did the GREATNESS
and ALLCOMPREHENSIVENESS of Jesus.

Let us learn this lesson from Paul. After
his DAMASCUS road experience he never went back to
Jerusalem to his old teacher and associates. For
he knew that the things that Gamaliel taught him
were not of God.

After his Damascus road experience Paul ne-
ever went back to MARS HILL to amuse himself argu-
ning with the GREEK philosophers. But he did go back
to PREACH CHRIST to them.

Paul was really able to say Old things have
passed away, behold all things have become new.
And we are not qualified to serve God until
we can say that. Let us QUALIFY.

............ AMEN ............
AND SAUL SAID UNTO SAMUEL I HAVE SINNED: FOR I HAVE TRANSGRESSED THE COMMANDMENT OF THE LORD AND THY WORDS; BECAUSE I FEARED THE PEOPLE AND OBEYED THEIR VOICE.

The people of God constitute a great army, the greatest army in the world. And it has in it the highest ranking officers in the world. May we that we may continue our military analogy say, that our God is the Commander in Chief. His orders are always or should always be first and supreme. Military strategy that fails to put God in his proper place is destined to cause failure and disaster.

Saul Israel's first King had many weaknesses, nevertheless he was a great king and a great general. But he did what so many men in the armies of the world do today would like to do, to take the place of the Commander in Chief.

The Commander in Chief of God's army is, always has been and always will be God himself. As the Amalekites the enemies of Israel sorely oppressed Israel God told Saul what to do. But Saul did not do it.

When God's prophet Samuel called him to account for failing to do what God told him to do Saul answered him in the words of our text.

There are many very important lessons to be found in this text. And we wish at this time to study prayerfully a few of them.

GOD.

Saul FEARED the people and DISOBEYED GOD.

Saul CONFESSED his SIN.

If you would OBEY GOD and do his WILL dont debate with men as to your DUTY.

Remember THAT WHEN YOU PLEASE GOD in doing your DUTY you have just ONE to PLEASE.

OBEEDIENCE to GOD always brings the very best RESULTS.

Let us remember that even though things may appear all right if God has rejected them you had better reject them too.

In the time of disaster try and be a Samuel and tell the people about their BLUNDERS and MISTAKES. And if you can not tell others about what is going wrong in God's army let others tell you.

..........AMEN..........
HE WAS OPPRESSED, AND HE WAS AFFLICTED, YET HE OPENED NOT HIS MOUTH: HE IS BROUGHT AS A LAMB TO THE SLAUGHTER, AND AS A SHEEP BEFORE HER SHEARERS IS DUMB, SO HE OPENETH NOT HIS MOUTH.

Often we are confronted with conditions that are so paralyzing that we can not speak; we do not know what to say or we are afraid to say that which we know should be said. But this was not true with Jesus, the subject of our text.

Jesus has always known what to say and was never afraid to say what he knew should be said. But he does and always has excelled us in KNOWLEDGE and WISDOM. For he knows WHAT TO SAY, WHEN TO SAY and TO WHOM TO SAY WHAT SHOULD BE SAID.

Jesus was always an holy economist, he did not believe in wasting anything.

Jesus knew his Father's program was made out and he did not wish those to whom he would have to speak to think that even though it meant OPPRESSION and AFFLICTION and SUFFERING for him to think that he would do anything to interfere with his Father's PROGRAM.

We know that on one occasion Jesus did ask his Father if it could be in accord with his will to change his program to change his program so that he might do his will without submitting to the torture of his heartless, Godless enemies. But observe Jesus did not ask this of his Father while he was in the hands of his oppressors, but when he was alone.

The way to gain victories is to work and make your plans and come to your decisions when you are alone with God. It will cost much to do this, it will make you pray until great drops of sweat like blood run down.

Let us learn from Jesus HOW to talk and WHEN to talk and to whom to talk. Never let your oppressor get the idea that you are afraid to talk. But let him know that you have something to do that is better than talking to your enemies and oppressors.

May we remember always that God will prompt us to what to say and will hear us when we speak according to his WORD.

