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On Nov. 16, 1935 I married my present wife, Alberta. Due to this marriage I have received constant help and encouragement from my wife in trying to live a Christian life. During the last 44 years we have been fortunate in becoming acquainted with many brethren. Among these we have met and talked Bible with, are three particular brethren, namely: Claude McCroskey, Buell Boyce and Robert Ditto.

Bro. Buell Boyce passed away on Feb. 23, 1954, being buried in the Forest Hill Cemetery, Kansas City, Mo. on Feb. 26, 1954. He was survived by his wife, Sister Allie Boyce, and a daughter, Sister Katie Hamilton. In visiting at this time with Sister Boyce, I asked if she would favor me with any of Buell's books at any time she desired to give them away.

Some 20 years later we visited with Sister Boyce who was then confined to a wheel chair due to a stroke. Not long before our visit she had been wondering when I would come by for Buell's books. I was surprised, and very pleased. In addition to some 40 books, she gave me an envelope containing Bro. A. R. Moore's "Post Card" articles that Bro. Boyce had obtained from Bro. Moore. Sister Boyce has since left this scene of life. I am indebted to her for having given these articles to me.

As I started reading some of these, I was amazed at the rich teaching in so few words, yet so full of truth. Bro. A. R. Moore must have been a man of wisdom and had God's help in expressing it. It is too bad we didn't have an opportunity to know him personally. These should be a keepsake for the brethren in the brotherhood.

Consequently, I decided to reproduce them in book form so that all could benefit from them. Thus, our children and grandchildren may be able to read and meditate upon them. May all refer to the Holy Scriptures in their meditation (Psa. 1:2) that they may be strengthened spiritually, and encouraged to live faithful unto death. Rev. 2:10.

We hope that you will overlook any errors you find in reading these articles. No doubt you will find some have been duplicated in later pages; altho' you will find slightly different wording in many of them. Numbers 6:24-26.

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THE SERMON OF THE SEED

One of the most outstanding happenings in the earlier days of our country involves the well-known evangelist, the late Bro. A. R. Moore. He was first of Cloud County, Kansas, (Concordia), and later a citizen of Kansas City, Mo.

Perched upon a high hill in northern Kansas, not far from the border of Nebraska, stands the Sweet Hill school house. Being a rural school of former days, it is now a shell, used by the local 4-H Clubs. (This numbers some years back, and the building may be gone by the time of this writing).

Brother A. R. Moore would start his horse and buggy from home to arrive at Sweet Hill about sundown, and at a time when the local worshippers would come to hear his latest sermon. Bro. Moore was known to do the unexpected. His teaching was sound, but his presentation always kept Christian as well as non-Christian just wondering what he would say and what he would do.

The night of his most unforgettable sermon found the little school house filled, with some even standing. Bro. Moore began in his easy, kindly way, pointing out scriptures and how wonderful they really are to all mankind. But then, in the body of the message, he stopped to remove a small object from his vest pocket. He asked the audience, small and great alike, to examine carefully the object as it passed from one to another. While this procedure continued, he continued with his easy flow of words.

The object had circled the room, and was presented to Bro. Moore by a small boy, the last one to handle the object. The preacher then asked a group of farm folk who graced the assembly, "What is this object?" Following a long pause, the little boy near the desk where Bro. Moore was preaching, said, "Corn."

"Right you are," replied the preacher, who then resumed his message. This continued until the later stages of the message. Then, to the surprise of all, another similar object was presented to the audience, it too for their examination.

To some this became a boresome routine to such an extent that when the object had completed its rounds, and Bro. Moore once again had asked for an explanation regarding the object, one elderly farmer spoke up without delay. "Preacher, we're all farmers out here, and we know a kernel of corn when we see it."

"You are mistaken," replied the speaker, "the first one was corn, but the last one was a piece of wood."

The preacher's main point was explained in the remainder of his sermon. Why could the first be planted and bear fruit, while the second one, which looks identical will not produce? "Things are not always what they appear to be!"

As Bro. A. R. Moore left the Sweet Hill meeting place the next day, several watched until the buggy disappeared over a distant rise, still conscious of one of the greatest object lessons they had ever heard.

Episode in life and times of Bro. A. R. Moore
from William J. Hensley

A. R. Moore



Albert Ross Moore, son of Isaac N. and Anna E. Moore, was born in Johnson County, Iowa on March 20, 1860. He received a common school education. On December 15, 1886, Bro. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Millie Dotson at Jamestown, Kansas.

He obeyed the gospel in 1895, near Concordia, Kansas, and was baptized by Frank Harmon, of Oberlin, Kansas. His first sermon was preached in the vicinity of Concordia, and there he held his first protracted meeting in 1900.

Bro. Moore lived in Kansas for 40 years, 15 years on a farm, five years in Ottawa, and 20 years in Concordia. He was elected and served as County Clerk five years, County Treasurer three years, and County Assessor three years. He was chosen as purchasing agent for the county and assisted in compilation of an atlas of the territory.

He was noted for his attention to detail and his remarkable ability to write so as to attract and hold the attention of all, both old and young. Most of his writings have been short essays, samples of which are reproduced in this book. Bro. Moore lived in Kansas City, Mo. until his death on August 6, 1946. It is an honor to have the privilege of printing the lessons of this grand old brother of the faith.

OUR WAYS DIFFER

A half dozen men may ride in the same car, travel the same direction and park in the same city, but this has nothing to do with character, citizenship or patriotism.

If I write my name with a lead pencil, a gold pen, or a goose quill--the method of writing does not affect my nature, my name, or my standing. In the Church, because one man sings, another prays, and another hears; neither of these, or all of them together make him a Christian!

Flowers differ in size, shape and color; the dandelion is not the daisy; but both are flowers because both belong to the same family--the lark and the rooster make a different noise, but both are birds.

No two disciples are alike in thought, word or action; breeding, training and environment are written with an indelible pencil and are not rubbed out when we enter the Church.

MEMORY & THINKING

Man is given a mental **storehouse** of **gigantic proportions**--he can shave his face, wash his hands, and spend his money; but the contents of memory register **without** an **effort** and he **can't rub it out**. This being true, how delightful to turn to the index of that **invisible ledger** and find the page where our **good deeds** are **written**; look them over, examine their parts, search their depth and **compound** their **virtues**. We don't like to 'bring out the bitter things of life', but out wholesome deeds, like pleasant companions are **edifying, charming, and delightful**. Memory is the moderator of human events where each of us by the **art of thinking**, may associate **persons, periods, plans** and **places** and in this way convert them into history.

MAN'S GREATNESS

Man is a greater name than President. He is father, a son, a husband, a neighbor, and a friend...each office has its place and purpose. He belongs to a home, a country, a State, and a church...these demand duty and responsibility.

He is custodian of a mind, a conscience, a soul and his own destiny, and a character. He is given also a body as a house and a work-shop where he may set the wheels of his nature in motion, sharpen his appetite and enlarge his capacity for the intangible security of an invisible empire.

GOOD OR POOR

A good writer might make a poor fighter
A good walker might be a poor talker
A good sailor might be a poor tailor
A good teacher might be a poor preacher
A good diver might be a poor driver
A good gardener might be a poor partner
A good gunner might be a poor runner
A good guesser might be a poor dresser
A good smoker might be a poor joker
A good goer might be a poor rower
A good resident might be a poor President
A good bake might be a poor cake
A good float might make a poor boat

A good hiker might be a poor biker
A good giver might be a poor liver
A good looker might be a poor cooker
A good better might be a poor debtor.

MARRIAGE

Marriage is old as the human race and modern as the morning sun; it animates, operates and dedicates the human heart; it begets a thirst for counsel, a bid for sympathy and a passion for home.

Divine wedlock revives the spirit, warms the heart, and refines the nature. It begins with a pledge, proceeds with a smile, and ends with an unbroken faith.

Domestic fidelity is a flower that blooms, a star that sparkles and a fire that never goes out; it is the court of pardon, the angel of peace, the altar of love, and the haven of rest in the night of storm.

Marriage is cited as the most joyful occasion, in the midst of a sin-seared, pain-palsied, death-doomed Empire; whether we speak of Adam & Eve, present espousal, 2 Cor. 11:2, or final marriage of Christ and the Church, Rev. 19:7, it tells of gladness here and endless bliss hereafter.

FIRESIDE AND CHRISTIAN VIRTUES

Each name represents a family, whether broken or not by death. A family suggests a home or a fireside, where earthly ties are formed and functioned. Home is where the first words are spoken, the first thoughts cracked, the first lessons learned. Here is the joy of youth, the strength of manhood, and the comfort of declining years.

The brightest flowers bud and blossom in the family garden, the sweetest incense rises from the family altar, and here the rarest jewels sparkle in the sunlight that gilds and gladdens its gateway: Again;

The name of every disciple--both yours and ours--form a living link in the same Divine chain which reaches to the Golden Gate of the Golden Age--the **more abundant Life**. John 10:10

JUSTICE, TRUTH AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

Justice, truth and righteousness have nothing to do with **numbers**. A dozen men may be **righteous**, but **number has nothing** to do with **character**. A dozen might be guilty, numbers is no part of **their guilt**. Jno. 8:32.

Justice, Truth & Righteousness has to do with **character**, but has nothing to do with **numbers**. Deut. 32:30. That is why the Creator never decides a quest-of-truth by a volume of numbers!

A PRESENT COMPANION

Christ is the silent guest in every Christian home. When the wife prays behind the closed door, the mother pleads for her sick child; or when the widow calls for help He is near; she is not forgotten. During the *silent hours of the night*, when sleep has gone and we are wide awake to the tick of the clock, and the murmur of the wind or the bark of the dog, this invisible Friend is standing by. When the storm rages, the clouds are black, and the stars fail to peep in the window, our best Friend is ready to act--like the clock on the shelf He changes not with the wind and the weather.

CHRIST IN THE HOME

Jesus is the silent guest in every Christian home. When the wife prays behind the closed door He is near; when the mother pleads for her sick child He is standing by; when the widow calls for help, she is not forgotten; and during the silent hours of the night, when the eye is closed, the brain sleeping and the body reposing, this invisible Friend is keeping watch.

REASON FOR CRUCIFIXION

Why did God punish, bruise and forsake His own Son if man could be saved otherwise? This would be inconsistency if allow the guilty to go free--it would spoil Gods government. He can't maintain His character and bless us except we obey!

