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"keep my commandments,
and do them;
Then I will give you rain
in due season, and the land
shall yield her increase"

Leviticus 26:3, 4



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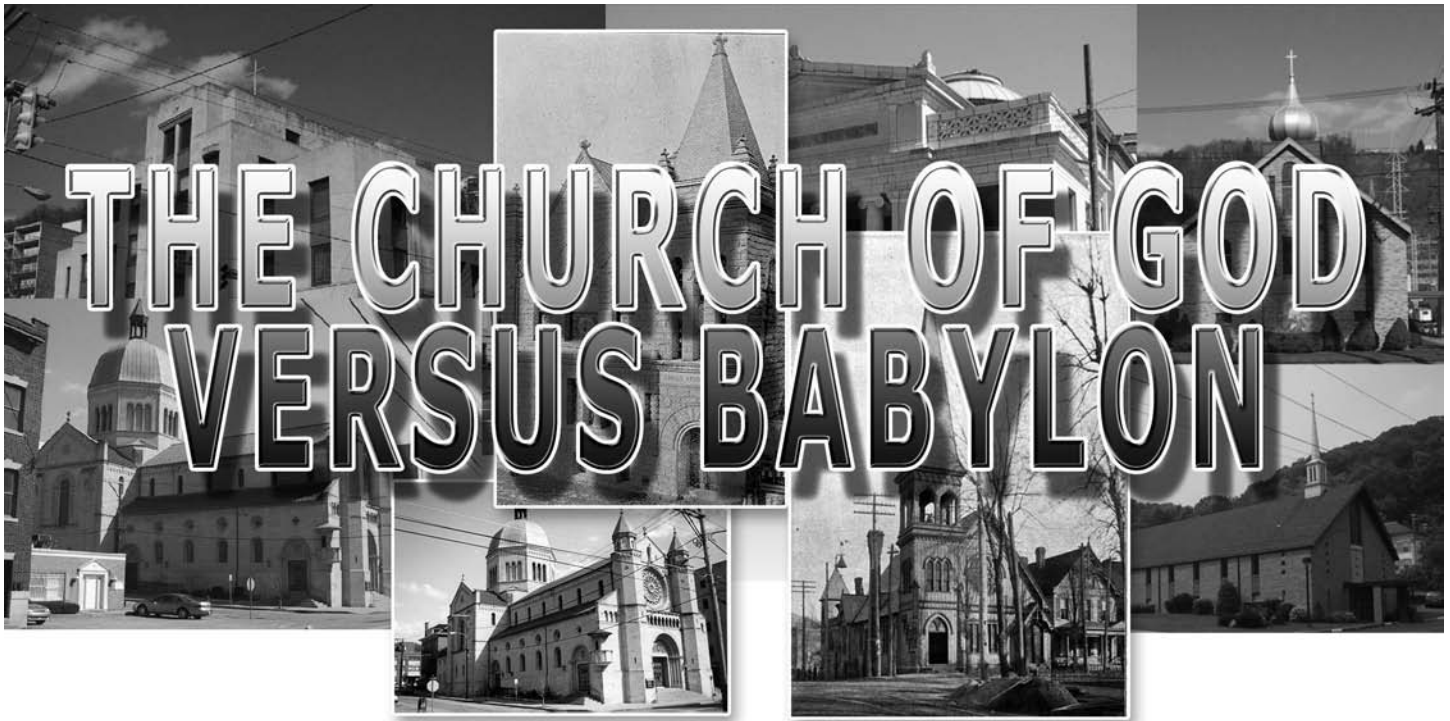
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There are thousands of Christian churches in the world today, and they all claim to be the church of God, yet they have different beliefs, different interpretations of the Bible and for this reason they cannot unite but remain separate organizations.

God has only one church in the world, and very few people find it. Most of the people who are seeking salvation and the church of God end up in the great Babylon, in the confusion. Jesus said, "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." John 10:16.

The Holy Spirit unites and brings love and peace into the church of God. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35.

The thousands of churches that Satan is controlling do not have this love and unity. Satan is the author of confusion and strife, and this is also seen among his angels who joined with him in his rebellion. The angels of Satan, "they hate and war with one another, yet they improve every opportunity to advance their common interest." Test. Vol. 1, p. 346.

In these fallen churches that teach errors and false doctrines there are many educated, intelligent people who have read the Bible and yet are confused. Jesus

thanked God that these wise and prudent men and women would not understand the truth. "At that time Jesus answered and said, I think, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." Matt. 11:25.

The most intelligent and wise person that God has ever created was Lucifer; yet his wisdom did not protect him from error. He became the most foolish and thereby ruined his own life and millions of others.

Instead of listening to the false doctrines in the fallen churches we want to find the church of God, where we can hear the voice of Jesus.

Should we seek the church of God among the biggest churches with millions of members? No, certainly not. Jesus compared the kingdom of God to a mustard seed which is the smallest of all. Isaiah writes, "Except the Lord of hosts had left us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom and we should have been like unto Gomorrah." Isa. 1:9.

The church of God must teach the truth of the Bible. Paul calls the church of God, "the pillar and ground of the truth." 1 Tim. 3:15. Jesus said, "Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth." John 17:17.

"The proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages has been located by

the word of Inspiration. Not a peg or pin is to be removed." Counsels to Writers, p. 26. Sister White made calls for holding on to the old landmarks.

There are many independent ministries, which have come out of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. They cannot unite because they all teach different doctrines and interpret prophesy differently. But, what is really happening; they are splitting up and creating new groups. These independent groups are normally in one country only or in a few countries at most.

The prophecy in Revelation 14 tells us that these three angels' messages are proclaimed by the church of God to "every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Rev. 14: 6.

The angel in Revelation chapter 18 lightens the earth with his glory, not only in one city or one country, but the whole earth. If the church of God would be in one country only, where would the honest seekers of truth go, in the rest of the countries? Would they have to remain in Babylon and receive their sins and plagues? (Rev. 18:4)

The church of God must be prophesied. "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets." Amos 3:7.

Peter was an eyewitness to the Majesty of heaven for 3 ½ years. He listened to the

teachings of Jesus, he saw His miracles, yet he writes, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." 2 Pet. 1:19.

The first angel was the Millerite movement that spread out all around the earth. They were the only church preaching the hour of judgment. The second angel was the first day Adventists. Their message was that Babylon is fallen. The third angel was the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Again we recognize them by their message; proclaiming the mark of the beast, which is Sunday worship.

After these three angels or three church organizations we find one more angel in the prophecy, in Revelation chapter 18. This is the last church organization on the earth before the end.

Again to recognize this church, we can find it by its message. "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies." Rev. 18:3.

The church is the wife of Christ, and the wife must be faithful to her husband. When the husband, Jesus Christ says to His wife, love your enemies and the church decided to join with the kings of the earth in their warfare to kill their enemies; it is spiritual fornication. This is the sin of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, also.

Then who proclaims this message to Babylon; only the church that remained faithful in the time of war. In 1914 the Seventh-Day Adventist Church was divided by the test

that came upon them. The faithful ones were disfellowshipped from the church by the leaders, and for a while they remained as a flock of sheep without shepherds, until the new church organization gathered them together and gave them power to preach the gospel again.

The Revelation chapter 18 angel came down and started the last church organization on the earth. To this church which is called the Reform Movement, Elijah, Revelation chapter 18 angel, the Loud Cry of the third angel, the latter rain will be given.

"At that time the 'latter rain,' or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out." EW 86.

The loud voice of the third angel has existed since 1914, but now in the latter rain they receive greater power to finish the work of God on the earth. This experience is similar to the second angel, which was joined by the midnight cry. "This message seemed to be an addition to the third message, joining it as the midnight cry joined the second angel's message in 1844." EW 277.

The midnight cry started from a small beginning but later it grew to a great work. In a similar way, the Revelation 18 angel begins small but later proclaims the message with great power.

Millions of people read the Bible and join in the fallen churches, because they are blinded.

When Christ lived on earth, only a few people recognized Jesus as the prophesied Messiah. The majority in the very church of God even rejected and hated Him; especially the leaders of the church planned to kill Him.

Today we see the same thing happening. Only very few recognize the church of God. The majority of the people decide to join the great Babylon, one of the thousands of its churches. Without the guidance of the Holy Spirit we do not recognize the truth, nor the church that is preaching it.

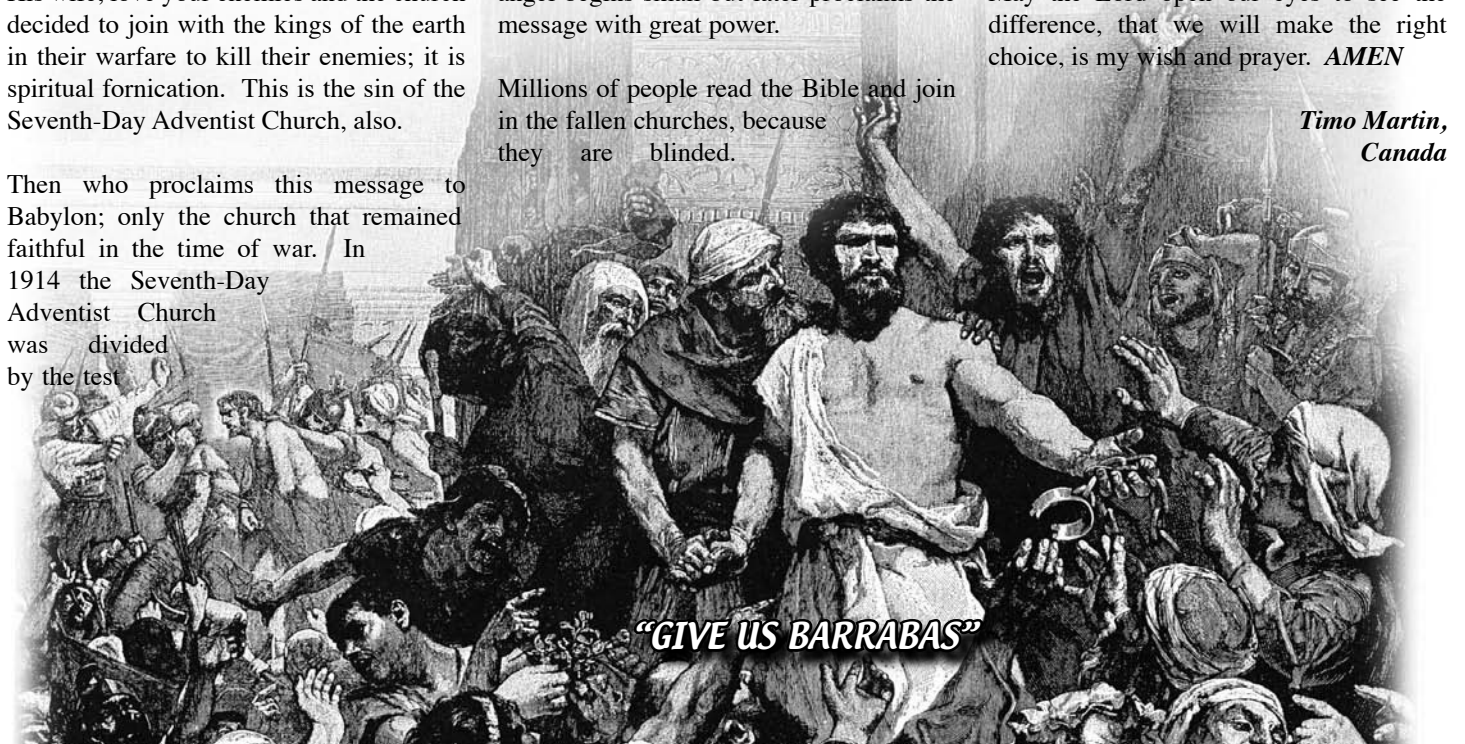
We have several prophecies in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy books about the last church that God has on the earth; pinpointing the time of its beginning to the first world war and describing its progress and message clearly.

With prayer and fasting, study these prophecies and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit you will find the true Reformation among all of the false ones. Our salvation depends on finding the true church of God and hearing the voice of Jesus in it.