...........AMEN...........
IS THERE NO BALM IN GILEAD; IS THERE NO PHYSICIAN THERE? WHY THEN IS NOT THE HEALTH OF THE DAUGHTER OF MY PEOPLE RECOVERED?

When God made man and committed unto him the keeping of himself, he placed into his hands the greatest of all responsibilities with which he has to do. For man is not flesh alone, he is not mind alone, nor is he spirit alone. He is all three in one and these three parts are so interrelated that man can not take the best care of one without taking care of all three.

None of these three departments of life can be properly cared for without knowledge of the entire man.

So when man thinks about his need as a man the most natural thing for him to do is to analyze himself and he finds that he is BODY, MIND and SPIRIT. But he finds himself still puzzled for he still remembers that God has commissioned him to care for the body. So he hunts around and finds an expert, one who has made a thorough study of the body and he tells the man some of the fundamental things that he must do in order properly to care for his body. He tells him to consult a PHYSICIAN, a DIETI-AN, a PHYSICAL DIRECTOR. In this way he will find out in just what condition his body is, what he should eat and the kind of exercises he should take.

Then the man who tries to carry out the commission that God gave him finds that he must care for his MIND. Then he minds that he must secure another expert to tell him whether he is sound mentally or not; so he secures a PSYCHIATRIST, he tells the man with whom to associate, what kind of Lectures to attend, what to READ and upon what SUBJECTS to think.

Now the man comes to his SPIRITUAL Life and he finds that he needs a THEOLOGIAN or some one who is versed in the teaching of God's WORD. The THEOLOGIAN tells him to let the MIND of Christ be. He tells him, As a man thinketh so is he, he tells him to let his communication be YEA TEA and NAY NAY, that he must PRAY and read the WORD of God.

Let us seek earnestly to know what is in the commission that God has given us.

...........AMEN.........
Dec. 23 '51

Luk. 2:10

AND THE ANGEL SAID UNTO THEM,
FEAR NOT: FOR BEHOLD, I BRING
GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY, WHICH
SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE.

Angels, God's messengers always have some
thing GOOD to tell those who are willing to hear
and will listen. They chase away fear from the
mind and bring courage and confidence.

God's messengers have joy in their messa-
ges.

God's angels make men intelligent concern-
ing his program.

God's messengers inspire his people to go
where they will find Jesus.

Those who really know about the BIRTH of
Jesus are alert and anxious to make it known to
others.

The personal knowledge one has of the birth
of Jesus is always worth more than all that oth-
ers may tell him, about his birth.

Let us observe that the last part of this
10th verse of the 2nd chapter of Luke has been
since the angel uttered these words: and is still
causing men and women to leave their ordinary vo-
cations and to go to the the ends of the world to
make men women and children know that this good
news about the birth of Jesus is for all people.

............AMEN............
Dec. 31, 1951  Jno. 1:1  New Year

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD.

We are all on the threshold of a New year. And if we have not already done so we have just a few more minutes to decide how we are going to begin this new year. Have we decided that we are going to begin the new year that in a few mins. will be in our hands with the WORD, with God?

Have we made much use of the WORD, God during the past year? What has been our victories, our triumphs, our achievements during the past year. Have we made any Contribution to the life that we have shared in such a large way during the past year. What about our DOMESTIC life? What have we done to make our HOME a producer of PEACE, HAPPINESS. Has our church become a great-place of CONSOLATION for the weary hearted, the sad and distressed?

Have you allowed the WORD to help you settle your INDUSTRIAL PROBLEMS, your POLITICAL PROBLEMS, your BUSINESS PROBLEMS?

What has the WORD done for you as you have endeavored to bring men women and children into the church?

What has the WORD helped you to do in making your community a better place in which to live?

Has the WORD helped you to decide as to what course you ought to pursue during the coming year?

Let us resolve to let every phase of our task during the coming year start with God and end with God.

If we are spared to see the end of the year 1952 may we find ourselves making more and more use of the WORD.

.............A?EN.............