GOOD WISHES

May your life be like arithmetic;
Your joys be added;
Your sorrows substracted;
Your friends multiplied;
Your enemies a ciphers -0.

GOD CAN DELIVER

Israel was to hearken, keep and do; God to love, bless and multiply. They were told "not to be affrighted"--not because no danger in the way, but God could help them to conquer. One may say, "a lion in the way"; another say, "there is no lion"; another say the lion is there, but **God can bind him.**

The **smallest** act that elevates Christ is valuable in God's account, but the most splendid undertakings or gigantic schemes, minus Christ are of little moment to Jehovah--just like a big bubble. Man makes self his center, his standard, his all absorbing object. He values things according as they exalt him and further his interest; makes a platform on which to display himself; everything is worked as capital for self and used as a reflector to make him shine before his fellows. Man thinks of himself--God's thoughts are with Christ and for Him.

CHARACTER

Character is our only absolute possession--we cannot lose it, sell it, hide it, or separate from it dead or alive. Character may degenerate or improve; strengthen or weaken; brighten or blur; but can never be the fingerprints of another. If I am a faithful servant of Christ, I have insured to me a better country and city. Heb. 11:16; better friends-Heb. 12:23; better body-2 Cor. 5:1; better mansion-Jno. 14:2; better character-2 Cor. 5:21; than I can ever hope for in a country where Satan dwells.

Character is a personal liability; the ever living part of an endless possession; it cannot hide in the caves of the earth, melt in the summer sun or vanish in the depths of the sea. This personality does not enter the grave with my body; I cannot lose it in the ether that envelops the earth and it can never be the fingerprints of another. I am responsible for it here and will be charged to my account hereafter. The best character is not made from the sunshine of life--the more the sea is lashed the less stagnant the water.

Christ is the scientific standard of human behavior. Christ is our passover, High-priest, Mediator and Saviour. Just as well try to measure distance with a pair of scales, weigh sugar with a microscope, or spell salvation minus the alphabet as try to get to heaven without Christ.

A SHORT SERMON

Every little child born into this world has the sentence of death written in its nature before born; its death is just as certain as its life. Why is this? Because by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin--Rom. 5:12. As time passes the child reaches accountability and "must be born again."

This is evidence the first birth was a failure except the child pass from the world while innocent. After reaching the age of guilt the adult must be made innocent thru the work of Christ who had no guilt, but died for the guilty. Thus what we lose in Adam is found in Christ; both life and character. Our conduct here is faulty but our standing in Heaven is perfect. We are complete in Him--Col. 2:10. Each member of the Church has a duty to perform and a privilege to enjoy.

FAITH VERSUS WORKS

Works are no part of conscience, but an index to the **heart** where **FAITH** is found. The hand on the clock does not regulate the time but recites it. Clothing is no part of the man; the picture is no part of the artist; and fire is no part of the furnace.

SALVATION BY GRACE

Salvation by grace is difficult to understand, but all can believe it. A little child can eat an apple, digest and assimilate it, but it requires a genius to analyze its composition; the uneducated mind can believe altho' it may not comprehend.

ATONEMENT

Atonement helps the whole world; it causes the world to stand, which would otherwise have been impossible. The atheist, agnostic and infidel, eat, drink, sleep and breathe at the expense of the **ATONEMENT**.

THE BIBLE

The Bible tells what man shall, or shall not do, and requires unqualified submission. Human restraint is no restraint at all--civil laws do not touch **lying, cheating, profanity, or murder in the heart**.

Death, the limit of Satan's power; Christ cancelled the power of death--Resurrected Life, the only power superior to death.

No man has been able to furnish a definition to **LIFE**. The Bible is unique in its freshness; like the solar sun--never stale, freshness; like the solar sun--never stale, John 14:6, always new! Yesterday's newspaper hardly worth a glance while the Bible of 19 centuries contains the latest and only authentic information regarding life, death, resurrection and judgment. Bible is scientific because precise, accurate, and reliable on all its subjects.

THE SECOND MILE PHILOSOPHY

Disciples light the world, salt the earth, puzzle the enemy, please God and save the soul; by going the second mile-Matt. 5:40,41; Service is more than duty-Luke 17:10. A servant may be on duty until sunset, but he may serve much longer. A willing heart is the key to heaven-Matt. 5:8. Love, Joy & Peace are fruits of the Spirit; but they never ripen fully here; purity seeks a warmer clime and a brighter sky; here we are learners; in Heaven we will be genuine doers-Jas. 1:22. God's will is done perfectly in Heaven-Matt. 6:10. We are formed for a state where soul will meet its affinity--mind will be divorced from matter, and endless space will lend enchantment to the renewed, refined and renovated spirit. Our Saviour has shown us while here by His conduct, the real meaning of the second mile philosophy in Heaven-Jno. 14:6; I Pet. 3:18. Christ is now in the presence of God for us; He is now going the second mile-Heb. 9:24; Heb. 10:9,10. His work is for us, but the Church must practice the second, while it learns the first mile-Jno. 13:17. This code of morals cannot be complete without Christ. Jno 15:5.

GOD PROVIDES

Christ was not crucified because of any moral **delinquency**, but because of a **legal indictment**.

God provides for man's needs: a **sacrifice place & a priest**. Nothing for man's needs: a **sacrifice place & a priest**. Nothing for man's fertile brain to supply--neither **priest** or **people** could take a **step** in the right **direction**.

THE BIBLE

Man dislikes the Bible because it pictures his deformed, deranged, and degenerate nature--none righteous. Rom. 1:29-31. Bible says man's wisdom is foolishness; knows nothing as he ought to know it. I Cor. 8:2. The world hated Christ because he testified of it that its works were evil. Jno. 7:7. The Bible does not advise, suggest or recommend a rule of action--the same moral measure for the king and the peasant. Scientific books are of little value in a short time, cast aside with all other--**OBSOLETE**--the Bible not so. Man's books, like himself, are continually passing. Progress cannot overtake or get beyond the Bible.

The Bible is the world's best Book because it tells of the world's best Life. Whether the next generation walks, rides or flies, we will need the Bible.

THE WORD

Word & Light--both living and written word express God's mind. Both human and Divine--have eternal existence, contain light, carry a message, rejected by man--judge us at the last day.

We are to receive it-Jas. 1:21. Hold fast-Tit. 1:9. Rightly divide-2 Tim. 2:15. Hold forth-Phil. 2:16. It is like a hammer-Jere. 23:29. A sword-Eph. 4:17. Pierce conscience-Heb. 4:12. Like seed-I Pet. 1:23; Luke 8:11. Strong man running-Isa. 11:9; Heb. 2:14. Reaches everywhere, shines on good and evil-Matt. 5:45.

DYING SON and RESPONSIBILITY

"Father" says the son, "you have educated me, given me social standing and told me how to make money, but you **never told me how to die!**"

THINGS OF THIS WORLD

Things of this world have a great influence; Peter-Mark 14:57; Saul and the people-I Sam. 15:24; Samson & Delilah-Judges 16:17; Lot and pasture-Gen. 13:10; Solomon-I Kings 11:4; Esau-Gen. 25:34; Pilate-Luke 23:23.

FAITH, AND NOT REASON, SAVES THE SOUL

Reason has been deformed--not like it was in the beginning--it is not dependable. To get a correct view of self we must allow God to tell us-Rom. 10:17. Many reject Christ by saying to punish the innocent in place of the guilty is not reason, but **Faith** speaks to the contrary-Jno. 3:16; I Pet. 3:18. God by Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea; reason said they could not cross over, but **Faith** opened the way and all were saved-Heb. 11:29. Judging by reason is like weighing by an unbalanced scale--we must judge righteous judgment, hence Christ the righteous is judged for man's guilt; the just for the unjust that he might bring us unto God-I Pet. 3:18--The Lord's way is always right because always fruitful. Christ was the only perfect man--He was born of a virgin, was crucified, buried and rose the third day all contrary to reason--but Christ said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Mk. 16:15,16. Man's degenerate reason cannot be trusted, but his **Faith** can move mountains, or raise the dead, or save the soul when coupled with obedience--Acts 4:12. Reason is shorn of its original power, but **Faith** has lost none of her virtue-Heb. 11:6.

REASON NO GUIDE

First, not like it was in the beginning. Second, if sound, would agree with God's Word. Word as far above reason as God above man. If reason a **standard**--farewell Divine authority. Reason must be measured by only **true standard**. Reason was crippled by violating the Word. This a master stroke for Satan--weaken reason, then have man use it for a defense. Like breaking his sword then challenge him to fight!

THE GOSPELS

John & Luke--**CONNECT CHRIST & MARY**. John gives no genealogy but connects Christ to God in the **beginning**; he does not refer to the birth of Christ. John goes back before any earthly descent; tells us that Christ was Divine, but became human.

Luke--Runs ancestors back to Adam to show His humanity as "seed of the woman". This is Mary's side--human mother. Joseph, Mary's husband, was actual son of Jacob, but son-in-law to Heli, Mary's father--which shows him really human. Luke does not deal directly with Israelites.

FAITH, AND NOT WORKS

If I pay my railroad fare from K.C. to St. Louis, the company will carry me to my destination; I may talk, sleep, read, or visit on the way, but this adds nothing to passage. The **porter works his way**, I don't. My way to Heaven has been paid by another--even Christ; if I sin, pray, read, write or reason, this adds nothing to my salvation which is a gift-Rom 6:23; and my name is written in Heaven before I go-Luke 10:20; but if unfaithful while on the way, my name will be blotted out of the record-Rev. 3:5. I must be faithful-Rev. 2:10, whether my works are few

or many--Matt. 13:23. While we work to prove faithful, work is sometimes done by a disciple who is not faithful--a husband could do many good things for his wife and yet be unfaithful to her.

COMMUNION

When I ride on the train, the little check on the wall beside me shows my passage is paid; and when I go to Church on Lord's Day and behold the bread and the wine, they tell me that my salvation is a fact; and if the emblems are there and I cannot get there, they tell the same story without my presence.

JUST AND JUSTIFIER

If merchant sells a car for \$1,000, it makes no difference to him if one or twenty men pay the debt. If a thousand men owe one man a thousand dollars and one man decides to pay it, the debt is settled, and all debtors are released--the creditor has lost nothing and is just to himself while he justifies others, and has lost none of his customers.