As Pilate set before the people two men, Jesus and Barrabas, and asked them to choose one, the same way we have a choice; the church of God or Babylon, confusion.

May the Lord open our eyes to see the difference, that we will make the right choice, is my wish and prayer. **AMEN**

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Canada*





"A SURE FOUNDATION"

[UNITY]

By Ellen G. White

"Wherefore the rather, brethren," says the apostle Peter, 'give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.'" 2 Peter 1:10, 11.

"Years ago, when the company of believers in the soon coming of Christ was very small, the Sabbathkeepers at Topsham, Maine, met for worship in the large kitchen in the home of Brother Stockbridge Howland. One Sabbath morning Brother Howland was absent. We were surprised at this, because he was always so punctual. Soon he came in, his face aglow, shining with the glory of God. 'Brethren,' he said, 'I have found it. I have found that we can pursue a course of action regarding which the guarantee of God's word is: "Ye shall never fall." I am going to tell you about it.'

"He then told us that he had noticed that one brother, a poor fisherman, had been feeling that he was not as highly respected as he ought to be and that Brother Howland and others thought themselves above him. This was not true, but it seemed true to him; and for several weeks he had not attended the meetings. So Brother Howland went to his house and knelt before him, saying: 'My brother, forgive me. What is it that I have done?' The man took him by the arm and tried to raise him to his feet. 'No,' said Brother Howland, 'what have you against me?' 'I have nothing against you.' 'But you must have,' said Brother Howland, 'because once we could speak to one another, but now you do not speak to me at all, and I want to know what is the matter.'

"'Get up, Brother Howland,' he said. 'No,' said Brother Howland, 'I will not.' 'Then I must get down,' he said, and he fell on his knees, and confessed how childish he had been and how many evil surmisings he had cherished. 'And now,' he said, 'I will put them all away.'

"As Brother Howland told this story, his face shone with the glory of the Lord. Just as he had finished, the fisherman and his family came in, and we had an excellent meeting.

"Suppose that some of us should follow the course pursued by Brother Howland. If when our brethren surmise evil, we would go to them, saying, 'Forgive me if I have done anything to harm you,' we might break the spell of Satan and set our brethren free from their temptations. Do not let anything interpose between you and your brethren. If there is anything that you can do by sacrifice to clear away the rubbish of suspicion, do it. God wants us to love one another as brethren. He wants us to be pitiful and courteous. He wants us to educate ourselves to believe that our brethren love us, and to believe that Christ loves us. Love begets love.

"Do we expect to meet our brethren in heaven? If we can live with them here in peace and harmony we could live with them there. But how could we live with them in heaven if we cannot live with them here without continued contention and strife? Those who are following a course of action that separates them from their brethren and brings in discord and dissension, need a thorough conversion. Our hearts must be melted and subdued by the love of Christ. We must cherish the love that He showed in dying for us on the cross of Calvary. We need to draw closer and closer to the Saviour. We should be much in prayer, and we must learn to exercise faith. We must be more tenderhearted,

more pitiful and courteous. We shall pass through this world but once. Shall we not strive to leave on those with whom we associate the impress of the character of Christ?" Testimonies for the Church, Volume 9 pages 191-193

"Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." Matthew 5:23, 24

"Be reconciled to thy brother." Mat. 5:24.

"The love of God is something more than a mere negation; it is a positive and active principle, a living spring, ever flowing to bless others. If the love of Christ dwells in us, we shall not only cherish no hatred toward our fellows, but we shall seek in every way to manifest love toward them.

"Jesus said, 'If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.' The sacrificial offerings expressed faith that through Christ the offerer had become a partaker of the mercy and love of God. But for one to express faith in God's pardoning love, while he himself indulged an unloving spirit, would be a mere farce.

"When one who professes to serve God wrongs or injures a brother, he misrepresents the character of God to that brother, and the wrong must be confessed, he must acknowledge it to be sin, in order to be in harmony with God. Our brother may have done us a greater wrong than we have done him, but this does not lessen our responsibility. If when we come before God we remember that another has aught against us, we are to leave our gift of prayer, of thanksgiving, of freewill offering, and go to the brother with whom we are at variance, and in humility confess our own sin and ask to be forgiven.

"If we have in any manner defrauded or injured our brother, we should make restitution. If we have unwittingly borne false witness, if we have misstated his words, if we have injured his influence in any way, we should go to the ones with whom we have conversed about him, and take back all our injurious misstatements.

"If matters of difficulty between brethren were not laid open before others, but frankly spoken of between themselves in the spirit of Christian love, how much evil might be prevented! How many roots of bitterness whereby many are defiled would be destroyed, and how closely and tenderly might the followers of Christ be united in His love!" Mount of Blessing, pages 58, 59

"If one of these little ones shall be overcome, and commit a wrong against you, then it is your work to seek his restoration. Do not wait for him to make the first effort for reconciliation. 'How think ye?' said Jesus; 'if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the



mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.'

"In the spirit of meekness, 'considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted,' (Gal. 6: 1), go to the erring one, and 'tell him his fault between thee and him alone.' Do not put him to shame by exposing his fault to others, nor bring dishonour upon Christ by making public the sin or error of one who bears His name. Often the truth must be plainly spoken to the erring; he must be led to see his error, that he may reform. But you are not to judge or to condemn. Make no attempt at self-justification. Let all your effort be for his recovery. In treating the

wounds of the soul, there is need of the most delicate touch, the finest sensibility. Only the love that flows from the Suffering One of Calvary can avail here. With pitying tenderness, let brother deal with brother, knowing that if you succeed, you will 'save a soul from death,' and 'hide a multitude of sins.' James 5:20." Desire of Ages, page 440

"But it is to the wrongdoer himself that we are to present the wrong. We are not to make it a matter of comment and criticism among ourselves; nor even after it is told to the church, are we at liberty to repeat it to others. A knowledge of the faults of Christians will be only a cause of stumbling to the unbelieving world; and by dwelling upon these things, we ourselves can receive only harm; for it is by beholding that we become changed. While we seek to correct the errors of a brother, the Spirit of Christ will lead us to shield him, as far as possible, from the criticism of even his own brethren, and how much more from the censure of the unbelieving world. We ourselves are erring, and need Christ's pity and forgiveness, and just as we wish Him to deal with us, He bids us deal with one another." Desire of Ages, page 441

"No Censure for the Straying Sheep.-- The parable of the lost sheep is a forcible illustration of the Saviour's love for the erring. The Shepherd leaves the ninety and nine in the shelter of the fold, while He goes out to search for the one lost, perishing sheep; and when it is found, He places it upon His shoulder, and returns with rejoicing. He did not find fault with the straying sheep; He did not say, 'Let him go if he will;' but He went forth amid frost and sleet and tempest, to save the one that was lost. And He patiently continued His search until the object of His solicitude was found.

"Thus are we to treat the erring, wandering one. We should be ready to sacrifice our own ease and comfort when a soul for whom Christ died is in peril. Said Jesus, 'Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.' As joy was manifested at the recovery of the one lost sheep, so will exceeding joy and gratitude be manifested by the true servants of Christ when one soul is saved from death.--Manuscript 1, 1878." Temperance, page 134

By Being United as Children of God
For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:26.

“We seldom find two persons exactly alike. Among human beings as well as among the things of the natural world, there is diversity. Unity in diversity among God’s children-
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manifestation of love and forbearance in spite of difference of disposition--this is the testimony that God sent His Son into the world to save sinners.

“The unity that exists between Christ and His disciples does not destroy the personality of either. In mind, in purpose, in character, they are one, but not in person. By partaking of the Spirit of God, conforming to the law of God, man becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ brings His disciples into a living union with Himself and with the Father. Through the working of the Holy Spirit upon the human mind, man is made complete in Christ Jesus. Unity with Christ establishes a bond of unity with one another. This unity is the most convincing proof to the world of the majesty and virtue of Christ, and of His

power to take away sin.

“The powers of darkness stand a poor

“In unity there is a life, a power, that can be obtained in no other way.” Sons and Daughters of God, page 286

“Unity existing among the followers of Christ is an evidence that the Father has sent His Son to save sinners. It is a witness to His power; for nothing short of the miraculous power of God can bring human beings with their different temperaments together in harmonious action, their one aim being to speak the truth in love.

“God’s warnings and counsels are plain and decided. As we read the Scriptures and see the power for good that there is in unity and the power for evil that there is in disunion, how can we fail to receive the word of God into our hearts? Suspicion and distrust are as evil leaven. Unity bears witness to the power of the truth.” Testimonies for the Church, Volume 9, page 194

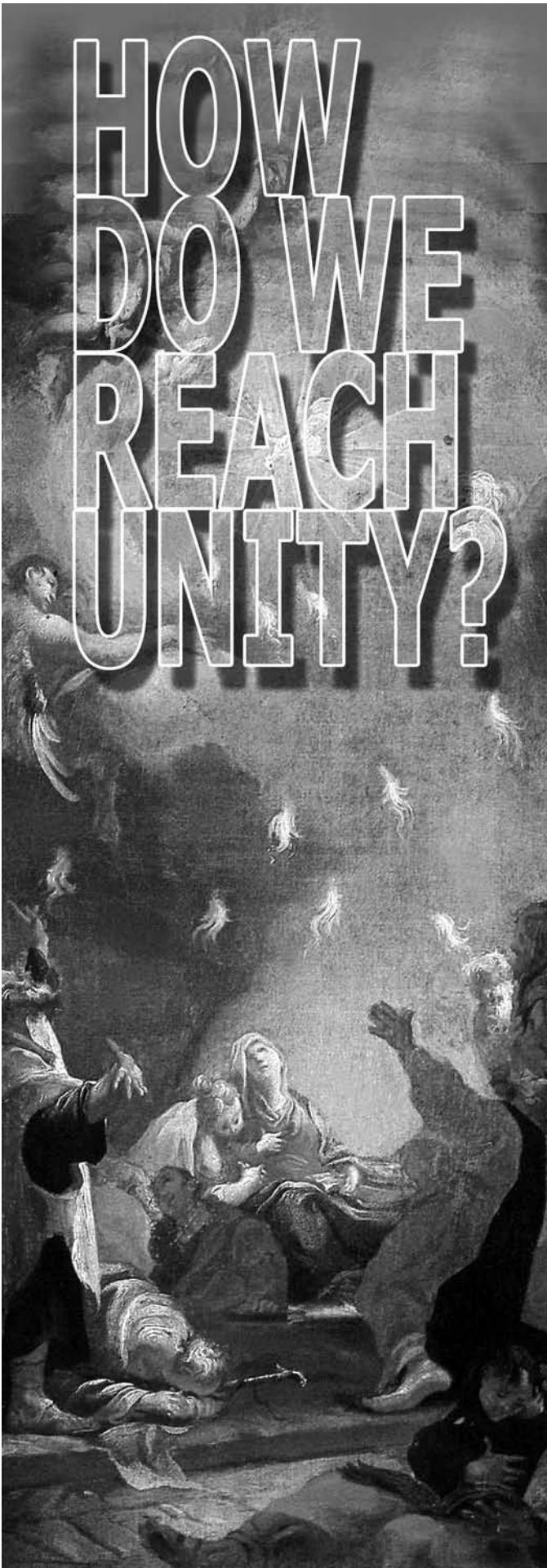
“Our hard hearts need to be broken. We need to come together in perfect unity, and we need to realize that we are the purchase of the blood of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Let each one say: ‘He gave His life for me, and He wants me, as I go through this world, to reveal the love that He revealed in giving Himself for me.’ Christ bore our sins in His own body on the cross, that God might be just and yet the justifier of those who believe in Him. There is life, eternal life, for all who will surrender to Christ.

“I want to see the King in His beauty. I want to behold His matchless charms. I want you to behold Him, too. Christ will lead His redeemed ones beside the river of life and will explain to them all that perplexed them in this world. The mysteries of grace will unfold before them. Where their finite minds discern only confusion and broken purposes, they will see the most perfect and beautiful harmony.

“Let us serve God with all our capabilities, with all our intelligence. Our intelligence will increase as we make use of that which we have. Our religious experience will strengthen as we bring it into the daily life. Thus we shall climb round after round of the ladder reaching to heaven, until at last we step from off the topmost round into the kingdom of God. Let us be Christians in this world. Then we shall have eternal life in the kingdom of glory.” Testimonies for the Church, Volume 9, pages 193, 194

chance against believers who love one another as Christ has loved them, who refuse to create alienation and strife, who stand together, who are kind, courteous, and tender-hearted, cherishing the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. We must have the Spirit of Christ, or we are none of His.

“In unity there is strength; in division there is weakness. The closer our union with Christ, the closer will be our union with one another. Variance and disaffection, selfishness and conceit, are striving for supremacy. These are the fruits of a divided heart, open to the suggestions of the enemy of souls. Satan exults when he can sow seeds of dissension.



“That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.” John 17:21

We are all sinners and we are all in need of a Saviour. And the only way we can be saved is through Jesus.

“Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.” Ps 86:11

“I am the way the truth and the life: John 14:6. “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” Ps 133:1

If we walk in the truth, and if God unites my heart with His, then surely I can dwell with my brethren in unity. How can we come to the unity of faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God? As Paul writes, “Til we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.” Eph 4:13.

We must have knowledge of the Son of God to become a perfect man, to become Christlike.

“But 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.” Acts 1:8.

“The Christian church began its existence by praying for the Holy Spirit. It was in its infancy, without the personal presence of Christ. Just before His ascension Christ had commissioned the disciples to preach the gospel to the world.” HP 333

“In obedience to the word of their Master the disciples returned to Jerusalem, and for ten days they prayed for the fulfilment of God’s promise.” RH 01-30-08

After Christ’s ascension, to the day of Pentecost was exactly ten days. It took the disciples 10 days to sort their differences out. Unfortunately it can sometimes take us years to do the same.

“These ten days were days of deep heart searching. The disciples put away all differences that had existed among them, and drew close together in Christian fellowship. At the end of the ten days the Lord fulfilled His promise in a wonderful outpouring of His Spirit. When they were ‘all with one accord in one place’ in prayer and supplication, the promised blessing came.” RH 04-30-08

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:1-4

If we want to have the same experience as the disciples of old, we need to read what Paul wrote to the Ephesians. “Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal

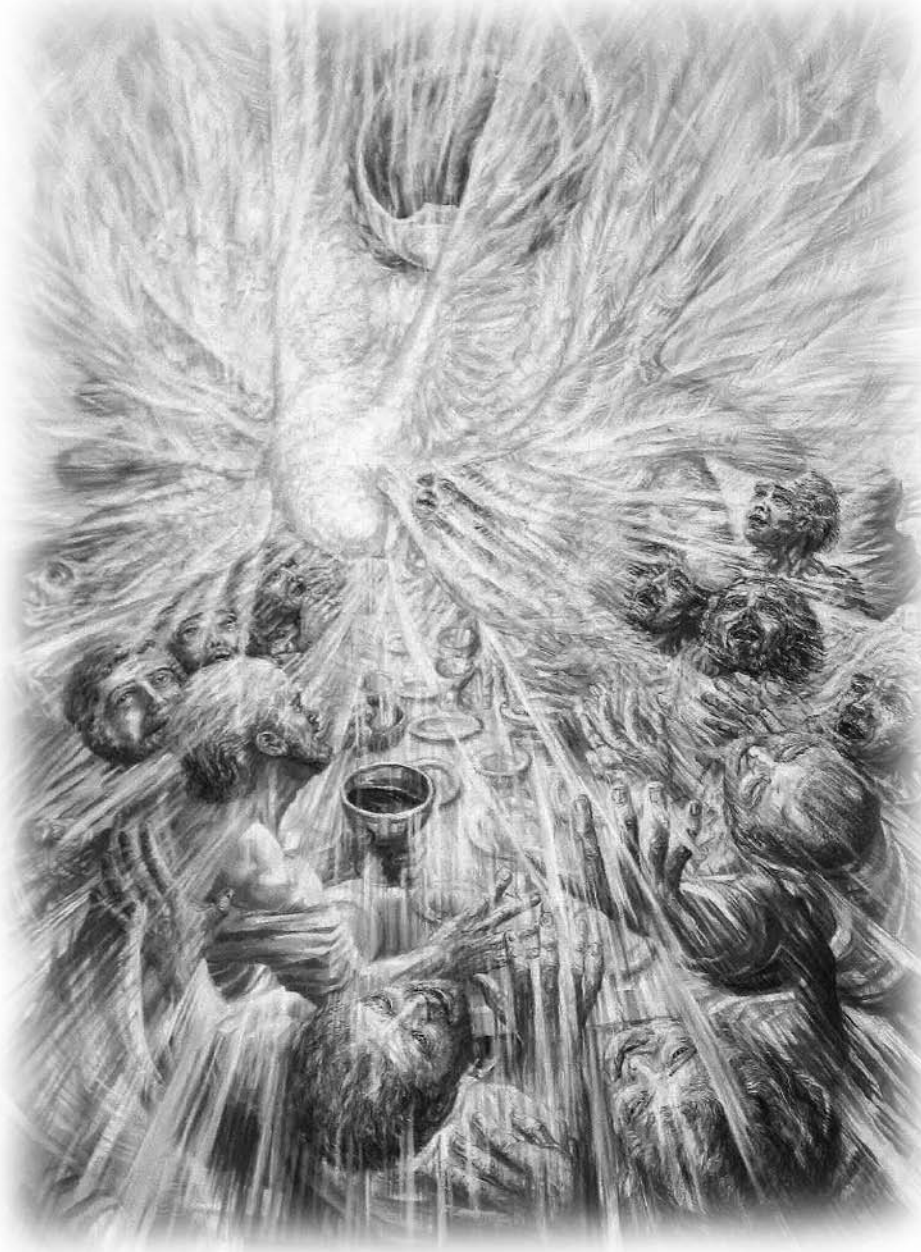
no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4: 25-32

We don't want to be tossed to and fro any more, because we are in the unity of faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God. "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:" Eph. 4:14,15

"Notice that it was after the disciples had come into perfect unity, when they were no longer striving for the highest place, that the Spirit was poured out. They were of one accord. All differences had been put away. And the testimony borne of them after the Spirit had been given is the same. Mark the word: 'The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul.' The Spirit of Him who died that sinners might live, animated the entire

congregation of believers." Ev 698

"The disciples did not ask for a blessing for themselves. They were weighted with the burden of souls. The gospel was to be carried to the ends of the earth, and they claimed the endowment of power that Christ had promised. Then it was that the Holy Spirit was poured out, and thousands were converted in a day." Ev 699



"When we have entire, wholehearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not labourers together with God." Ev 699

Unfortunately many believers are sitting idle and have not given their lives to Jesus yet. They have not given up the world and do not realize that Jesus died on the cross for them to pay for their sins. They do not understand the gospel commission given by Jesus. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:19, 20

We have to make Jesus our number one thought. And then things will look more positive. "After the descent of the Holy Spirit, when the disciples went forth to proclaim a living Saviour, their one desire was the salvation of souls. They rejoiced in the sweetness of communion with saints. They were tender, thoughtful, self-denying, willing to make any sacrifice for the truth's sake. In their daily association with one another, they revealed the love that Christ had enjoined upon them. By unselfish words and deeds they strove to kindle this love in other hearts.

"Such a love the believers were ever to cherish. They were to go forward in willing

obedience to the new commandment. So closely were they to be united with Christ that they would be enabled to fulfil all His requirements. Their lives were to magnify the power of a Saviour who could justify them by His righteousness." AA 547

But in the world, things don't always go the way they should. Things are fading

away. "But gradually a change came. The believers began to look for defects in others. Dwelling upon mistakes, giving place to unkind criticism, they lost sight of the Saviour and His love. They became more strict in regard to outward ceremonies, more particular about the theory than the practice of the faith. In their zeal to condemn others, they overlooked their own errors. They lost the brotherly love that Christ had enjoined, and, saddest of all, they were unconscious of their loss. They did not realize that happiness and joy were going out of their lives and that, having shut the love of God out of their hearts, they would soon walk in darkness." AA 548

John, realising that brotherly love was waning in the church, urged upon the believers the constant need of this love. His letters to the church are full of this thought. "Beloved, let us love one another," he writes: "For love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God, He that loveth not knoweth not God for God is love."

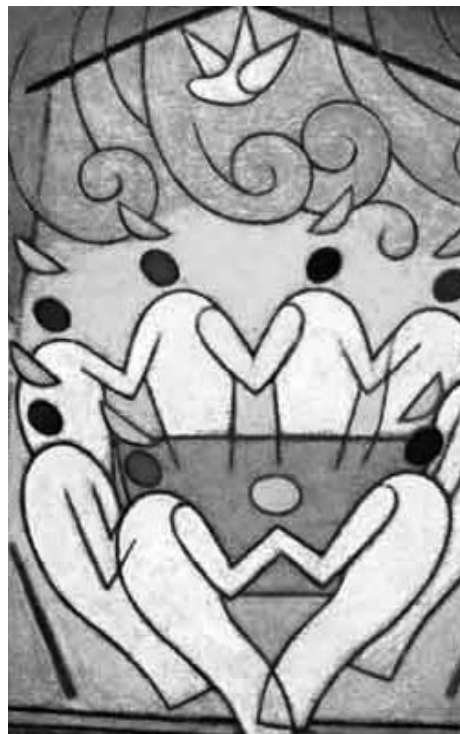
We really have to work out which side we are on. Do we preach Christ crucified or are we on the side of the enemy? "We are to put away our sins, by confession and repentance humbling our proud hearts before God. Floods of spiritual power are to be poured forth upon those prepared to receive it." 8T 46

"Let there be no strife, no evil thinking or evil-speaking, lest we offend God. My brother, if you open your heart to envy and evil surmising, the Holy Spirit cannot abide with you. Seek for the fullness that is in Christ. Labour in His lines. Let every thought and word and deed reveal Him. You need a daily baptism of the love that in the days of the apostles made them all of one accord. This love will bring health to body, mind, and soul. Surround your soul with an atmosphere that will strengthen spiritual life. Cultivate faith, hope, courage, and love. Let the peace of God rule in your heart. Then you will be enabled to discharge your responsibilities. The Holy Spirit will impart a divine efficiency, a calm, subdued dignity, to all your efforts to relieve suffering. You will testify that you have been with Jesus." 8T 191

The Bible says: peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them. But

that is for the world. If we have peace with Jesus then God can rule our heart. Now, we learn from the Bible that we will enter into one of the pearly gates. We have twelve tribes of Israel; we have twelve Apostles, twelve different characters.

"The apostles differed widely in habits and disposition. There were the publican, Levi-Matthew, and the fiery zealot Simon, the uncompromising hater of the authority of Rome; the generous, impulsive Peter, and the mean-spirited Judas; Thomas, truehearted, yet timid and fearful, Philip, slow of heart, and inclined to doubt, and the ambitious, outspoken sons of Zebedee, with their brethren. These were brought together, with their different faults, all with inherited and cultivated tendencies to evil; but in and through Christ they were to dwell



in the family of God, learning to become one in faith, in doctrine, in spirit. They would have their tests, their grievances, their differences of opinion; but while Christ was abiding in the heart, there could be no dissension. His love would lead to love for one another; the lessons of the Master would lead to the harmonizing of all differences, bringing the disciples into unity, till they would be of one mind and one judgment. Christ is the great centre, and they would approach one another just in proportion as they approached the centre." DA 296

"There is order in heaven. There was order

in the church when Christ was upon the earth, and after His departure order was strictly observed among His apostles. And now in these last days, while God is bringing His children into the unity of the faith, there is more real need of order than ever before; for, as God unites His children, Satan and his evil angels are very busy to prevent this unity and to destroy it." EW 97

If we are one with Christ, we also are one with the Father. And through this unity we do not give Satan an opportunity to destroy it.

"When we bring our hearts into unity with Christ, and our lives into harmony with His work, the Spirit that fell on the disciples on the Day of Pentecost will fall on us." 8T 246

As the early rain was poured out upon the disciples of Jesus, so will the latter rain come very soon and will be poured out on us. I can feel the first drops already coming down.