Christ has purchased our salvation, man has been redeemed and God has lost nothing, but has gained in the transaction because hundreds and thousands become His followers, workers, and worshippers; who never would have left the world if they had been required to purchase their **own salvation**.

Man, the only creature made after a pattern, and told to work after a pattern.

THE DOCTRINE

The doctrine of nature is that like begets like, in both the animal & vegetable. The doctrine of Justice is equity, pay as you go; an eye for an eye; the doctrine of grace is mercy, pardon or forgiven's. The law of nature, law of ethics or the law of grace never change. Faith, Repentance, Confession, & Baptism are elements of salvation which is a gift of God. Good works may be performed by either the saved or the unsaved--such are a part of righteousness, but no part of salvation. These works may be the outgrowth of Christianity or they may not--Matt. 7:22. They are transactions between man and man, while salvation is between God and man only; hence such works do not belong to salvation by grace--Eph. 2:8. I have a check for \$10 and go to the bank for payment; in justice to the bank I endorse the check showing my good faith in the sender; likewise I endorse my salvation by my good works, and thus confirm my faith in the one that saved me. In either case there is no charges for what I do. The check is good because paid by the maker; my salvation is good because paid by another. Salvation is in reach of all and paid for, but in Justice to God we meet the conditions; otherwise salvation is a debt and not a gift--Rom. 4:4

Christ gave His life for mine, but His intercessory work in Heaven is not to save, but to wash away my imperfections while in the Church, or in the flesh; and if I am a **faithful child**, my **life will show it**; if **unfaithful** it will show in the **red!**

WHAT IS SIN?

Sin is wrong thinking and doing against the Government of God; to whom every man must answer and who is abundantly able to bring all to judgment and weigh his conduct in the Divine scale.

An institution whose worship, doctrine and practice are not the

offspring of the Divine mind cannot conform us to the Creator or qualify for citizenship in Heaven.

The Church now is short on Christian fellowship. The Devil seeks her downfall. His cunning is still at a premium. Peter was given the keys of the Kingdom; Satan has the keys of the world. The world is the Devil's workshop, but he spends much time in the **Church**.

FELLOWSHIP

Thank the Church very kindly for the fellowship and the liberality; for the gracious letter with its words of cheer which are all an asset to Christianity. Such activity on part of the Church is classed as "good works", because it operates both ways. The solar sun shines backward and forward at the same time. Likewise Christian fellowship; funds the needy and refunds the Church--thus giving is gain. For "whosoever hath shall be given"-Matt. 13:12; that is, treasure wisely applied will come again. The Saviour's supply increased while feeding the multitude, but quit when the feeding was over. The increase came from paying out, and not hoarding-Mk. 6:43. If a man is given a sack of flour thru the Board of Charities, all he gets is the flour; if the Church gives, he gets the flour, plus the love, sympathy, friendship and the fellowship feeling of the giver which adds 100% to the gift. The first is mere service, the last is much more-1 Jno. 1:7. Our Lord wants fellowship and not patronage! Matt. 26:40; Rom. 8:17; 1 Pet. 4:12.

ETERNAL LIFE

This is life eternal that they might know thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent--Jno. 17:3. Live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God--Matt. 4:4. The most refined moralist, devout religionist, and the most benevolent philanthropist without God is far from life. When Eve took herself out of the hands of God, she was helpless--so are we. Man is either governed by God or by Satan; there is no such thing as self-government.

GONE FOREVER

Esau could not get back the blessing; Lot's wife could not be restored. We cannot get back youth, lost time, lost education, lost opportunity, or child-hood days. When 50 we can never get back the heart of a **lad** or **lassie**. If we fail to begin when young, we can't do much when old--the Lord is cheated. Adam & Eve could not get back to use **TREE OF LIFE** only as God gave it to them thru Christ.

GOD REGISTERS OUR CHARACTER

When we study God's nature, examine His works, weigh His character, it is well pleasing to Him tho' a word is not spoken-1 Jno. 3:22. A million thoughts may ascend to a throne of grace and not one of them lost or forgotten; Christ secures them all and the unspoken words of a Christian heart are carried skyward by Him after conceived in the sacred precincts of that invisible chamber which God alone could formulate and fashion.

I can read, pray, sing and think without moving my lips and nothing be lost to that invisible Empire--thinking is worship-Psa. 8:3.

Every good and perfect gift is from above-Jas. 1:17. These come from Him and go back to Him-Matt. 25:40.

How dependent we are. Every element I breathe was analyzed for me before I was born; each movement of my body was planned for my comfort and safety before I came to this world, and my five senses are so many servants, appointed by Jehovah himself to make me happy. These quintuplets are a gift of God given for a life-time and follow me wherever I go.

My mental faculties are the lightening express which encompass the globe, measure the planets, name the stars and register in the Divine mind.

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CAUSE & EFFECT, DEATH & LIFE

Death by Adam - Life by Christ-I Cor. 15:22. Every human being except Christ was stung by sin thru Adam-I Cor. 15:55; or was marked for death before born, because their father was a dying man and did not have to consent to the death of his children; because he transmitted his own poisoned nature to us and in Adam all die-I Cor. 15:21, 22. If death is a definition of sin, then Life is a definition of righteousness-Jno. 1:4; I Cor. 15:22. The sting that produces death is sin--the death that produces Life is righteousness, innocence--the innocent dies for the guilty--in this way we are redeemed from the penalty passed on Adam, his posterity. The Bible does not say "in Eve" all die--but "in Adam". Christ had a dying mother, but not a dying Father. Our Lord did not partake of the moral nature of his mother which was imperfect, but that of His Father which was perfect. Christ could not die without the consent of His Father. No other person had a life to give because they were sentenced to death by Adam and "in Adam"; while we are pledged to Life by Christ and "in Christ". He had a Life to give-Gal. 3:27. He could give His Life and take it again because His Father told him so. Jno. 10:17,18.

GOD'S PERFECT WORKS

God is expert in all His doings. He created man a perfect being, gave him a perfect home, perfect food supply, perfect air to breathe and a perfect body in which to live, but man forfeits his title to Divine favor by disobedience, but God did not forsake him.

The Creator provides a perfect means of redemption, gives him a perfect title to Life, then outlines a perfect journey by faith to the better country.

Everything done by Jehovah is worthy of Himself and serves to advertise God's love, mercy, wisdom, power and goodness; there is no defect in what He does--His standard is perfect. He translated Enoch perfectly, delivered Israel perfectly, healed Naaman perfectly, restored David perfectly, and punished Jonah perfectly; in either case it was 100 percent. He allowed His own Son to be punished perfectly, that he might be a perfect Saviour-Heb. 5:9; and that God could be perfectly justified in giving a perfect salvation, perfect character, and a perfect pass-port to the "City of God", which is perfect.

As God has told us what He is by His works, then we who are saved (I Cor. 1:18; Tit. 2:13) should do likewise-Jas. 2:18. Works fluctuate day by day, but salvation like its Author, is stable. The sum of money in a man's purse--like his "good works" varies each week; this does not alter the value of a coin or weaken his faith, which saves him-Eph. 2:8.

The car won't move when we "run out of gas"; faith without works is dead. Jas. 2:26.

WEDDING

Where first & last wedding were **ALIKE: Tree, River, Home, Father, Name, Eve & Church both virgins. Adam & Christ both gave. Eve & Church both innocent, married in the Home.**

A STATE OF PROBATION

This world is a state of probation. Our appearance on earth is not voluntary; we do not come here by choice and we leave because we can't stay any longer--our probation has ended. But what confronts us here when tossed into this ocean of living forms; among other things are sorrow, age, infirmity and death. These taxes were levied before we were born and neither guilt or innocence can stay the penalty. Should we finish our sojourn here in childhood, we escape the first three but not the last--death is no respecter of person; he passes the guard at the palace gate and enters the King's chamber with the same independent ease by which he robs childhood or darkens the home of the lowly; in either case he comes without writ or warrant, selects his victim and goes his way. He makes no apology, offers no regret, no excuse, or sheds no tear. Human tribunals give man a chance, but in the Empire of death there is no reversal, no attorney, no appeal.

But why are we here? In nature birds give music, flowers give fragrance, bees give honey and cows give milk--they receive nothing but food and shelter. In grace God give His Son, the Son gave himself and we give our time, our talents, and our treasure.

Christ gave 5 loaves and received 5,000. In death we lose a short life and get a long one--a happy life, a spotless life, an endless, and it comes to us as a gift.

Christ gave 5 loaves and the same day gathered food sufficient for 5,000 men; we give a short life and get a long one in return; it is a better life, "a happier" life, an eternal life, and it is a gift. Jno. 10:28.

TRUE-BLUE, WASH-WHITE, ETC.

In the Bible our body is reckoned as a house-2 Cor. 5:1. This is of course a portable building, we generally carry it with us wherever we go, but not always. Sometimes in our sleep we leave it behind. Then we take a mental journey and we cross rivers without a bridge, we swim minus water, fish without a hook, and dive without getting wet.

But so far our body is cited as a house; it is like a man going to build a new house in this world when the old one is about wrecked. The Christian has in prospect a new house called "mansion"--Jno. 14:2. We know something about a literal mansion; it is made for ease, comfort, and pleasure--likewise the invisible building is understood by that which is made-Rom. 1:20;--this is why we should be concerned about the Church--we are a part of it, when we help the Church, we help ourselves.

We talk about the "true-blue" disciple. This word means something and teaches a lesson. The sky is always blue--often out of sight but does not change her color. If you want to color a garment blue, you hardly think of adding a little red--if you did, it would not be **true-blue**. Truth cannot be improved by adding error. Spots may attract the eye, but they spoil the color.

If the Lord has given me a garment to wear and told me how to keep it clean, why should I experiment with something that is unclean. A white-wash and a wash-white may look alike to the uncircumcised, but they are different. 2 Cor. 1:19, 20.

THE BOOK OF MEMORY

Man is formed so that he carries in memory the thing he has done. He can place his hat on his head and his money in his purse, but his mind will register without any effort. He lays off his hat and spends his money, but the contents of memory he can't rub-out.

This being true how nice it is to turn to the index of memory and find the page where our good deeds are recorded. I don't like to stop and visit with the disagreeable things which are wrapped up in my intellectual powers, but my good works, like pleasant companions, are always welcome. Disagreeable recollections-like our money--can never follow us to the "promised land." They are eliminated here, if we are faithful to Him who has redeemed us. Rev. 2:10.