"The grace of Christ is to control the temper and the voice. Its working will be seen in politeness and tender regard shown by brother for brother, in kind, encouraging words. An angelic presence is in the home. The life breathes a sweet perfume, which ascends to God as holy incense. Love is manifested in kindness, gentleness, forbearance, and long-suffering.

"The countenance is changed. Christ abiding in the heart shines out in the faces of those who love Him and keep His commandments. Truth is written there. The sweet peace of heaven is revealed. There is expressed a habitual gentleness, a more than human love." COL 102

"Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind." Phil 2:2

My prayer is that we not only are united and like-minded with Jesus, but that we are united and like-minded as brothers and sisters, having the same love for each other and being of one accord. *Amen*
Ebby Graf, Australia



What Is It?

Colds and influenza (flu) are highly contagious viral infections of your respiratory system. Both tend to have short incubation periods. This means that the symptoms begin only a few days after having been in contact with the virus. They are often transmitted by sneezing, coughing, or skin contact. The healthier one's immune system is, the better a person can resist getting cold or flu. Stress and poor health will cause a person to be more susceptible to catching cold and flu, and the longer the convalescent time. Lack of fresh air, physical exercise and poor diet are stressors that can lower the fighting ability of the immune system.

A cold is a minor infection that affects your nose and throat. Colds can cause a variety of symptoms that differ from person to person. There is no cure to the common cold. Because a cold can be caused by over 200 viruses, it is impossible to develop a vaccine to target all the different viruses. So, we need to enhance our immune systems so that we can handle the virus without getting sick.

The flu is more serious and can lead to other problems, such as pneumonia. Flu viruses tend to be stronger, more infectious and harmful than those of colds. Up to 300,000 people a year in the United States land in the hospital because of the flu virus. And out of those, 40,000 will die. If you are a senior, or have serious heart or lung disease, you are at the greatest risk for coming down with a dangerous case of the flu. That is because your immune system might not be strong enough on its own to fend off the infection. Like the

cold, there are many different viruses that can cause the flu. Flu vaccines do exist, but scientists often have to "guess" which of the flu viruses will be prevalent during the flu season, otherwise they may not be vaccinating against the current flu virus.

Symptoms of a cold are: stuffy and/or runny nose, sore throat, sneezing, coughing, possibly low grade fever.

Symptom of the flu are: cold symptoms, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, high fevers, chills.

Get Your Body into Cold & Flu-Fighting Shape

You can get our body into fighting these viruses by boosting your immune system, and by killing the viruses before they can attack.

Exercise for health. A healthy lifestyle is one of the simplest ways to protect yourself from cold, flu and other infections. Exercise assists in improving the immune system by improving your overall health.

Selenium. Found in wheat, rice, and other grains, selenium is part of an antioxidant that helps your body fight off infections. A shortage of selenium could therefore weaken your immune system and lead to a more severe case of the flu. Deficiencies of certain nutrients like selenium may also lead to mutations in flu bugs and other viruses, creating even more harmful germs.

Echinacea. Echinacea could be your ticket out of a cold. Experts agree—the herb can cut the time you spend sick and lessen the severity of your symptoms. Echinacea

can be taken as an extract or a whole herb supplement. Whichever kind you use, start as soon as you feel sniffling and sneezy, and keep taking it for one to two weeks. But be careful—echinacea is good for short-term relief, but not long-term prevention. Using Echinacea on a regular basis for too long can actually weaken your immune system.

Soap up. Cold and flu viruses are spread by hand-to-hand contact and by touching surfaces contaminated with still-living cold and flu viruses. The recommendation is to wash your hands every couple of hours, no matter what you have been doing. You should also wash your hands after coming in contact with an obviously sick person or an object that the person has touched. A good rule of thumb is to wash your hands for 1 to 15 seconds, making sure to wash between fingers and underneath nails. When using public washrooms, after washing your hands, turn the tap off with a paper towel to prevent re-contamination.

While washing your hands could be the best way to get those viruses before they get you, don't buy special antibacterial soap to get the job done. Since viruses cause colds and flu, the antibacterial chemical in these soaps will have no effect on them anyway. If you just want to get clean, plain old soap will do—it's the actual motion of washing your hands that gets rid of most bacteria. Besides, antibacterial soap can actually do more harm than good. It is probably killing just as many good bacteria as bad, and creating antibiotic-resistant super bugs in the process.

Say no to mold. A damp home is just not good for your lungs. Mold and mildew may trigger inflammation in your respiratory system, leaving you more vulnerable to colds. The biggest risks are the patches of fungus you can actually see. Not only will they put you in danger of getting more viral infections, but they also weaken your resistance to bronchitis, pneumonia and allergies.

Ginseng. A recent study found that taking 100 mg of this herbal supplement twice a day for four months enhanced the power of the immune system. By giving your immune system a boost, ginseng reinforces your body's battle against the flu.

Relax. If you are under a lot of stress, your body won't respond properly to fight

the flu. Studies show that chronic stress works against your immune system. So, find ways to deal with your anxieties. Try some light exercise, find someone to talk to about your problems, meditate, pray to God and read the promises found in the Bible. Remember, reducing your stress might reduce your chances of getting the flu.

Improve your odds of staying healthy

All through the winter months, you get cold after cold. Just when you think it's over, you come down with the flu. You feel lousy, you act grumpy, and you think life just isn't fair. Why is it your neighbour, your co-worker, even your spouse never gets sick?

It is not necessarily stronger genes, better hygiene, or cleaner living. New research suggests your health might be your own choice—will you be happy and well or cranky and sick?

Choose cheerfulness. Having a negative personality actually puts you at higher risk for colds. In a year-long study at a Spanish university, researchers tracked more than 1,000 people and the number of colds they caught. As expected, people under stress suffered more. Those with negative personalities—often called pessimists—were more sensitive to stress, and were nearly three times as likely to catch a cold as positive, optimistic people. If you tend to be negative, watch positive people in action and study how they react to life. Then try to practice positive thinking whenever possible. At any age, you can learn new ways to respond to the stress in your life.

Find work that fits. Stress from a job that doesn't match your personality can cause you to be sick more often. Let's say that you have a job that allows you to make decisions and you have the self-confidence to make these decisions. Experts claim you are less likely to suffer from infections, like colds and the flu. In other words, if you are prepared mentally to handle the extra stress of more work and more responsibility, you'll save your immune system. On the other hand, people who tend to blame themselves for mistakes are better off in an occupation that doesn't require much decision-making. Whether you are looking for a second career or volunteer work, find work that fits your character traits, and you

will enjoy better health.

Forgive others. Holding a grudge, according to an expert in psychology, has both an emotional and a physical cost. A researcher recently asked people to think angrily of someone who had hurt them in the past. Almost immediately, their heart rate, blood pressure, and sweating increased—typical signs of stress. The researcher stated that these unforgiving responses stir up negative emotions, reduce perceived control, and are physically stressful. But when she asked them to understand and forgive the people who hurt them, stress levels dropped significantly. People reported higher levels of positive emotion and perceived control, and they experienced less physiological (body) stress. A lifetime of anger and bitterness can wear away your natural resistance to infection and disease. Even though you can't change the past, you need to change how you think about it, for the good of your health.

Cooking superstar conquers colds. Give the cold shoulder to congestion and sore throats with a clove of garlic. Not only will it zest up your meal, it will boost your immune system—thanks to allicin. This natural compound, released when you crush the cloves, is what gives garlic its flavour and aroma. Allicin works to fight colds, the flu, and other infections by breaking down into smaller chemicals called sulfur compounds. They jump-start your immune system, helping your body get rid of harmful toxins and microorganisms naturally.

More importantly, allicin acts like an antibiotic. It's been called "Russian penicillin" for its ability to help the body fight off infections, particularly respiratory and digestive infections. Military studies from World War II showed that soldiers who ate the most garlic had the fewest cases of dysentery.

You name it, and the allicin in garlic seems to kill it—bacteria, molds, viruses, yeasts and other parasites. Some of its victims include *H. pylori*, the bug behind stomach ulcers, as well as salmonella and *E. coli*.

Mincing fresh garlic seems to be the best way to get all of the benefits of allicin. Experts recommend eating from one-half to three cloves a day. You can also try

garlic powder or supplements. Whatever type you consider, talk with your doctor if you are taking blood-thinning medication.

Treatment for colds and flu

Nutrition. Drink at least six to eight glasses of liquid daily, to prevent dehydration and constipation, and to thin secretions making them easier to clear from your respiratory tract. When there is fever, take liquids only. Liquids help keep the mucus in the respiratory tract moist and help improve white-blood cell function by reducing the concentration of substances in the blood. Warm broth, vegetable juices and herb teas are best. Fruit juices must be diluted and preferably sugar-free. Sugar counteracts the good effects of the Vitamin C in fruit juices. Vitamin C is well-known for its success in treating and preventing colds. The earlier that Vitamin C is started, the better, but even in the middle of a cold, this vitamin can be very helpful. Vitamin A, which can be taken as a supplement or derived from raw fruits and vegetables, is a vital nutrient to the mucous membranes of the respiratory system. For further immune system support, zinc lozenges can soothe a sore throat and daily supplements of zinc can help fend off a cold before it takes hold.

Various other herbs are beneficial to be used during a cold or flu. Chamomile, eucalyptus and thyme help loosen mucus and heals the throat, nasal passages, and bronchial tubes. Horsetail inhalations reduce swelling of mucous membranes. Ginkgo biloba leaf inhalations kill bacteria and heal the cells of the damaged mucous membranes almost immediately.

Physical therapies. Promote sweating by taking hot baths, hot foot-baths and other heat therapies. Low body temperature decreases resistance to viruses and bacteria while heat burns up and destroys the virus. A five-minute hot mustard pack on the chest is excellent to bring down fever, eliminate toxins and speed healing. Steam inhalations help healing of the throat, nasal passages and bronchial tubes. Air the sick room frequently—a cool room is better than a heated one, provided that the patient is covered and kept warm in bed. Mild walking every day in fresh air for twenty minutes can help shorten the duration of the cold by strengthening the body's resistance.

MISSION TRIP TO GHANA



TIMO MARTIN IN FRONT OF TERMITE NEST

On January 11, 2006 I left Toronto to London, England, and then to Dubai in the Arab Emirates and finally crossed the

whole of Africa to reach the country of Ghana. The believers had been waiting for my coming and Brother Sirima also joined

with me to do missionary visits together. Also, Leila, Edda, Christian, and Ebenezer Asare came along.



Baptism in Ghana

The first Sabbath we spent with our own members in Jerico, encouraging and instructing them. In the afternoon we met another group who wanted to know our message. On Sunday we met with the members of the 1951 Movement. On Monday morning we took a bus to the capital city, Accra, from where we continued with another bus for six hours to the city of Komasi, where we met members and leaders of two independent groups. On Monday we continued our visits in Komasi and made appointments to meet the independent groups on the following Sabbath and Sunday.



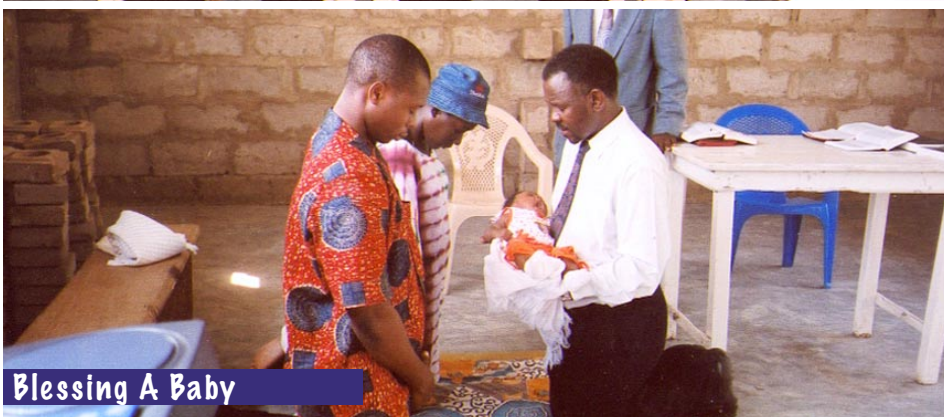
Bible Study in Yeji Hotel

On Tuesday we traveled still further north to the city of Yeji where we met with the leaders of another group. All day Wednesday we studied with this group and they were much interested in our message. They especially had questions about our health message. On Thursday, we returned to Komasi, where we had a chance to talk to more people.