LIFE'S REQUIREMENTS

No man can make the food he eats, or grow the garments he wears. He has all the ingredients but cannot compound them. Sun, water, soil, seed and sunshine are the elements; while the trees, the plants and the animals are the living forms, are the food and garment factories of the world. Gold, silver, diamonds and precious stones, won't feed the hungry or clothe the naked because they are not life. But the more abundant LIFE is found in Christ. Jno. 10:10.

SHADOW AND IMAGE

The Law a shadow of good things to come and not the very image-Heb. 10:1. Under the Law the sacrifice was the shadow of Christ. A shadow shows merely the outline--nothing in it, a blank book, while the image is a revelation. The shadow of a man would not reveal him as white or black; his coat would show green or gray; but place him before the mirror where you get the image and all is changed--here his features show; his dress, even the color of his eyes and hair come to light--this is reflexion, or coming back.

The animal sacrifice pictured the punishment, the blood, the death and the atonement of Christ, but told nothing of his character or His nature, or His work--these invisible, intangible, indestructible parts of his super-human composition which are unchanging and changeless and could not be rubbed-out by death.

While here, His mortal nature served as a mirror to reflect that which was immortal. He was the brightness of the Father's glory and the express image of His person-Heb. 1:3. With his humanity as a background, He revealed the righteousness of God to the world-Rom. 1:17. He said of himself, "I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright and morning star"-Rev. 22:16. His humanity from the house of David was crucified, but His glory like the morning star did not die. The sun does not quit shining when it sets in the West, but makes the moon and stars to shine until it comes again. Likewise the Church is the light of Christ in the world; it shines for Him till He comes again--the Church lights up the moral universe.

ROUND

The world and what it teaches-Rom. 1:20. In a world like ours--which is round, all movements, natural, mechanical or otherwise, must be circular. These tell the story of life and death--when this circle is finished there is nothing more for man to do.

Here, day follows night, seasons come & go, the stars shine then disappear, the wild fowl go north in Springtime, but comes again later; the robin leaves in Sept., but comes again in May; the water freezes, but

nature makes it thaw again--these all make the circuit.

People go to Church, go to school, and go to town, but return again; boys can't play ball minus the circle; the ball is round, the bat is round and the score is round; the ball leaves the pitcher and comes back; it goes to the field and returns, the batter runs, runs around the diamond, the game closes and the big crowd goes home, and everybody has written a circle.

One hand on face of the watch goes round in 12 hours; the minute hand moves 12 times as fast while the second-hand has made 720 revolutions in the same period, each complete circuit saying "it is finished." The earth travels around the sun, the moon travels around the earth, the shadow runs around the tree and the globe rotates on its axis. Every planet has its orbit, some years, some months in making the journey. The seed goes in the soil and comes again; water goes up and then falls while Christ came here and went back home, and man goes back to dust from whence he came--Eccl. 12:7; while the soul goes to a world where cycles are not known!

GOD AND LOVE

God is love, and love fills the atmosphere, of that invisible Empire. Love was first in Heaven, then traveled to the earth, and is the master passion of the human heart. We are so formed that we can't see without light, believe without testimony, or love without an object. No man, no woman, no husband, no wife, no mother, no child. This is the way Love came to earth. With the spirit of love God captivates the human heart, enriches the human soul, enlarges the human vision and promotes the Divine glory. The Lord said, "it is not good that the man should be alone." This called for a companion. Flowers, trees, birds, beast and man, have their affinity. The greatest thrill comes from wedded association by which human hearts are mated, matched and multiplied.

CONSISTENCY-MAN CAN DISCERN BEAUTY

A flock of fowls, all of them white, brown, buff or bronze, are more attractive than a mixed breed. A garb, with hat, coat, scarf, gloves and shoes, the same color are most appealing, while if we make a Christian profession our thoughts, words, deeds and manners and character should harmonize!

"It is better to let people wonder why you didn't talk than why you did!!"

NUMBERS 6:24-26

A wish to all who take time to read!!

MAN'S DEFORMITY AND RESTORATION

Reason, wisdom and understanding are all out of balance--sin is responsible; man is a fallen creature; he was upright but side-tracked by Satan--this was planned before creation, that God might be known in redemption. Jehovah knows how to correct His likeness in us. We must be transformed, stamped with the Divine image, renewed by the Word. It was neglect of the Word that placed man in the red--it requires the Word to restore us. Man was made for society, but all his associates are like himself, unbalanced. Moral deformity is everywhere. In physical creation darkness was first, but God turned it into light--thus light was made from darkness by Divine illumination.

Darkness is always here, but not visible when the light is on. This is

true in morals--Adam & Eve were naked, but did not know it until the light of conscience was turned on then their eyes were opened.

Darkness enables us to see the stars, without deformity we could not discern beauty. Night & day are symbols of moral darkness & light, guilt & innocence, Satan & Christ. Minus sin there could be no regeneration. Christ being sinless, He could not be born again; but man's defective nature requires it. As the soil quickens the life in the seed, likewise the work of Christ when applied restores our fallen nature.

THE DIVINE EXCHANGE

A red light which saved the train from a death plunge, was worth a million dollars to the crew; while the wealth of the world could not buy a night's lodging in the City of God.

Looking thru the Divine telescope neither commoner, cavalier or congressman have any value without Christ. A Chesterfield or Camel might prove a brilliant success at a golden wedding anniversary; but a genuine novice more so at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

We are prone to trifle with values; there is no real profit in material wealth; passing possessions are not made to satisfy: Gain the world and lose the soul, is a poor investment. Character is the capital stock, Heaven the safety vault & Divine living the undivided profits in the Empire of Faith.

The man who would choose a pint of corn before a pint of diamonds, would be styled "a fool"; but in five years, with favorable conditions, the corn would produce enough wealth to purchase every diamond in the world, with a surplus sufficient to build Solomon's Temple, & pay the national debt.

The value of an object can be measured in two ways: first, by what it requires to obtain it; second, by what you can get in exchange for it!

GROWING OLD

Many people frown at old age. To be aged and "growing old" are different propositions. A man of 60 may look to be 40; he is not growing old, yet his age is 60. A picture may hang on the wall 100 yrs. with no change. Age should not be reckoned by days gone by, but years to come. We cannot cheat time, but a healthy mind and body are a better index to age than passing events. A half century gone is no token of death because one-fourth of our race die before the age of 5--they do not die of old age. The ratio of death from birth to 20 is greater than the two decades from 50 to 70. Don't get frightened because the sun goes down. If a man had nothing to fight but time, he is good for a thousand years. Personally, we may increase or shorten our "lifetime." Food, climate, sleep, rest and recreation along with joy, gladness, mirth and cheerfulness add to longevity; while lust, appetite, exposure, hatred, malice and melancholly, cheat the body, cloud the vision and harass the soul. Usage often carries the "finger-prints" of age; a book on the shelf is not worn or torn, and a violin gets better with age. If a man could hibernate for 10 years, he would be as good at starting as when he stopped. 120 months would be added to the calendar, but nothing to his life; because he had escaped the wear & tear of personal responsibility, human anxiety and business activity and emergencies.

MIND OF GOD

We get the mind of God by reading the Bible, not the newspaper. See Abraham & Sodom - Gen. 18:18; Jere. 18:7; 21:10; Luke 21:20.

Have you read this Scripture yet? Do you wish this for others?

CHURCH CORRUPTION

A carpenter once said he could build a good house if he had good lumber. The Lord's house is properly built, but poor material.

The early Church had just begun when Ananias & wife were killed for lying; the Greeks complained of their neglected widows; at Corinth the church was full of preacher factions; Ephesus had left her first love; Pergamos taught the doctrine of Balaam; Thyatire allowed Jezebel to teach; Laodicea was luke-warm and Sardis was dead. What a mass of bankrupt humanity; yet this could all be straightened out by repentance and confession; the blood of Christ was sufficient to wash away the guilty, yet forgiveness is backward and not forward. There was no allowance for doing these things again--the same is true today. Man may get a license to hunt, fish, drive a car, or get married, but he can't obtain a license to do wrong. Satan works minus authority--his deeds are not valid, but he is headed for the bottomless pit.

MISCELLANEOUS

Why did God punish, bruise & forsake His Son on the cross, if man could be saved without it?

Christ's life contained nothing artificial.

Man commits a crime, he can't lay it down.

The check on the wall shows my passage paid.

God saw shed blood of Christ 4,000 years before a fact.

Communion, or Lord's Table, can't be done by proxy.

Satan's appeal had no effect because of Divine nature.

Can't strike a match minus friction.

All right to turn on gas, if road good and car headed in right direction--don't run in river.

God is a gainer by the crucifixion: if not, it is a poor investment. Pleasure of Lord shall prosper.

The cleansing stream runs from Gen. 3:15 to Rev. 1:5. To Him who washed us & cleansed us in His own blood.

LEGALITY

Some countries lepers are declared legally dead--his property divided.

Two men harpooned a whale in Columbia River contrary to law. Court declared-whale a mammal.

License must be applied for 3 days before issued in California, or marriage not legal.

Man becomes a Christian legally, ethically, heartily and practically--but not perfectly--Christ gives us His perfection--Phil. 3:9; Gal. 3:27. If Christ suffered for me, and he did; if He paid what was charged to me, and He has; then I should walk as He walked--Jno. 2:6. Walk honestly, walk worthy, walk circumspectly, walk in the light, walk by faith, walk in good works!!

SORROW & GLADNESS

The thorn pricks, the bee stings, the cloud darkens. No thorns-no roses; no bees-no honey; no clouds-no rain. We cannot always see the blessings which hide behind the wings of night. This is a vivid picture of

life: today is gladness, joy and myrth; tomorrow may be blazened with storm, lowering clouds and a sunless sky.

If no human race there would be no Saviour; no Saviour, no Church; no Church, no hope; no hope, no Heaven; no Heaven, no future reward and if no future reward, why are we given that mysterious faculty called HOPE?

RIGHT THINKING

Fear kills (weakens), courage stimulates. Optimism will kill pessimism, love will kill hatred, cheer will destroy melancholy; personally, out of fix mentally means lost energy; we need an antidote. The body is the bulletin-board of the mind. Outward records the inward; never go to sleep with picture of old age in the mind.

If we registered good thoughts only, during the sunshine of life we would be a moral failure--ease or pressure made no difference with Christ. We can do ourselves more harm than another can do us; a thief is his own worst enemy.

FIRST ADAM - SECOND ADAM

Adam the first lived 28 times as long as Adam, the second, but Christ left on record 457 times as many words as the first man.

Christ's recorded words are 38,422.

Adam's recorded words are 84.

Eve's recorded words are 60.

Numbers 6:24-26

HUMAN CHURCH NO GOOD

A human church is no place to educate the soul, build character or qualify for Heaven. If one belongs to the N. T. Church, why should he fellowship another? If Christ has given me a garment to wear and told me how to keep it clean-1 Jno. 1:7, why should I experiment with something that is not clean? I can't add anything to a righteousness that is by faith-Phil. 3:9; because it is perfect--just as well try adding to a circle to make it round--we are complete in Him-Co. 2:10. A 100 per cent righteousness belongs to a disciple while he is faithful-2 Cor. 5:7. A perfect righteousness is imputed to him because perfect sinfulness was imputed to Christ on the cross-I Pet. 2:24; not Christ's good life but his death that made the atonement. It is not a man's good life, but his live faith that works by love after he is saved. Cornelius' life was good before he was saved, but his faith saved him and he continued to be both good and saved. Paul's life was bad, but his faith saved him and made him good also. We do good because we are saved and not to be "saved". We partake of the emblems because we are saved and not to be saved. We can't grow into salvation, but we can grow in good works--that is, we can increase.

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Priest in Heaven to be touched by our infirmities, we would have no anchor.-Heb. 6:19,20.

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MEMORY

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This being true, how elevating and delightful to turn to the index of memory, find the page where our good deeds are written; look them over, analyze their elements, and embalm their virtues.

We don't like to "ring-up" the bitter things of life, but our wholesome deeds like pleasant companions provoke a charm, a cheer and a chant. The poet says only remembered by that which we have done.

Memory is the complex lense of a living camera where active forms may be focused with the utmost precision.

Mankind lives mostly in the past or future; the present is a moving picture--we remember the past, consider the present and anticipate the future.

The past is fixed, the present wavering and the future inviting--this last effects our energies, and cultivates patience and hope. We have more satisfaction thinking on things that are fixed--they spell security, peace, relaxation and rest. We worry about the movements of the cloud, but we know the sky is always blue--we need spend no time to argue this; we can use this period for rest or apply it in some other way.

ADAM & EVE

Adam lived 930 yrs. but never went to school, opened a book or carried a purse. He saw no one but his own relatives. He never tasted sugar, drank coffee, wrote a letter or saw a piece of money. He named all the animals, but he never saw a mouse trap, a neck-tie, a rainbow or a pair of rubber boots.

Eve knew something about a garden, but she never saw a wash-tub, a clothes-line, or a bar of soap. She never swept the floor, opened the door, or went to the store. She never saw a tooth brush, a hair pin or a doll-baby. She never painted her face, curled her hair or chewed gum. She was the first woman, mother, nurse, bride, companion, and partner.

TIME VERSUS OPPORTUNITY

Time differs from opportunity--coming & going, and always here. Opportunity can't be manipulated, either past or future, but always present.

One man may have more money, land or friends than another, but he can't have anymore TIME. While time goes by, age comes to stay--we can grow wiser, but we can't grow younger. When we check the month from the calendar on the wall, there has been added 30 days to our earthly sojourn, but we never throw aside the garment of age until we enter the grave!

SCIENCE OF THINKING

Young woman of 20 deserted by her lover became insane. She watched for 50 years and looked no older at 70. No gray hairs or

wrinkles. In her mind and environment she had not changed--she thought she was young and looked it.

Patients often go to sleep before chloroform is administered--"think so".

People often refuse hotel No. 13; opera troupe refuse to land on 13th of month. Doctor gives button at theater--told, "don't swallow it."

From his mind the sculptor makes the image the pater blossoms in the mind; the apple is first in the blossom. A well known law that action increases force. Right thinking will produce youthful cells in the brain, and youthful appearance in the person.

MAN'S REAL VALUE

We are too apt to measure man by his dress, his gentility, education or his bank account. A man might fail in having a good home, he might live in a poor town, or a poor country. He might be short on learning, deficient in health and a novice in business, but a good name is a personal asset in reach of all--better be a business failure than a moral bankrupt.

Abraham was prominent in three departments of human activity. A man of wealth, Father of the faithful, and a friend of God.

The two former titles may never be ours, but the latter is in reach of all.

MISCELLANEOUS

Wilful sin is when we act by choice--decision is not always choice--what we will is not what we always want. Going to war--giving daughter in marriage, etc.

CHRIST AND NATURE

Christ had no natural progeny; His blood existence ended at the cross. Our relation to Him is not by blood, as the Son of David, but by faith as the Son of God; not sense but spirit, not human but Divine. Thus there could be no new relation until the old had ceased--the death of the old line, then the beginning of the new. The corn of wheat must first fall and die--Jno. 12:24.

HAPPINESS. He who devises his plans with sole reference to himself, will find them continually thwarted by that Omnipotent and invisible agency which is overruling all things upon principles, at variance with those which he has adopted. Each wheel of the watch helps every other wheel, or there can be no correct time. No wheel can act independently.

GROWTH

We are made to grow. The body soon reaches its limit, the intellect does not. If we live a hundred years we may still learn; the school of life is too short, we cannot exhaust the Divine principle in us while here. Death will cancel all earthly obligations and responsibilities, but there remains an unchanging future--a day of accounts we cannot escape!

The Solar Sun is impartial; touches everything alike--the rose and the thistle, the dove and the hawk, the lamb and the lion, the saint and the sinner.

CLEANLINESS is next to **Godliness**--that is **moral cleanliness**--but it is not Godliness. Praise and condemnation are both needful in Christianity.

STORMY SCENES ARE NECESSARY

The soul needs pain to move, sorrow to soften, and beauty to cheer; also temptation, hardship and trial to strengthen.

The earth becomes arid, the atmosphere stale and the sea becomes stagnant minus the wind and the waves. Without disappointment we cannot place a true estimate on the good things of life. Without the picture of weeping and gnashing of teeth Heaven wouldn't look nearly so charming!

Numbers 6:24-26

BIBLE EPIGRAMS

The Church of Christ is a monarchy & in a sense a Democracy.

Human righteousness is like filthy rags; Divine purity is a garment of white. Matt. 28:18
Rev. 19:18

Redeemed man is an heir and not a purchaser of his salvation. Rom. 6:23
Death conquers the strongest and best of men; Christ has conquered death. I Tim. 1:10

We have first the tree; last the branch before getting the fruit. Jno. 15:5
Spiritual obligations never cease, they follow us into the future state.

Rev. 22:11
Birth-right is a title conferred by birth; no one can take it by force.

Gen. 25:33
Saying is not always doing because a score of things may get in the way.

Matt. 21:28
Laban possessed cunning, but was dishonest in selling his own offspring.

Gen. 29:13
An obedient heart ratifies a good conscience and insures a happy life.

Jno. 13:17
Light goes every way, clouds go with the wind; these are emblems of uncertainty. Jno. 8:12

Feed the blaze or the fire will go out; activity insures moral advancement. Heb. 10:25

Judas sold an innocent man, condemned himself & became his own executioner. Mat. 27:5

David was a hero when he killed Goliath, but a fool when he murdered Uriah. 2 Sam. 11:5

God challenged the Devil-he accepted and was badly beaten. Job 42:12
It is often so--the wiser the man, the greater the blunder. I Kings 11:1

A sales-lady may become a valuable asset to the Christian community. Acts 16:15

Moses died at age 120--Peter saw him 1500 yrs. later, but he was still 120. Matt. 17:4

Why Seth's age given & not Cains? God measures time by Christ's ancestors. Gen. 5:8

Absalom excelled all Israel in beauty, but his death & burial were a disgrace. 2 Sam. 18:17

Dinah--daughter of Jacob--followed other girls and was defiled by a heathen. Gen. 34:2

The rainbow tells 3 facts: 7 original colors, earth is round & no more flood. Gen. 9:15

God planned the campaign for taking Jericho, but man was forced to work it out. Josh. 6:2

To engage in the affairs of life differs from being entangled in them. 2 Tim. 2:4

Don't be alarmed at difficulties because strength is born of struggle. 2 Tim. 4:7

Profession and practice should coincide; a gold watch may be a poor

time-keeper.	Acts 5:2
All converts are not dependable; can't make a good garment from poor material.	Acts 8:18
The Gospel is first known, before preached, Time comes & goes for everybody. God is no respecter of persons.	Acts 10:34
A giver must first be a receiver.	Matt. 10:8
As the flower distills its own fragrance, Christ is the heart and life of the Gospel.	Jno. 1:4
The eye and not the muscle hits the ball. Faith and not works saves us.	Eph. 2:9
To defend the law we punish the criminal. God punished Christ to defend his own honor.	Rom. 15:3

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CHRISTIAN VIRTUES

When we walk the Christian pathway, neither fire, famine, flood or finance can challenge our journey; this marks the way to the more "abundant life"-Jno. 10:10. This is the purest, richest, sweetest, and safest condition known and cherished in the midst of a sin-seared, pain-palsied, death-doomed habitation. It begets humility and not pride; love not hatred; peace not war. Its polar star is faith and not sense; hope and not sight; eternity and not time!!

Numbers 6:24-26

ISAAC & REBEKAH - CHRIST & THE CHURCH

Gen. 24-Eliezer, Abrams servant, is sent to select a wife for Isaac. He leaves with a caravan of 10 camels. They reach the city of their destination at the hour when the women of the city go after their supply of water. Eliezer has prayed for a token in choosing the bride. He now waits. Rebekah comes forth & fills her pitcher-the servant requests a drink. **Note closely what follows.** The damsel does not hesitate, doubt or ask any questions; but **instantly, graciously, frankly, gladly, & freely** accedes. This is splendid; the style of the act is more than the substance. How about our actions? Col. 3:23-nothing artificial. Rebekah does not stop here-goes farther & volunteers to draw water for 10 camels; this is some **service** indeed, & all without any knowledge whatever, of any benefit that might follow-such conduct is an **index** to the **heart**. Here is a lesson of **generosity, patience, energy, activity & unshaken fidelity**. This kind of spirit is like a flower that blooms & a star that sparkles; (the man held his peace-vs. 21); he was **dumb-founded**. Such conduct was

peculiar. Society might learn something from a "shut-in". The servant now gave the damsel **costly gifts**, inquires her name & in regard to lodging at her father's house. Rebekah, in her frank cheerful way, gave him the utmost assurance there was ample room and ready reception for the strangers-Heb. 13:2. She now hastens home to tell her story. The travelers remain over night. Eliezer's mission is so urgent that he refuses to act before his **errand is made known**. Rebekah declares her readiness to go; she mounts the camel, bids adieu to home & kindred, and starts for the **land of promise**. She becomes the wife of **Isaac**, the mother of **Jacob**, the grand-mother of Joseph, and a prominent link in the ancestry of **Christ**. In death **Isaac & Rebekah** were laid side-by-side in the family plot in the Land of Canaan, purchased by Abram at the death of Sarah-Gen. 49:30.