Three New Members

On Sabbath we visited the Historic Group in the morning and in the afternoon the Bible Research group. They gave me a chance to speak to the whole congregation for about two hours. In the end they had questions and the answers we gave them seemed to satisfy them. Some people came to meet us again in the evening. Brother Sirima could only spend five days with us. He had to go to visit other states that had interest also. On Sunday we again had a meeting with the Historic Group in their church. In the end they had no questions but promised to study more, before they make up their minds.



Blessing A Baby

On Sunday evening we traveled to a city called Old Tafu. There we had a public meeting in the centre of the town. Many people gathered to listen to us, especially many young children.

In the past, the people in Ghana were all Sabbath keepers, until the white people brought Sunday worship to them. Therefore they used to call white people "Sunday."

On the way back we visited some interested people. The next day I had to return to Canada with a great hope that the trip was not a waste of time and money, but that some results will come out of it. We hope that the work in Ghana may prosper

and many honest souls will take their stand for the truth.

The four independent groups that we met heard the message, that God has only one church on the earth, who preach the everlasting gospel to every kindred, tongue and nation; also the other angel in Revelation chapter 18 lightens the whole earth. How could these small groups that are in one country only, fulfill the prophecy, especially when the true Reformation was to start during the First World War, according to Sis. White prophesy?

In Revelation 18:4 people are called to come out of Babylon. Where can they go if God does not have a church in their country? Jesus said that there will be one flock and one shepherd. Certainly this one flock must be world-wide so that honest souls can join in it, in their own country.

Let us pray especially for the work in Ghana and support it with financial help also. *AMEN*

Timo Martin



Bible Research Group



Street Meeting @ Night



Children Selling Fruit



Leila & Edda in Ghana



When my family and I were going to take a vacation in early 2005, I thought of a place where we could go that had not heard the truth of Reformation, and the Lord led us to a small group of islands near the International Date Line, called Tonga.

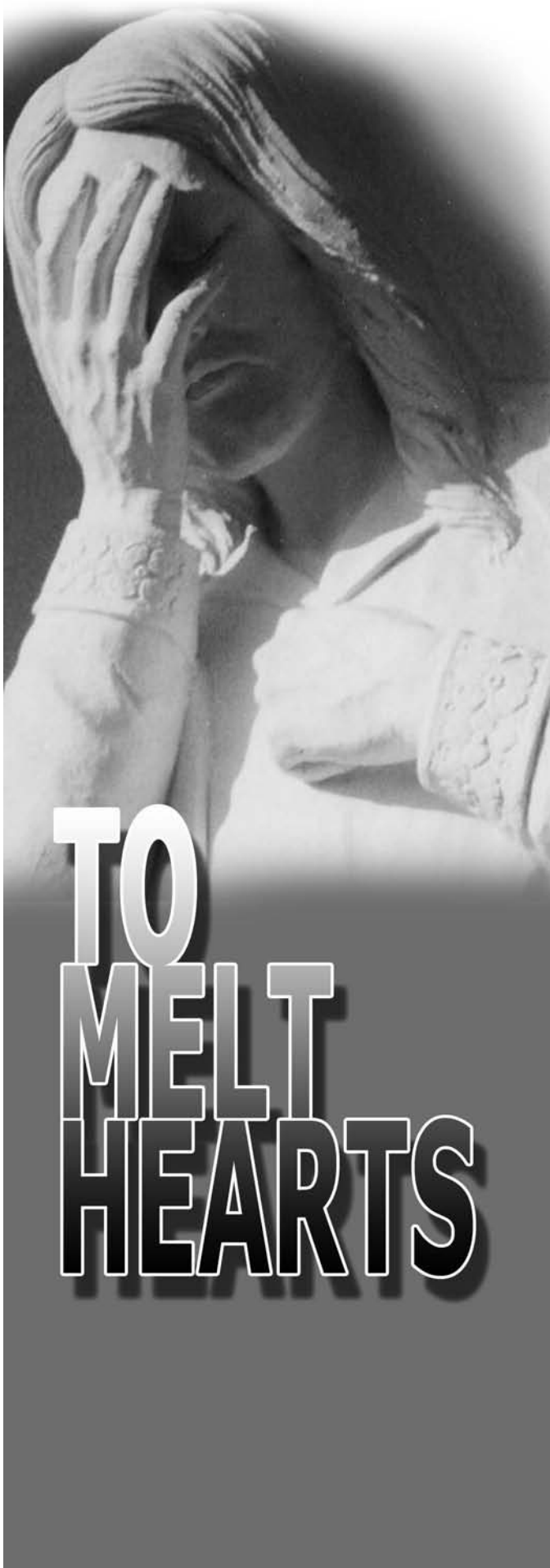
We heard beforehand that the SDA church was in deep apostasy there, which was nothing new to us, but had no idea that they had gone so far as to keep Sunday, like all the rest of the churches in Tonga. They say it is due to their King saying back in the early 19th century that the Sabbath was officially Sunday, and perhaps due to some confusion about the International Date Line, the SDA church there has been keeping Sunday ever since the first SDA missionaries went there in the late 1800's.

When we met a young SDA pastor there and heard his story about how he had been disfellowshipped due to his telling his church the truth about the true Sabbath and how they should be keeping it, our hearts went out to him and I determined to study with him as much as possible in the time that we had there on Tonga. There was also a leader of an independent SDA group with whom we studied and we solicit your prayers for him and his group of souls that are keeping the true Bible Sabbath. We are happy that the Lord has answered prayer for the SDA pastor, as he has been accepted into fellowship with God's church in the South Pacific Field.

A few months ago, Br. John Thiel and I were at my house in Sydney, when suddenly the phone rang. It was my friend, Peter Dakire calling from Papua New Guinea, with a Macedonian call for true Reformation. Br. John and I determined that I should go for a visit (mind you, we have been praying for the work to begin in Papua New Guinea for years, so this was nothing sudden for us).

Br. Ebby Graf and I went first to visit the believers most of whom were with the 9151 movement. They were very interested to hear that there actually was another Reform, the International Missionary Society. We studied very deeply about the historical, spiritual, and doctrinal differences between these two movements. I then was called to go back to New Guinea just last November and we had a seminar for ten days with interested people from the SDA church, the 1951 movement and the world. Please pray with us for those who are drawing closer to God's people and rejoicing in the light as far as they have received it, that they may be able to stand with God's people in truth. **AMEN**

Jerry Eaton



TO MELT HEARTS

“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the *spirit of meekness*; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.” Galatians 6:1

It is said that the Christian army is the only one that will shoot its wounded.

Truth can be 100% truth, but the manner in which it is brought may turn away many souls and do untold harm.

Why did Jesus have more success in His ministry than the Scribes and Pharisees? It is nothing more than pure love. In the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10) we see the attitude of the Pharisees towards the unfortunate ones. There is no love – only censure and avoidance. The people were frightened into serving God being told they had to pay large sums of money to the temple treasury to appease the wrath of God. They had come to understand Him as an angry God. “For our God is a consuming fire.” Hebrews 12:29.

Today, popular Christian doctrine teaches an ever-burning hell. Years ago the law of God was strongly preached alongside this doctrine to frighten people into attending church and giving generously of their means to support the gospel ministry. Today, the difference is that, although the ever-burning hell is still taught, the idea that it is necessary to keep the law of God is not. All you need to do is to give lip service of your love and allegiance to Christ and you will avoid ending up in the ever-burning hell fire. Jesus does all the work for you and you need make no efforts on your part. Smooth messages are preached to melt the hearts of the believers, however these messages do not lead to sanctification. Sanctification is a battle and a struggle against sinful tendencies. The key to real success is to preach doctrine, truth and sanctification in such a manner that hearts will melt.

We live very close to the end of time and we, in God’s church, are tempted to bring messages of fear (as the Christian churches did years ago), in the hopes that our erring loved ones and friends will wake up and come quickly to the fold of grace to avoid the final punishment. Some may come to the faith through fear as Jude states in verse 23 “And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire.” However, this is only the starting point for some. The fearful one then needs to be led to an understanding of the love of Christ. Unless they come to this understanding and are fully committed to Christ, they will fall away when the fires of persecution are kindled. They will have no strength to stand when the whole world is arraigned against God’s people. Fear is not strong enough to save a person. Only the genuine love of Christ can give a person strength to stand in the difficult times ahead. “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.” 1 John 4:18.

We need to learn from the lessons from Jesus’ life. How did He successfully draw souls to turn away from the world and surrender their lives to His service? It was not through fear. He came to melt hearts. We have hearts of stone and they must be melted – how can this be done? It takes great wisdom to be able to bring the truth and doctrine in such a manner that hearts will melt.

JESUS’ EXAMPLE

Jesus was the greatest missionary this world has ever known and we need to learn from His method of teaching. Our message should be



Jesus taught. Doctrine is very important, but it must be brought in love in order to be successful and melt the hearts of the hearers.

“Christ was just what every minister should strive to be. We should learn to imitate His character and combine strict justice, purity, integrity, love, and noble generosity.

given in such a manner that the listeners will have their hearts melted when listening to the messages. “Christ Himself did not suppress one word of truth, but He spoke it always in love. He exercised the greatest tact, and thoughtful, kind attention in His intercourse with the people. He was never rude, never needlessly spoke a severe word, never gave needless pain to a sensitive soul. He did not censure human weakness. He fearlessly denounced hypocrisy, unbelief, and iniquity, but tears were in His voice as He uttered His scathing rebukes. He wept over Jerusalem, the city He loved, that refused to receive Him, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. They rejected Him, the Saviour, but He regarded them with pitying tenderness, and sorrow so deep that it broke His heart. Every soul was precious in His eyes. While He always bore Himself with divine dignity, He bowed with tenderest regard to every member of the family of God. In all men He saw fallen souls whom it was His mission to save.” DA 353

“The Saviour knew that no argument, however logical, would melt hard hearts or break through the crust of worldliness and selfishness. He knew that His disciples must receive the heavenly endowment; that the gospel would be effective only as it was proclaimed by hearts made warm and lips made eloquent by a living knowledge of Him who is the way, the truth, and the life.” AA 31.

Love vs. doctrine. There is an imbalance between these two in the majority of religious organizations. Most will go to one extreme or the other, however a perfect balance between the two is what

A pleasant face in which love is reflected, with kind and courteous manners, will do more, aside from pulpit efforts, than labour in the desk can do without these. It becomes us to cultivate a deference to other people’s judgment, when, to a greater or less extent, we are absolutely dependent upon them. We should cultivate true Christian courtesy and tender sympathy, even for the roughest, hardest cases of humanity. Jesus came from the pure courts of heaven to save just such. You close your heart too readily to many who have apparently no interest in the message you bear, but who are still subjects of grace and precious in the sight of the Lord. ‘He that winneth souls is wise.’ Paul became all things to all men if by any means he might save some. You must be in a similar position. You must bend from your independence. You lack humbleness of mind. You need the softening influence of the grace of God upon your heart, that you may not irritate, but melt your way to the hearts of men, although these hearts may be affected by prejudice.” 3T 422/423

“The wonderful love of Christ will melt and subdue hearts, when the mere reiteration of doctrines would accomplish nothing.” DA 826

IN MISSIONARY WORK

In doing missionary work it has happened that sometimes the human agent bringing the message has become impatient at the slow progress of the person they are studying with. The person begins to sense the impatience, or subtle push, and they do not respond well. Messages of doom and

fear may even be given to encourage the person to hurry up and make a decision. However, this is not the method that Christ used. He never pushed anyone. He drew them to the truth with chords of love that melted the hearts of the listeners.