Abram makes marriage for Isaac	Gen. 24:4
God makes a marriage for Christ	Mat. 22:1
Isaac named before born	Gen. 17:10
Christ named before born	Luke 1:31
Espoused in Chaldee-marriage in Canaan	Gen. 24:67
Espoused in world-married in Heaven	Rev. 19:7
Isaac heirs Abrams estate	Gen. 27:36
Christ heirs God's estate	Heb. 1:2
Rebekah goes to Isaac	Gen. 24:61
Church goes to Christ	Matt. 25:1
Isaac goes to meet Rebekah	Gen. 24:63
Christ comes to meet the Church	Jno. 14:3
Rebekah was veiled	Gen. 24:65
Church was veiled	Rev. 19:8

TWO BEGINNINGS

There are but two beginnings by which duration is measured-the creation of Adam and birth of Christ--both are miracles, and if these monumental markings are incorrect then Eden is a myth, Bethlehem a mirage, Adam a joke, Christ a fraud, life a dream and death a phantom.

These historic mile-stones were set by Divine wisdom and so organized & related, that after forty centuries they fit together with the utmost accuracy.

The length of this age is 4,000 yrs.; is known as B.C. and unites the two Adams-the first & the second-I Cor. 15:45. The number of years between them is found, by tracing the descent of Christ thru the age of each ancestor; these are revealed, marked and mated with Divine perfection & proficiency.

The other age is boldly marked by the birth of Christ, is known as A.D. and the length of this period is found on the first page of every News Journal in Christendom. As God and man unite in Christ, these two **beginnings or dates do likewise** wherever the Bible is honored. By **citing his birth**-Christ forms the basis of every business transaction among us from the seal of a government bond to the date of a modern tax receipt.

All business, good or bad, glorifies God by citing the date of the Christian era.

THE SILENT GUEST

Christ is the silent guest in every Christian home; in sickness & in health; in sunshine & in shadow He remains the same; in the summer's gentle breeze or the winter's sailing on the bosom of the placid lake or wrapped in the arms of an angry tide He is there. Far yet near, absent yet present, silent yet speaks, invisible yet rules-no separation. Rom. 8:38,39.

ANGELS are known to see, hear, fly, stand, walk & talk; they are not known to cry, laugh, eat, sleep; get old, get sick, get tired, get mad, get sleepy, get blue, get thirsty or married.

NUMBERS

We all need and use numbers whether young or old, rich or poor, sick or well. No one can tell his age, weight, height or when he was born without using these little digits. The business of the world is all tied together by numbers. In business life, social affairs & domestic relations we begin each day with a new date taken from the calendar of time. The yard-stick, the scales or the clock would be a joke, without the universal code that says "2 and 2 make 4"; 12 inches make a foot; 12 eggs make a dozen & 20 things make a score. Numbers tell us how many dimes make a dollar, how many ounces make a pound and how many colors in the rainbow. You can't describe a normal man without saying he has 2 eyes, 2 ears, 2 hands, 2 feet & ten toes. It is 1,936 years since the birth of Christ, & 5,936 years since the birth of time. (Written in 1,936 A.D. by A.R. Moore) The age of anything having life or beginning is measured from its origin, yet no one could get an idea about it without numbers. When one is a year old, this is equal to 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days or 8,760 hours.

The science of numbers is a super-human philosophy while the art of numeration is universal & is linked with everything living or dead, mortal or immortal, past or future, visible or unseen--whether thought, word, or action. All that we think, say or do is composed of elements which may be reduced to a mathematical formula. The thought of the heart, the letter of the word, the wave of the hand, have one or more component parts. Each man's biography covers days, months and years; the distance he travels has its mile-stones; his height, weight and occupation calls for measurement, while his feet, fingers, bones & the hairs of his head are "all numbered". His garments contain yards, colors, buttons, seams and stitches, and they are old or new, plain or fancy, cheap or costly. Man is constantly breathing an atmosphere composed of oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen and carbon; he can also see, hear, smell, taste & feel, while his heart beats 70 times a minute, day & night. He eats food measured by ounces, drinks water composed of drops and consumes time at the rate of 24 hours per day, and 60 seconds per minute.

NUMBERS AND WHAT THEY MEAN

There are 10 units in the table of numbers; in business we can't add another or get by with less; yet the business man has greater need of these digits than he has of his hands. The total in any sum is always fixed & determined by the location of each figure and how divided. Not so with the yardstick, an inch is the same anywhere; and we must number to tell the length of the yardstick. Numbers are of Divine origin, hence a perfect code or system by which to work any problem; when properly placed they always tell the truth; numerals were created before man was made, hence could not be an invention. 3 and 4 have and always will make 7, both in this world and the world to come hereafter. A week has 7 days--a full number, and the first group of numbers extant. Every home, every office & every business has its 7 day calendar; it is the same group of numbers passed on to us after 59 centuries; while with every tick of the clock some thoughtless soul writes the date of the Christian Era as outlined on the modern calendar; he thus subscribes to the Bible account of creation whether he "believes it or not"; in this way God makes us take care of His business while taking care of our own. Nature also tells us something about creation and the number seven. A bird egg hatches in 2 weeks, a chick in 3 weeks, and a turkey in 4 weeks,

while a child is born at the end of 36 weeks, 9 lunar months or 252 days after conception--during this last period the moon has traveled 9 times around the earth. Human courts can change the ounce in a pound, inches in a foot, and dimes in a dollar, but they can't alter the 7 day week or 7 colors in the rainbow, like the law of gravitation they are unchanging and changeless.

STATE & STANDING. Clean every whit. God sees moral beauty because of what **He has made us, His workmanship.** Artist prides himself because of the **picture**, Edison & electric light. Musician is proud of her voice. Christ purchased our salvation--a perfect settlement makes a perfect conscience God saw shedding of Christ's blood 4,000 years before it was a fact!!

Numbers 6:24-26

THE WORD MADE FLESH

Washington--the father of George--planted cabbage seed in his garden and sent George later to see if it was up. It was coming thru the ground nicely so as to spell George Washington. Here was nature and art, the artist laid the seed, but nature made them grow. When God sent Gabriel to the Virgin and by words planted the seed to produce the Saviour, all needful on her part was belief.

"Be it unto me according to Thy WORD"--Luke 1:38. Christ enlivens the human heart or mind, and we are begotten--Jas. 1:18. Christ is the WORD made flesh and thus His activity for us until we are resurrected from the dead. In the vegetable the seed begets the plant; in the human the WORD begot the Saviour and in mankind the Christ begets the human. Christ is the WORD made flesh; in this He enlivens the human heart and it is begotten--I Pet. 1:3. When Christ's natural life ceased, His Spiritual life went on undisturbed into another state of activity for us. If Christ was not a real character, the written WORD would contain no life, no power, and could not reproduce; like the artificial flower, it could neither germinate, grow, or produce. The created WORD is The Word made flesh, which contains the Divine Life.

JUSTICE AND MERCY

Minus life there could be no death; likewise no justice, no mercy. Why did God formulate justice and mercy, if he had no use for them? These opposites are known everywhere, but one of them cannot take the place of the other except by Divine authority; we are saved by the mercy of God, yet justice cannot be abolished. God could not spare Christ and save the world. In redemption justice was given her full quota 100 percent, but charged to the guilty. This was an asset to man, but left Christ in the red; Christ was punished 100 percent. The just for the unjust--Rom. 4:25; 2 Cor. 5:21; I Pet. 3:18. In salvation God has eliminated justice by transferring it to the innocent, hence nothing but mercy remains for the guilty coupled with faith & obedience. Man can't understand this, it contradicts reason--but reason is warped & not dependable--moreover, it is God's plan and He is satisfied. It is not justice or works, but by His mercy He saves us--Titus 3:5. Christ's major object on earth was the "glory of God" by working out God's righteousness in person. God's love, power, wisdom, mercy, grace and goodness were set before the world as never before or since. This was **God's glory.** Jno. 17:4. Heaven loses nothing but gains in the death of God's Son. Christ is back where He was; God has been glorified; atonement has been made, salvation procured, and the Christian title secured by Christ's intercession in Heaven, and we are told the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand--Isa. 53:10.

-FAITH-FAITH-

As all American dollars are alike legally, Faith makes all disciples alike doctrinely and obedience is required of them morally. Both are 100 percent in paying a debt. Christ was punished 100 percent and Christ's suffering was 100 percent and Christ's intercession is now 100 percent debt. It could not be otherwise as God sees it.

We must exercise FAITH in this 100 per cent man. Minus Faith we cannot please God, whatsoever is not of Faith is sin, and faith comes by hearing, hearing the Word of God. We stand by faith, walk by faith, and live by faith. Rom. 11:20; 2 Cor. 5:7; Gal. 2:20.

Faith is the key that winds, the spring that moves, and the clock that keeps Divine time; FAITH is the eye that sees, the mind that plans, the hand that serves in time of need; FAITH is the morning star, the mid-day sun, and the invisible pass-port to another world.

THINK

Every evil to which I do not **succumb** is a **benefactor**. We **gain** the **strength** of the **temptation** we **resist**. Man is made to carry his act of wrong with him; he can't forget it or lay it down, but he can transfer it to Christ while here, otherwise he will carry it to judgement. If a man is lowered into a deep well by a small rope it is dangerous; a strong rope is safe. Christ's moral fibre is stronger than ours--He can resist temptation.

Floating a rumor is easier than sinking one!!!

THE DEVILS WORK

The Devil led Adam & Eve from the Garden of Eden, gave Cain license to kill his brother & so aggravated the human race they were lost in the flood-Gen. 7:23.

He told Noah to get drunk, Abram to lie about Sarah and Lot to pitch his tent toward Sodom-Gen. 13:12.

He prompted Esau to barter his birth-right, ran Jacob away from home and caused Laban to cheat his unfortunate son-in-law-Gen. 29:19. Satan sold Joseph into Egypt, told a woman to lie about his conduct and had him cast in the common prison-Gen. 39:20.

He told Aaron to make a golden calf, Balaam to curse Israel, and Pharaoh to refuse to let the children of Israel go. Exo. 7:14. He provoked Achan to steal a garment, Jephthah to make a rash vow and a heartless woman to kill her own guest-Judges 5:21. Satan made a date for Samson and Delilah, killed Hophni & Phineas in battle & slew Nadab and Abihu for offering strange fire-Lev. 10:2. He enticed David to take Uriah's wife, urged Solomon to marry strange women and commissioned Joab to kill Absalom while helpless in an oak tree-2 Sam. 18:14. He stoned Naboth to death, shot Ahab in the back and smothered Benhadad while sick & helpless-2 Kings 8:15.

Satan stirred Job's wife to a frenzy, tempted lot's wife to look back and tossed Ahab's wife from an upper window-2 Kings 9:33.

He cast Daniel into lions den; the Hebrew children into a fiery furnace and Paul & Silas into prison at Philippi-Acts 16:23. He told Peter to deny Christ, Herod to behead John the baptist, and Judas to go & hang himself-Matt. 27:5. He joined Ananias & Sapphira in a falsehood, united Pilate & Herod against Christ, and drowned 2,000 swine in the depths of the sea-Mk. 5:13.

The Devils help-meet is clearly pictured-Rev. 17:1-7. Her business, her name and her dress are all defined. The bride of Christ is revealed-Rev. 19:1-9; her business, her name and her dress are all written down.

GARDEN OF EDEN

The Garden of Eden was the first home; it was a palace of health; ornamental & delightful; supplied with water, food, air & sunshine; society, birds, trees & flowers. The first pair could stand or walk, laugh and talk; they were free to pluck the flowers, drink from the stream and eat the fruit of every tree-but one. They were given the greatest possible liberty consistent with pleasure. Man was so made that obedience insured happiness; otherwise sorrow would follow. The forbidden fruit was an aid to joy--not eating but refusing to eat. This tree reflected faith in God, Divine fellowship, perfect holiness, strength of character and continued happiness. These could not be known to Adam minus the tree. All lost or severed thru disobedience--the grace of God in vain, but they were offered it back thru the Seed of the woman!

ADAM & EVE - TEMPTATION

Temptation of Adam & Eve differed. Eve was **deceived**, Adam was **not**, yet both were guilty--sin in either case, a **violation of divine law** and drove them from the presence of God. Disobedience may result from deception or wilful violation or both be wrong. Satan displayed skill in his first official act; he corrupts the heart then offers the things of the world by which to lead it astray. No wonder he gets results. **He prepared the soil then sows the seed.** Christ had no **defective nature** hence the seed of sin found no lodgment there; Satan could not move Him. Make the tree good and the fruit will follow. Matt. 12:33. A pure heart is not inclined to evil but a corrupt heart is--he that is deceitful is afraid of being deceived. Deceit is Satans most useful weapon.

The **regenerate heart** is born of Him who was never **degenerate**--that is Christ. Jno. 1:13. In the Lord's temptation Satan's appeal had no effect because the **Divine nature** did not respond to **attraction**. He was **intact** and Satan left Him--Matt. 4:11. You can't strike a match on a cake of ice or convert a nickle into a dime; "resist the Devil and he will flee"--Jas. 4:7.

Satan was wise in fixing mans appetite on things of the world, then holding before him the very elements that charm his defective nature.

WORSHIP

A perfect settlement makes a perfect conscience. If I owe \$50.00 and pay \$40.00, I am conscious the debt is not paid. Going to worship & worshipping are different propositions. Anyone may go, but the regenerate alone may worship.

REPENTANCE - A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE

Repentance and forgiveness brings joy even between individuals, but gives no guarantee of future faithfulness. As often as one errs, or commits a wrong he should seek forgiveness which always has reference to the past, but cannot look to the future. You cannot regulate a society by the Word of God which has no Divine authority for existence.

CIVIL GOVERNMENT--deals with sin as it effects man only--God deals with it as effects himself. Transgression of Divine law shall receive a just recompense of reward even here. A government all mercy will not promote the happiness of society; Cains case filled the earth with violence and led to the slaughter of the ante-diluvians.

WRONG FORGIVEN

We can never undo a wrong; we can recompence the offended, but must

go to God for forgiveness because we have violated His likeness in us. If we love God, we admire His attributes.

All of us having the same passions, appetites, and power and faculties--the same means is set before us for our gratification; thus competition begins; covetousness is created and jealousy abounds, but Christ says self-denial.

If we vary in the least from the law of God, no limit being fixed we can go as far as we please.

PERSONAL POSSESSION

Most people consider their salvation of more value than the service they render; God does not see it that way--an honorable discharge is result of faithful service.

We need not expect Heaven to protect, provide, forgive and save if we walk hand in hand with the sons of darkness.

Character is our only absolute possession. We cannot sell it, hide it, or separate from it. My character may degenerate or improve, strengthen or weaken, brighten or blur, but can never be a property of another...I am the maker of it here; and it will be charged to my account hereafter.

MISCELLANEOUS

Virtue that stands simply because it has never been assailed, is to say the least not of the highest type. Unless man had been subject to trial it might have remained a question as to whether he obeyed from choice or mechanical necessity.

BOOK OF ESTHER

Esther, a Jewish damsel, became wife of a Persian king. Neither the king or Haman, his deputy, knew her nationality. Mordecai the Jew, was servant at the kings gate, and there was enmity between the servant and deputy; this provoked the wrath of Haman who prevailed on the king to decree the destruction of all Jews. When Esther discovered the plot--which included herself, she appealed to the king; and while this challenged the craft, courage and cunning of an artful woman, it broke the spell which bound the captive Jew. "The law of Mede and Persians changed not"--hence the Jews sentence could not be repealed; but another was enacted to counteract the first by arming the Jews and placing salvation in their own hands.

Haman was executed and the seed of Abraham was spared. God's name is not in the book of Esther, but He was there. Jehovah had promised to curse the enemy of Abraham and He doesn't forget. Christ was in the loins of the Jew, and the Jew was in the hands of God who could protect His own in a foreign land and before the heathen court.

Haman sprang from Esau who sold his birthright; Mordacai came from Jacob who bought it.

God decreed in the beginning that man by disobedience should die. He has not and cannot, repeal that law, but through the seed of the woman he has cancelled the effects of disobedience-Rom. 5:19; & thus armed mankind with the means to deliver himself from the penalty of death.

Science proved that a certain man was not father of a certain child because it was not his BLOOD!

FALSE RELIGION

The way of Cain was wrong because of a wrong foundation. Superstructure could not stand. Ponder well where it begins and where it

ends.

JEWISH WORSHIP. God provided for mans needs-a sacrifice, a priest, and a place. God provided all; nothing left for mans fertile imagination. Neither priest or people could step in the right direction without God. True worshippers-Jno. 4:23.

The world may be attractive, but evanescent. If the heart is anchored to the world it is unsafe; the things above cannot be moved!

COMPARISONS

Christ went to death and judgment; that his followers might escape them.

Christ has taken the place judicially, which belonged to the world morally.

Animal sacrifice gave a clear record; blood of Christ gave a clear conscience.

Christ the innocent gave himself for the guilty; the guilty is now innocent and Christ pays the debt; God accepts the innocent in lieu of the guilty.

God reaps greater harvest from redemption than He could ever expect from creation.

When standing on the Divine platform; sins are covered in the night of Gods forgetfulness-Heb. 8:12.

If Christ was raised for our justification, there is no question as to our redemption-Rom. 7:24.

My substitutes: life was cancelled for my sin, and my sin is cancelled because of His death-2 Cor. 5:21.

We are identified with Christ in Heaven; because He was identified with us on the cross-I Pet. 2:24.

The offering must be sinless, then we can get 100 percent credit in Heaven-I Jno. 4:17.

The sins of the faithful are cancelled forever because Christ's earth life is gone forever.-Heb. 10:26.

The burnt offering shows the person dealt with; sin offering pictures sin being dealt with.

Burnt offering Christ declared his love to God; Sin offering Christ meeting the sinners need.

Free from sin before we can worship; nations can't trade till armistice is signaled.

Must have a title before I can approach God; must have a nature to enjoy God.

God is perfectly justified in forgiveness; because intrinsic worth of the sacrifice.

Jews hand on victim sin was gone; man accepts Christ by obedience, his sin gone.

Christ like the grain of corn must first die before reproduced-Jno. 12:24; grains of wheat are all alike-not in size but in nature. Life is first in the old grain, then the new stalk, then the ear, then the new ear. We have the Christ Life here, but get the body of the grain hereafter.

EVIL-APOSTACY-COMMUNICATIONS

Instead of occupying the high, holy & the happy ground of God, they descended to the practice of the Canaanite altho' they were in possession of the Oracles of God. How about the Church now? See Eve, Peter, Moses, Demas.

GRACE DIFFERS FROM LAW

Every transgression received a just recompense of reward.

Even-handed **justice** is **law** and not mercy. **Grace** is not **law** but mercy. If God was dealing according to the law, He would **kill** his **enemies**.

All blessings of earth were founded on a creature's **OBEDIENCE**.

CAUSE & EFFECT

The statesman sees the law only while the pious man sees the attributes of that being who connects cause and effect. Thus a knowledge of God makes us more devotional. Hence every fact that we see in the government of moral beings has a two-fold claim of connections and relations.

Man must know how he is related to his fellow-man, also his relation to God, before he can act intelligently-God holds us responsible for getting this knowledge. Illustration: A man is told to love his wife, also to love his neighbor, but he must **DISCRIMINATE**.

DROPS MEASURED IN 1935

There are 115 drops in one tablespoon; 30 tablespoons in a pint; 3,450 drops in one pint; 27,600 drops in one gallon. Avg. one gal. milk per cow per day for one year, & one cow would produce 10,074,000 drops milk in 365 days. It would thus require 99 $\frac{3}{10}$ cows to produce one billion drops of milk in one year. If a cow gives one gal. of milk per day for 365 days, this would make 1,460 qts., and if sold at 8c per qt., would equal \$116.80.