As I stated in the beginning, a person may be speaking 100% truth, however, the manner in which it is brought can result in a complete reversal of the expected results. Tact is an important key. The truth of Jesus when brought in a correct manner *will* melt hearts.

“Tact and good judgment increase the usefulness of the labourer a hundredfold. If he will speak the right words at the right time, and show the right spirit, this will exert a melting power on the heart of the one he is trying to help.” Ev 638

“**Ministers** of God, with hearts aglow with love for Christ and your fellow men, seek to arouse those who are dead in trespasses and sins. Let your earnest entreaties and warnings pierce their consciences. Let your *ferveat prayers melt their hearts*, and lead them in penitence to the Saviour. You are ambassadors for Christ, to proclaim His message of salvation.” Ev 22

“**Bible Instructors.**--Let strong reasons for our faith be presented from the Word of God, and let *the truth in its sanctifying power melt its way to the hearts* and minds of those who are under conviction. As the helpers give Bible readings in the homes of the people, the Lord [not your arguments] just as surely works on minds as He does in the public services.” Ev 489

“**Principal and teachers** need to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. The earnest prayer of contrite souls will be lodged by the throne, and God will answer these prayers in His own time if we cling to His arm by faith. Let *self be merged in Christ*, and Christ in God, and there will be such a display of His power as will melt and subdue hearts. Christ taught in a way altogether different from ordinary methods, and we are to be labourers together with Him.” 6T 153.

“When you go to any place to labour, do not be dictatorial, do not be severe, do not be antagonistic. *Preach the love of Christ, and this will melt and subdue hearts*. Seek to be of one mind and of one judgment, coming close in harmony with your brethren, and

to speak the same things.” 1SM 181

From the above counsels what is it that will melt the hearts of the people we are studying with? It is fervent prayer, truth in its sanctifying power, when self is merged in Christ and preaching the truth in love. It is not any of our religious arguments or commands that will succeed in melting hearts. It is Jesus that does it and not the human instrument.

“It requires much forethought and wisdom from God to labour successfully for the salvation of sinners. If the soul of the labourer is filled with the grace of God, his teaching will not irritate his hearers, but melt its way to their hearts and open them for the reception of the truth.” 4T 263

The heart must be melted first, then the listener will accept doctrine. Some try to reverse the process by preaching doctrine first and then the love of Christ, but this reversal produces little results.

DISCIPLINING CHILDREN

Parents often become irritated as they see their children straying and failing to live up to the standard that they have been taught. They become impatient, hoping to see greater progress and are tempted to become overly firm and strict. This kind of discipline will only produce fear in children, not love. They will not feel like they are sinners, but they will feel like they are a victim of their parents’ anger. This will never produce the positive results Jesus is looking for.

“To manifest passion toward an erring child is to increase the evil. It arouses the worst passions of the child and leads him to feel that you do not care for him. He reasons with himself that you could not treat him so if you cared... And think you that God takes no cognizance of the way in which these children are corrected? He knows, and He knows also what might be the blessed results if the work of correction were done in a way to win rather than to repel.” CG 245

“Be so calm, so free from anger, that they will be convinced that you love them, even though you punish them.” CG 249

“Severity and justice, unmingled with love, will not lead your children to do right.

Notice how quickly the combative spirit is aroused in them. Now there is a better way to manage them than by mere compulsion. Justice has a twin sister, which is love. Let love and justice clasp hands in all your management, and you will surely have the help of God to co-operate with your efforts. The Lord, your gracious Redeemer, wants to bless you, and give you His mind, and His grace, and His salvation, that you may have a character which God can approve.” CG 262

“First reason with your children, clearly point out their wrongs, and impress upon them that they have not only sinned against you, but against God. With your heart full of pity and sorrow for your erring children, pray with them before correcting them. Then they will see that you do not punish them because they have put you to inconvenience, or because you wish to vent your displeasure upon them, but from a sense of duty, for their good; and they will love and respect you.

“That prayer may make such an impression on their minds that they will see that you are not unreasonable. And if the children see that you are not unreasonable, you have gained a great victory. This is the work that is to be carried on in our family circles in these last days.” CG 253

WHEN WRONGS ARE DONE TO US

How do we react when others do us wrong? Humanity, without Christ, will become negative, angry, retaliatory and possibly seek revenge or seek to proclaim abroad the abuse of the guilty one, tainting the reputation of the person. The offender may be 100% guilty, however, if we react incorrectly, we become a sharer in the guilt. If we seek to bring attention to ourselves, complaining of the suffering, we sin. Self is alive. Self needs to die. Has it ever been written that Jesus complained about how the people of Nazareth mistreated Him? He grew up in that city and He knew many of the people personally. We read of the terrible way they treated Him when He returned during His ministry to bring messages of truth and light to them. They pushed Him out of the synagogue and up on a hill and were ready to throw Him down, but God intervened. Jesus had plenty of reasons to complain. Did He go about saying, “Do you know what those Nazarenes did to me?”

Also when in Samaria the Samaritans “did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.” They did not like the Jews in Jerusalem or anyone who would be friendly with them. “And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?” James and John reacted humanly. They were quite displeased at the coldness, hard heartedness of the Samaritans. But this was not Jesus’ method of working. “He turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.” Luke 9:53-56. Jesus simply went away. Later, there was a great harvest of souls in Samaria. Jesus never sought to defend His self. If people rejected Him, He simply went away with sorrow in His heart and worked elsewhere.

Jesus was completely mistreated and, according to the ways of the world, the disciples were 100% right in demanding punishment for the mistreatment, but Jesus did things differently. He was not a selfish person. He rather had pity on the sinners because He knew that He was accepted by His Father and, if proved faithful, He will inherit eternal life, but these poor sinners are doomed to the fires of hell unless they repent. Jesus’ method is to plead in our behalf to His heavenly Father for more time for us to repent.

On Jesus’ way to the cross, the women were weeping when they saw His suffering. How would we react if we were in Jesus’ place? It makes us feel good when people sympathise with us in sorrow when we’ve been mistreated by others, does it not? We gain allies and support, strengthening us in the belief that we were wrongly mistreated, but also, unfortunately, creating negative feelings for the wrongdoer. No, Jesus did not accept their sympathy. “Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.” Luke 23:28-30 Jesus could see the future – He saw Jerusalem

surrounded by the armies of Rome – He saw the horrific manner in which many of them would perish. They had rejected Jesus and therefore forfeited His protection. Not once did Jesus think of Himself – He only thought of others.

We must be able to say the same. If we've been mistreated and others sympathise with us, we need to say, "Don't sympathise with me – weep not for me – but weep for the guilty. They have lost their connection with Jesus and will perish in the fires of hell unless they repent." And it needs to be said, not with contempt, but with tears of sorrow in our voice as Jesus did when He wept over Jerusalem. "We should not allow our feelings to be easily wounded. We are to live, not to guard our feelings or our reputation, but to save souls. As we become interested in the salvation of souls we cease to mind the little differences that so often arise in our association with one another... Do all that lies in your power, without the sacrifice of principle, to conciliate others... Words spoken in reply to one who is angry sometimes serve only to exasperate. But anger met with silence, in a tender, forbearing spirit, quickly dies away." MH 485. "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:21

"Those who go forth to lay their private grievances before others might better remain at home to pray, to surrender their perverse will to God, to fall on the Rock and be broken, to die to self that Jesus may make them vessels unto honour." AH 38

"So long as we are in the world, we shall meet with adverse influences. There will be provocations to test the temper; and it is by meeting these in a right spirit that Christian graces are developed. If Christ dwells in us, we shall be patient, kind, and forbearing, cheerful amid frets and irritations. Day by day and year by year we shall conquer self, and grow into noble heroism." MH 487.

By our correct reaction when others have done us wrong, we can melt the hearts of the wrongdoer, winning them back to Christ.

DEAL GENTLY

Open sin must be dealt with according to Matthew 18, as it cannot be permitted to continue to weaken the cause of God.

The important question is how can this be done in order to obtain positive results? The manner in which the correction is brought is very important. This can be a strong factor in the decision that the person makes. The purpose of discipline is not to drive a person away when they are weak and they falter. The scribes and Pharisees in Jesus' day were guilty of this and I have seen people in God's church make similar mistakes. Discipline is for healing, renewal and a recommitment. The person to be disciplined must see the love of Christ emanating from the giver of the correction or then it may drive them further away. The purpose is not to divide, but to restore; to melt the hearts of those receiving the discipline.

"Let us not try to work ourselves or others, but let us depend upon the Holy Spirit. Deal gently with human beings. With hearts full of spiritual tenderness, melt your way into convicted hearts. Let your words be dipped in the heavenly oil from the two olive branches. We need the golden oil emptied into prepared vessels, that it may be communicated to those who are seeking for the truth. Ever remember that it is 'not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.'" 2MCP 440

"We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." Romans 15:1

"**God wants us to help one another** by a manifestation of sympathy and unselfish love. There are those who have inherited peculiar tempers and dispositions. They may be hard to deal with; but are we faultless? They are not to be discouraged. *Their errors are not to be made common property.* Christ pities and helps those who err in judgment. He has suffered death for every man, and because of this He has a touching and profound interest in every man.

"A man may be trying to serve God, but temptations from within and from without assail him. Satan and his angels urge and coax him to transgress. Perhaps he falls a prey to their temptings. How then do his brethren treat him? Do they speak harsh, cutting words, driving him further from the Saviour? What a sad sight for Christ and the angels to behold!

"Let us remember that we are struggling and falling, failing in speech and action to

represent Christ, falling and rising again, despairing and hoping. Let us beware of dealing unkindly with those who, like ourselves, are subjects of temptation and who, like ourselves also, are the objects of Christ's unflinching love." 9T 222

"**In Sabbath school work** we shall be called upon to deal with those who make mistakes, who fall into sin and error. Christ has given us lessons in His word that are very plain in regard to the treatment of the erring; but many have failed to practice these lessons. They have not studied and treasured them in the heart, so that the Holy Spirit could enlighten the darkened understanding, and melt and break the stony heart of *both teacher and pupil.* The Holy Spirit will make the heart sensitive, sympathetic, and rid it of pride and selfishness.

"Pupils in Sabbath school are likely to do that which will annoy the teacher, by their misconduct. But the teacher must not speak sharp words, and manifest an uncontrolled spirit; for in so doing he will not be using the sword of the Spirit, but the weapons of Satan. Although the misconduct of the scholar is trying, although the evil must be corrected, the rules observed, and justice respected, yet let the teacher keep the way of the Lord, and mingle mercy with justice. Let him look to the cross of Calvary, beholding there how mercy and truth have met together, how righteousness and peace have kissed each other. There, through the divine sacrifice, man may be reconciled to God. In contemplating the love of Christ, your heart will be softened to deal with the youth as with younger members of the Lord's family. You will remember that they are Christ's property, and your disposition will be to deal with them after the manner in which Christ has dealt with you.

"Harsh dealing will never help the youth to see his errors, or aid him to reform. Let the rules and regulations of the school be carried out in the Spirit of Jesus, and when reproof must be given, let this disagreeable work be done with sorrow blended with love. *Do not feel that it is your work to openly rebuke the pupil, and thus humiliate him before the whole school.* This will not be a proper example to set before the children, for it will be as seed that will bear a like harvest. *Never publish the errors of any pupil outside the circle in which they must be known;* for, if

this is done, sympathy will be created for the wrongdoer, by leaving an impression on the mind that he has been dealt with unjustly. By exposing the wrongdoer, he may be thrown upon Satan's battlefield, and from that moment go steadily downward. Christ bears long with us, and we must be Christlike. He does not cut us off because of our errors, but reproveth in tenderness, and by love draws us close to Himself.

"If the teacher, through the grace of Christ, is self-controlled, and holds the lines with a steady, patient hand, he will quell the boisterous element, keep his self-respect, and command the respect of his students. When once order is restored, let kindness, gentleness, and affection be manifested. It may be that rebellion will rise again and again, but let not the hasty temper appear. Do not speak sharply to the evildoer, and discourage a soul who is struggling with the powers of darkness. Be still, and let your heart ascend in prayer to God for help. Angels will come close to your side, and help you to lift up the standard against the enemy; and instead of cutting off the erring one, you may be enabled to gain a soul for Christ." CSW 171-173. It is difficult to work with the rebellious and those who are unappreciative of our efforts, however if we do not give up, but continue showing the love of Christ, there is a chance that their hearts can be melted.

HOW JESUS DEALT WITH LUCIFER

We can learn much from Jesus' manner of dealing with those who have left the fold of safety. It all began with Lucifer and we can see how his heart was almost melted by the love of Jesus, but pride held him back. "Lucifer was convinced that he was in the wrong... He nearly reached the decision to return, but pride forbade him." PP 39

"Satan trembled as he viewed his work. He was alone in meditation upon the past, the present, and his future plans. His mighty frame shook as with a tempest. An angel from heaven was passing. He called him and entreated an interview with Christ. This was granted him. He then related to the Son of God that he repented of his rebellion and wished again the favour of God. He was willing to take the place God had previously assigned him, and be under His wise command. *Christ wept at Satan's woe* but told him, as the mind of God, that he could never be received

into heaven. Heaven must not be placed in jeopardy. All heaven would be marred should he be received back, for sin and rebellion originated with him. The seeds of rebellion were still within him. He had, in his rebellion, no occasion for his course, and he had hopelessly ruined not only himself but the host of angels also, who would then have been happy in heaven had he remained steadfast. The law of God could condemn but could not pardon." SR 26. Although Satan was cast out of heaven forever, Jesus wept with him as he related to him the news. So much sorrow fills the heart of Jesus when He sees sinners reject His mercy and turn away from Him. He is pleading with us today, while there is still time "As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" Ezekiel 33:11. Jesus wants to give you a new heart – to melt your heart. Don't harden your heart as did Lucifer when Jesus brought His loving appeals to him.

IN CONCLUSION

"The Lord wants His people to follow other methods than that of condemning wrong, even though the condemnation be just. He wants us to do something more than to hurl at our adversaries charges that only drive them further from the truth. The work which Christ came to do in our world was not to erect barriers and constantly thrust upon the people the fact that they were wrong. He who expects to enlighten a deceived people must come near to them and labour for them in love. He must become a centre of holy influence." 6T 122

"In the advocacy of the truth the bitterest opponents should be treated with respect and deference. Some will not respond to our efforts, but will make light of the gospel invitation. Others--even those whom we suppose to have passed the boundary of God's mercy--will be won to Christ. The very last work in the controversy may be the enlightenment of those who have not rejected light and evidence, but who have been in midnight darkness and have in ignorance worked against the truth. Therefore treat every man as honest. Speak no word, do no deed, that will confirm any in unbelief." 6T 122

Do your words melt hearts or irritate?

Do people depict love in your words and actions, or severity? Do we get irritated and angry when wrongs are done to ourselves? Then we are guilty of being selfish. Jesus was able to say, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34) when they were nailing Him to the cross. "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:" 1 Peter 2: 21-23.

When Stephen was stoned he made a similar request to the heavenly Father. "And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep" Acts 7:60. This is our example. Because faithful followers of Jesus have been able to do this during the Dark Ages when the Papal persecution was strong, the church grew. The calm and peaceful manner in which God's people faced opposition, torture and death was a strong witness for the truth. They had no anger or fear since they were hiding behind the cross of Calvary. All the abuse heaped on them was, in reality, abuse that was heaped on Jesus. They recognized their nothingness – they had no value in which to glory in themselves. They counted it a privilege to suffer persecution for Jesus – they rejoiced as Paul and Silas did in their prison cell (Acts 16:25). Until we become like Jesus in the face of opposition, we will not be counted worthy to enter the city of God. Self is alive and must be crucified as Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20

May God help us to have Jesus living in us so that our words will melt the hearts of others – drawing them with the chords of love, being patient in opposition, doing our work for the Master, so that when Jesus returns He will say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." Matthew 25:23. **AMEN**

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SABBATH REVELATIONS

“And He said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath” Mark 2:27

Forward or Backward?

The technical, financial, and industrial, fields have made stupendous advancements, in an imaginative, humming world. With some qualms, however, it is the best that man can offer. Furthermore, medical science has made miraculous breakthroughs in its war on bacterial and viral infections, yet, the bacteria and viruses mutate or change into more virulent strains, producing horrific forms, and often a revival of ancient diseases, to baffle many leading scientists of the world.

Moreover, the degenerative diseases are on the rise, such as arthritis, diabetes, multiple sclerosis, cancer, Parkinson’s disease, heart disease, Alzheimer’s disease, and others, too numerous to mention. Not only the elderly, but many middle aged, and younger, are seen today in wheel chairs, and shuffling about on canes. “Baby boomers” are now reaching the age of sixty and, consequently, there will be a further rise of debilitating diseases and the need for costly health care services, burdening the economy and its productivity. On the other hand, it’s true, man’s longevity or life span is being increased, one says, but it’s a life of suffering, inactivity, and for many...loneliness and a sense of worthlessness.

Coping

Compounding the problem further in this grim picture, we see an astronomic increase in social and psychological dysfunctions, and a disarray of treatments, opinions and their cures. Children, particularly, are being grossly affected in their behaviours and conduct. Others in desperation turn to alcohol and drugs, suicides, and some, overeating, to cope with the stressful conditions of an agonizing, stressful life in an oppressive world.

Slimy Beginnings

Evolutionists believe they have many of the answers to man’s progressive changes from his very beginnings evolving from an amoebic one-cell form from putrid slime and rising to the likes of King Kong, super-heroes, space freaks, clones, DNA manipulative, and genetically engineered likes and dislikes. Scientists, however, have exposed their findings from their earliest discoveries, supposedly dating millions of years ago, as fraudulent and scandalized, for example, as merely a pig’s jaw, and other presumably bizarre forms of early prehistoric man.

What’s New?

Man most certainly was created for greater things than the dreary picture portrayed above of degenerating mankind, on the brink of destruction in a perishing world. Yet, we continually see man increasingly falling prey to a wholly technological existence. It’s common to see “mechanized forms” of man plodding the streets in a frenzy with iPods, or some other forms of devices attached to their ears, and cars with computer elements crowding the instrument panels. What is the sobering conclusion? **Technology has let man down!** It is destroying all the canons of morality, for one, diverting interest from God.

Reckless Search

“Unarmed” youth are dashing about looking for meaning in life... a purpose... an escape. Many are looking for meaning in the church to help them. Many more believe that religion of some form laced with

emotional highs, and exciting music can satisfy their thirst and hunger for a “Way”. Eastern cults are on the rise, offering a meditative inward lifting and energizing powers from within to reach new heights of awareness. And they are succeeding in seducing many. Christianity, today, is identified by many with modern man and a modern God, in their own existing state, in a comfortable style, according to their own needs and desires, without diverting from their past and present way of doing things their own way and speaking their own words while maintaining an airy or convenient form of Godliness. It’s senseless.

Don’t Forget

Ah! But, God has given us the **Sabbath Revelation**, and “He said unto them, the Sabbath was given to man and not man for the Sabbath (Mark 2:27). This scripture is difficult for many to understand, and how it can fit into one’s life pattern. It needs, therefore, elaboration. Firstly, it is the fourth commandment, of the Ten Commandments. It is the longest of the commandments, and the only one which starts with, “Remember” (Exodus 20: 8). God deemed it important enough to remember, and thusly states it prominently at the onset for emphasis. He knows how easy it is for man to forget. Moreover, the **Sabbath** is not merely for the ancient or modern Jews of today.

How Old?

How far back does the **Sabbath Day** go and why has it transcended so many years? Well, from the “**beginning**.”(Genesis 1: 1; 2:2, 3). From the start, God knew what man needed. We need **rest... spiritual, physical, and social**. God expressly, and graciously provided it for us (Mark 2:27). But, what has happened? There existed a “cultural disconnect.”

Camping Anyone?

Earlier, for example however, youth attended camp meetings. It was a wonderful “retreat”. The youth were separate from the world, communing with nature, and receiving inspirational messages, speaking to their hearts. Many at that time turned their hearts to God, accepting the truth, making a covenant with Jesus. Not today. Many “camp meetings” are tinged with rock music, frenzied speakers, with empty messages, swaying listeners, and the love-theme. They resemble, however,

a “Theme Park.”! There is no Biblical foundation: of a new redemptive life; of confession, repentance, an earnest prayer life, and to follow Jesus only, and not some “figurehead.”

How Necessary?

We need the **Sabbath!** Why? Well, for many reasons. We are ferociously being bombarded by information to gain our attention. We need to STOP, and step aside, so God can come into our lives. In essence, we need to get out of His way, “for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”(Phil 2:13). The media, culture, and society say we need “more.” No! We need “less”! There is a breed of man that impulsively gathers, collects, and stores. They have been aptly named, “pack-rats.” Simply a state of covetousness (Exodus 20:17).

THE KEY: Four Points

The key to the **Sabbath** is a voluntary “**consciousness**.” It is not merely a philosophic, or a theoretical exercise or premise, but an active “**heart-felt**” awareness. Let us pursue this further by outlining what the **Sabbath** gives us in four points:

I. Dignity

We receive a special blessing. Why? We are special! We are human beings created in the image of a loving Father (Gen 1: 26). We have not evolved from dead, smelly, stagnant pools of slime, nor are we mechanized robots, or industrialized machines, which the dictates of society would have us work as beasts of burden seven days a week. Yes, man has grossly degenerated, but God still wants us to **remember** that He created us. He wants to use that holy time of **Sabbath** to mold us back into His image, to re-create, and liberate us from that which enslaves us.

II. Identity

Fear and anxiety is gripping the world with an “identity crisis.” It shouldn’t trouble us as we are, not just another number, or a cosmic accident from the “big-bang” theory, that we just “happened.” Believers have an identity with the “Lamb as the one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads” (Rev. 14:1).

The world is competing for resources and life. We’re a sea of humanity, a sea of waves flowing to and fro, governed by the whims and fancies of many. We can, however, hold our heads up high with a God that made **time**, a gift He has given us. He is a God that made on the seventh day of His creation week, something very different from anything else He made on any of the previous days of creation... **time** to spend with His children (Mk 2: 27). It is a time for rest and for reflection. (Hebrew–Shabbat, means “rest”).

He cares more than we can ever imagine. He knows your name, where you live, what you are going through, even things you don’t know about, yet. We are all part of a family, each member being a unit. God, also, wants us to be part of a Church family, each one being a building stone, drawn from all parts of the world drawn into one body of Christ... the Church. The **Sabbath**, therefore, is not merely for the Israelites, or one ethnic group.

III. Structure

The **Sabbath** sets the pace or pattern for our lives. It monitors, centers, and equilibrates our lives. How? Well, it generates in us a desire whereby our whole life is focused on God, and that He is in our uppermost thoughts. It’s a starting point... a “jump-start.” By keeping the **Sabbath** one finds that it is easier to keep the other nine commandments.

In an oppressive world, this can be difficult at times, as it encroaches upon your **Sabbath**. But still, we have six days to work, and the **Sabbath** brings our life back into focus, to receive a special blessing, a memorial day and reminder of God’s rest on the seventh day of Creation, and what He has done (Heb 4:4).

Ah! But something got in the way--that it is solely for the Jews and always has been. But, the **Sabbath** was observed by both Jews and Christians on the seventh day of the week. We are not stealing from the Jews. The biblical Seventh day, however, was gradually abandoned and the Sunday came into being, by man’s direction, not God’s.

We need the **Sabbath Day** to know who we are, where we originated, and what’s really important in our lives.

IV. Anchors

The **Sabbath** day, furthermore, anchors our way of life, in that it makes us see a difference in every day of our lives. The Sunday proponents, however, have made successful strides in manifesting this lie of the day of worship, but they will ultimately be the losers. It's not scriptural, nor can it be verified thusly. Yet, many faithful souls have been duped into worshipping on this day, unawares of its false claims (Math 15:9).

It's absolutely necessary that a society, a people, have a periodic day of rest, a periodic day of worship, a special day each week, to focus their attention on God and have a "set apart" time, to separate oneself from worldly matters and commerce, a sure anchor(Heb 6:19)(Isaiah 58:13,14). Man needs it more than ever before, because of the intense age we live in, full of its woes and miseries, and that we take this day to be refreshed and to think of things of the Spirit.

Practicable

We can gather from the above four points what Jesus has confirmed. Jesus said that the **Sabbath** was set aside for man's practical benefit (Mark 2:27,28)(Isaiah 58:13,14). This means keeping the **Sabbath** in a spiritual and literal way.

The **Sabbath** was binding in Eden and it has been in force ever since. The **Sabbath** already existed when God wrote this law on the stones at Sinai. In fact, it shall be an anchor, exist, and enjoyed on into eternity, because it was planned that way. "And it shall come to pass That from one New Moon to another, And from one **Sabbath** to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the Lord (Isaiah 66:23).

Vacation Time

The **Sabbath** will create a new spiritual dimension in your life. It is a vacation with God, one day every week. The fourth commandment is not ancient history, to be forgotten, or abandoned. The cry today is-- Technology will fill you and

provide you with all your needs, they say, but we now know that it will not, although it has a place in society and our lives, it can act as a stumbling block if not balanced with a "spiritual pause."

Sweet Benefits

Think of the many benefits and blessings for a faithful believer and follower, who honors and worships Him on the **Sabbath** day:

Manna

God provided manna for the children of Israel and will continue to provide for all your needs. "And the children of Israel ate manna forty years..." (Exodus 16:35)

Redemption

Furthermore, "He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever; Holy and awesome is His name."(Psalm 111:9)

Love

This is love. "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."(Genesis 1:27)

Light

Where once you were in darkness, and now you are in the light, so has the Lord spoke all these things, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who have brought

thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."(Exodus 20:2)

Promise

The believers, standing in grace, and the believers in Christ in the heavenlies is sealed with a promise. "In whom ye also trusted, after ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also after ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise" (Eph 1:13).

Prayer

Finally, what is the conclusion? What is our joyful duty for this **Sabbath Revelation** in thankfulness? "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph 3:14). *Amen.*

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"THE MAN THAT DIED FOR ME"

CHILDRENS CORNER



For many years I wanted to go as a foreign missionary, but my way seemed hedged about. At last I went to live in California. Life was rough in the mining country where I lived, with my husband and little boys.

While there I heard of a man who lived over the hills and was dying of consumption. The men said: "He is so vile that no one can stay with him; so we place some food near him, and leave him for twenty-four hours. We will find him dead sometime, and the sooner the better. Never had a relative, I guess."

This pitiful story haunted me as I went about my work. For three days I tried to get some one to go see him and find out if he was in need of better care. As I turned from the last man, vexed with his indifference, the thought came to me: "Why not go yourself? Here is missionary work, if you want it."

I will not tell how I weighed the probable uselessness of my going, nor how I shrank from one so vile as he. It was not the kind of work I wanted.

But at last one day I went over the hills to the little abode. It was a mud cabin, containing but one room. The door stood open. In one corner, on some straw and coloured blankets, I found the dying man. Sin had left awful marks on his face, and if I had not heard that he could not move, I should have retreated. As my shadow fell over the floor, he looked up and greeted me with an oath. I stepped forward a little, and again he swore.

"Don't speak so, my friend," I said.
"I ain't your friend. I ain't got any friends." He said.
"Well, I am your friend and-----"

But the oaths came quickly and he said: "You ain't my friend. I never had any friends, and I don't want any now."

I reached out, at arm's length, the fruit I

had brought for him, and stepping back to the doorway, asked if he remembered his mother, hoping to find a tender place in his heart; but he cursed her. I spoke of God, and he cursed Him. I tried to speak of Jesus and His death for us, but he stopped me with his oaths, and said: "That's all a lie. Nobody ever died for others."

I went away discouraged, saying to myself that I knew it was of no use. But the next day I went again, and every day for two weeks. He did not show the gratitude of a dog, and at the end of that time I said that I was not going any more. That night as I was putting my little boy to bed, I did not pray for the miner. My little boy noticed it and said:--

"Mama, you did not pray for the bad man."
"No," I answered, with a sigh.
"Have you given him up, mama?"
"Yes, I guess so."

"Has God given him up, mama? Ought you to give him up until God does?"

I could not sleep that night. I thought of the dying man, so vile, and with no one to care! I rose and went away by myself to pray; but the moment that I knelt, I was overpowered by the sense of how little meaning there had been to my prayers. I had had no faith, and I had not really cared, beyond a kind of half-hearted sentiment. I had not claimed his soul for God. O, the shame of such missionary zeal! I fell on my face literally, as I cried, "O Christ, give me a little glimpse of the worth of a human soul!" Did you, Christian, ever ask that and mean it? Do not do it unless you are willing to give up ease and selfish pleasure; for life will be a different thing to you after this revelation.

I remained on my knees until Calvary became a reality to me. I cannot describe those hours. They came and went unheeded; but I learned that night what I had never known before, what it was to travail for a human soul. I saw my Lord as

I had never seen Him before. I knelt there till the answer came. As I went back to my room, my husband said:--

"How about your miner?"
"He is going to be saved."
"How are you going to do it?" he asked.
"The Lord is going to save him; and I do not know that I shall do anything about it," I replied.

The next morning brought a lesson in Christian work which I had never learned before. I had waited on other days until afternoon, when, my work being over, I could change my dress, put on my gloves, and take a walk while the shadows were on the hillsides. That day, the moment my little boys went to school, I left my work, and, without waiting for gloves or shadows, hurried over the hills, not to see "that vile wretch," but to win a soul. I thought the man might die.

As I passed on, a neighbour came out of her cabin, and said, "I will go over the hills with you."

I did not want her to go, but it was another lesson for me. God could plan better than I could. She had her little girl with her, and as we reached the cabin, she said, "I will wait out here."

I do not know what I expected, but the man greeted me with an awful oath. Still it did not hurt; for I was behind Christ, and I stayed there; and I could bear what struck Him first.

While I was changing the basin of water and towel for him, things which I had done every day, but which he had never thanked me for, the clear laugh of the little girl rang out upon the air.

"What's that?" said the man eagerly.
"It's a little girl outside waiting for me."
"Would you mind letting her come in?" said he, in a different tone from any I had heard before.

Stepping to the door, I beckoned to her; then, taking her hand, said, "Come in and see the sick man, Mamie." She shrank back as she saw his face, but I assured her with, "Poor sick man! He can't get up; he wants to see you."

She looked like an angel, her bright face framed in golden curls and her eyes tender and pitiful. In her hands she held the flowers she had picked from the purple sage, and bending toward him, she said, "I'm sorry for you, sick man. Will you have a posy?"

He laid his great, bony hand beyond the flowers, on the plump hand of the child, and tears came to his eyes, as he said: "I had a little girl once. *Her* name was Mamie. *She cared for me.* Nobody else did. Guess I'd been different if she'd lived. I've hated everybody since she died."

I knew at once that I had the key to the man's heart. The thought came quickly, born of that midnight prayer service, and I said, "When I spoke of your mother and your wife, you cursed them; I know now that they were not good women, or you could not have done it."

"Good women! O, you don't know nothing about that kind of woman! You can't think what they were!"

"Well, if your little girl had lived and grown up with them, wouldn't she have been like them? Would you have liked to have her live for that?"

He evidently had never thought of that, and his great eyes looked off for a full minute. As they came back to mine, he cried: "O God, no! I'd killed her first. I'm glad she died."

Reaching out and taking the poor hand, I said, "The dear Lord didn't want her to be like them. He loved her even better than you did, so He took her away. He is keeping her for you. Don't you want to see her again?"

"O, I'd be willing to be burned alive a thousand times over if I could just see my little girl once more, my little Mamie!"

O friends, you know what a blessed story I had to tell that hour, and I had been so close to Calvary that night that I could tell it in

earnest! The poor face grew ashy pale as I talked, and the man threw up his arms as if his agony was mastering him. Two or three times he gasped, as if losing his breath. Then, clutching me, he said, "What's that you said the other day about talking to someone out of sight?"

"It is praying. I tell Him what I want."
"Pray now, quick. Tell Him I want my little girl again. Tell Him anything you want to."

I took the hands of the child, and placed them on the trembling hands of the man. Then, dropping on my knees, with the child in front of me, I bade her pray for the man who had lost his little Mamie, and wanted to see her again. As nearly as I remember, this was Mamie's prayer:--

"Dear Jesus, this man is sick. He has lost his little girl, and he feels bad about it. I'm so sorry for him, and he's sorry, too. Won't you help him, and show him how to find his little girl? Do, please. Amen."

Heaven seemed to open before us, and there stood One with the prints of the nails in His hands and the wound in His side.

Mamie slipped away soon, and the man kept saying: "Tell Him more about it. Tell Him everything. But, O, you don't know! Then he poured out such a torrent of confession that I could not have borne it but for One who was close to us at that hour.

By and by the poor man grasped the strong hand. It was the third day when the poor, tired soul turned from everything to Him, the Might to save, "the Man that died for me." He lived on for weeks, as if God would show how real was the change. I had been telling him one day about a meeting, when he said, "I'd like to go to a meeting once."

So we planned a meeting, and the men from the mills and the mines came and filled the room.

"Now, boys," said he, "get down on your knees, while she tells about that Man that died for me."

I had been brought up to believe that a woman should not speak in meeting, but I found myself talking, and I tried to tell the

simple story of the cross. After a while, he said:--

"Boys, you don't half believe it, or you'd cry; you couldn't help it. Raise me up. I'd like to tell it once."

So they raised him up, and between his short breathing and coughing, he told the story. He had to use the language he knew.

"Boys," he said, "you know how the water runs down the sluice-boxes and carries off the dirt and leaves the gold behind. Well, the blood of that Man she tells about went right over me just like that. It carried off about everything; but it left enough for me to see Mamie, and to see the Man that died for me. O boys, can't you love him?"

Some days after, there came a look into his face which told that the end had come. I had to leave him, and I said, "What shall I say tonight, Jack?"

"Just good night," he said.
"What will you say to me when we meet again?"
"I'll say, 'Good morning,' over there."

The next morning the door was closed, and I found two men sitting silently by a board stretched across two stools. They turned back the sheet from the dead, and I looked on the face, which seemed to have come back nearer to the image of God.

"I wish you could have seen him when he went," they said.
"Tell me about it."
"Well, all at once he brightened up, about midnight, and smiling, said: 'I'm going, boys. Tell her I'm going to see the Man that died for me;' and he was gone."

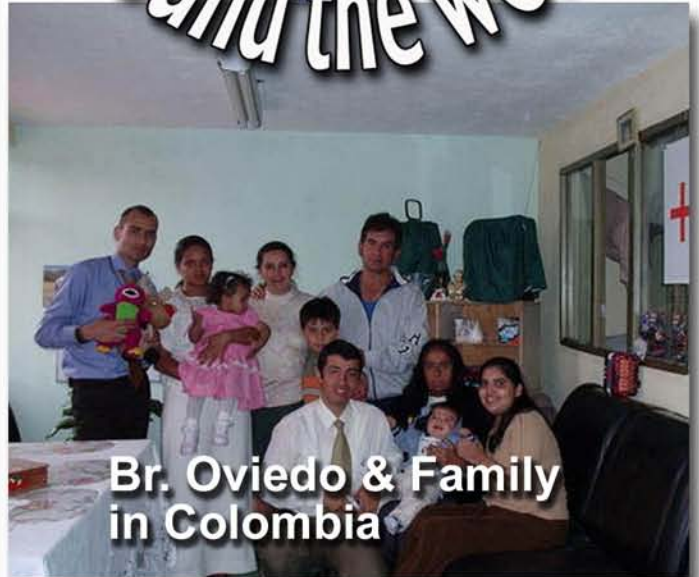
Kneeling there with my hands over those poor, cold ones, which had been stained with human blood, I asked that I might understand more and more the worth of a human soul, and be drawn into a deeper sympathy with Christ's yearning compassion, "not willing that any should perish."



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