There were 5,100 deaths in K.C. in 1935. Avg. of one pint tears for each death would equal to 637.5 gallons tears in one year.

There were 5,700 births in the year of 1935...much happiness, yet there were no doubt some tears of happiness.

The value of tears is unknown to man, and will vary in different circumstances; yet the real value will be known to man when God shall wipe away all tears!!

(Note: With milk in 1975 at 65c per half gal., this value of \$116.80 would amount to \$474.50)

CHURCH & WORLD-like two rivers--you may float in either; but not in both at same time. There are shoals, rocks & ripples in both, but these do not change the course of the current. Fellowship with God in one; with Satan in the other.

LOVE

Love suffereth long	Patience
Love is king	Kindness
Love envieth not	Generosity
Love vaunteth not itself	Humility
Love behaveth itself	Courtesy
Love seeketh not her own	Unselfish
Love not easy provoked	Good temper
Love thinketh no evil	Guileless
Love rejoiceth in the truth	Consistent

Talent develops in solitude; character in the stream of life. Love not the world not because its all wrong, but because it passeth away. Real estate more durable than personal property. We are not to be judged alone for sins of commission, but sins of omission. **There can be no excess to love, knowledge or beauty, but Divine Life is a progress and not a station.**

TIME

Time is coming, passing and always here; it is measured by the daily and yearly movements of the globe on which we live. Time passes but cannot get away; it is caught & booked for future use or reference. With us time begins at birth and ends at death, but it was here before we were born and will remain after we are laid away. Birth & death of those who sleep are on the marble slab. If the earth stood still, gravitation would quit, time would cease, the clock become useless and the shadow could not move around the tree. While the Sun was shining there would be endless day, otherwise endless night. There are but two corner-stones from which all time is reckoned--the creation of Adam and the birth of Christ. These events are 4,000 years apart but tied together by a super-human philosophy so profound that the finite mind acts like a riddle.

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VICE AND VIRTUE

Vice must always pay a tax while virtue goes free. The **sharper** may fleece his victim, but he can't run away with the fleece; he will lose his standing, side-track his honor and weaken his power of self-resistance. The thief steals from himself & the man who winks at justice is on the wrong road "From him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath--Matt. 13:12"--a proper use of wisdom & it will increase, otherwise it will slip away. This is a Divine principle which never fails. He who strives to improve his own fortune by robbing another will lose his prestige in the race of life. The highest price paid for a thing; is to defraud, steal, or take it by force--this stunts manhood, kills pride, mocks virtue and makes one little in their own eyes.

Give & take, is the balance sheet of personal responsibility. Give, and it shall be given to another Divine precept. Even a tree must sacrifice energy to produce fruit, while the first of humanity who ever lived, lost their power of moral serenity by ignoring the only rule of absolute safety. If I fail giving what rightly belongs to another, toll will be taken at the proper time. It is impossible to get something for nothing; shrewdness in a trade is not a mark of true wisdom; man may cheat himself while cheating other--there is a third silent partner in every business transaction whether we see Him or not--we are in debt to God and if we sacrifice honor which is His property, we have increased our debt to Him with compound interest and He is a sure collector.

CONTRAST

A handsome face may harbor a wicked soul; a gold watch may be a poor timekeeper; a beautiful cottage may be the home of a villain. He that hath my commandments and keepeth them; he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, & I will love him and will manifest myself to him.

Abraham was blessed in order that he might be a blessing to others--the same to us today.-Gen. 12:2.

PASSOVER - SEALED

Must keep it-the place-hour-day, and manner of treating. Place stated 3 times in Deut. 16. All present for same purpose, **fellowship and communion**. Illustration: Meet friend at Post Office. 3 times the Lord repeats, not to emphasize truth, but impress a **faulty memory**. The printer re-inks his type at intervals. **Reason** says keep feast at home. This is not salvation: either for the Hebrews or the Church. If I deposit \$100.00 in the bank for 20 years it remains mine until I draw it out. If I die while it's there, it goes to another.

Abraham - Rom. 4:11 We are sealed-Eph. 1:13. Sealed until the day of redemption-Eph. 4:30.

MEDITATION

Picture a babe in mother's arms; a dimple in its chin, a smile on its lips, and sunshine in its heart. See him later as he toddles from place to place; again on his way to school; then as he graduates and takes his place in the business world. He marries, rears a family, and becomes active in domestic, social and civil life; decades pass & age comes on; the morning of youth yields to the passing of time, while the vigor of young man-hood is wrapped in the Mantle of declining years-life make way for death amid the clamor of a busy world. The crepe on the door, the hearse on the way, the silence at the grave, the little mound, the marble slab & the life is written.

The babe, the child, the youth, the man, the father & the aged; form the same historic chain of helpless babyhood; innocent childhood wavering boyhood; polished manhood, anxious fatherhood and sedate old age.

JUSTICE VERSUS MERCY

Justice and Mercy are the prime factors in Divine Government. These began with the first pair. In justice to God Adam must die; by the mercy of God he lives again--thus two conditions of life are insured from the beginning. Without Justice there could be no mercy; without truth no error, without right no wrong, without life no death. In the traffic way, remove the red light and the green has no meaning. If death was penalty for every sin, the race would soon perish. Thus Justice & Mercy walk hand in hand. Justice exacts a tariff for violated law, while mercy paroles the victim & gives him another chance. The brake on the car is just as needful as the spark and the plug. God in Justice to himself could not grant mercy to the first Adam except he withhold it from the second Adam--should He do so justice would be cheated.

He could not save Adam & spare Christ: this being true mans salvation depends on the atonement (or crucifixion) of Christ. God withheld mercy from the innocent that he might extend it to the **guilty**. Christs trial led to capital punishment, no penalty is greater than **death**; yet this obligation must be paid. God could lawfully pay the debt as long as no one else was harmed by so doing. Illustration: A man owes the merchant \$20.00, but can't pay. The merchant agrees to cancel the debt provided the debtor secures him twenty new customers--he does so and the merchant is much better off by paying the debt of another. God was the **gainer** by sacrificing his own Son. He gets more than He gives--if not

it is a poor investment. Nature gives in order to receive the fruit of a tree-which is both consumer & producer. The farmer gives seed & service that he may receive something greater.

ON THE LORDS SIDE-AGGRESSIVE

Pushing forward in the right direction. On the Lords side means faithfulness to Jehovah, because of what Levites did they never lost prominence **with God**. They proved their faith by refusing the fellowship **their kin**-when wrong. They refused to see their parents, acknowledged their brethren or know their own children.-Deut. 33:9. True service does not consist in great activity, but in profound subjection to the Divine will-which is faithfulness. From this time no sacrifice was accepted but by way of a Levite. All know relationship between master & servant. A true servant wants to know his master's will. All right to turn on gas if road good & car in right direction-wrong if headed into the river. Jonah, Absalom, Balaam, Saul, **will broken**.

Christ would not budge in the temptation, but was aggressive to walk the sea to his disciples, quality of service; or travel to Bethany to console Martha & Mary on Lord's side-is **broader** than those who for temperance, for helping needy, prayer, going to Church, etc. All are covered.

THE MIND

The mind is a veritable picture gallery of super-human complexity; here countless objects are **focused** and held for future **use**. By mental impulse these hidden **figures** come to **view** & we see them instantly, by the artful adjustment of the **invisible eye**-tho' far away, we see them "face to face".

The science (philosophy) of numbers is the hand-book of magic memory. With the little child **notation** comes first. No business can prosper without the science (**philosophy**) of **numbers** & the art of **reckoning**. State your **age**, **height**, **weight** & **heart-beats** apart from **numbers**. A head of wheat is made of **grains**, words are made of **letters**, a book must have **pages**, & a week must have **days**. **Stars** on the flag, **letters** of the alphabet, & **colors** in the rainbow would be useless without **numbers**. Here is a school of knowledge where every man becomes his own teacher, his own pupil & his own test-book.

MENTAL PHILOSOPHY

Mankind is a super-natural combination of mental & moral philosophy. He is made for society but can absorb a world of happiness when left alone. Place him in a dungeon or sick room & he may still run with the multitude. We live mostly in the past or future, the present is merely a passing picture. An adult with a trained mind has a mental store-house always in reach. Our intellectual powers may be a constant source of happy reminiscence. I can think, choose & plan; I can frame my own ideas, criticise my own faults, reconstruct my own character & build my own air-castles all by myself. I can take a mental journey whenever I please in any direction day or night. While engaged in this journey no one knows where I am, how I feel or what I do; while neither fire, famine or flood can stand in the way. While walking this intangible pathway I can cross a river without a bridge, climb a mountain without a guide, and hike the desert minus a trail. On this kind of trip I can see without eyes, hear without ears & walk without feet; I can fish minus a hook, swim without water & dive without getting wet.

Man may do much to **enrich** his mind, **enlarge** his vision & **improve** his intellectual powers; tho' divorced from his fellow society; give him **food & protection** and he can entertain **himself**; in fact a fertile brain needs **isolation**. A wag may get in a trap but give time to a **genius**, & he will **invent a way out**. A prisoner can build air-castles, tear them down & build again. He can imagine himself **good or bad, rich or poor, pleased or plagued**, & get a real picture of human nature. Tho' alone the **trained intellect** can turn to the **index of memory** I find an intangible abstract of **infinite value**. He can **combine & analyze, amplify & minimize, group & specialize** with the utmost pleasure and profit.

CHARACTERISTICS OF DOGS CANINE SAGACITY

The dog stands by the gate, runs after the cows, reclines at the door, romps with the children & heeds his master's voice. He whines when he is sad, bites when he is mad, howls when he is bad & barks when he is glad. He runs errands, jumps the fence, frightens prowlers, growls at strangers & guards the home.

The dog pricks up his ears, wags his tail, licks his paw, drinks with his tongue, & scratches his back. Dogs have saved people from fire, water, cold, hunger, bandits & wild beasts--he can see, smell, hear, bark, swim, dive, dig & carry a load--his equipment is a part of himself. Whistle & your dog comes, scold him & he will sneak away, whip him & he begs, pat his back & he will look grateful, give him a bone & he is happy. But dogs, like men, have their faults; they dig in the flowers, scratch at the door, bark thru the window, jump on the bed, climb on your lap, soil your clothes, fight the cats, kiss the babies & carry the rabies. They have a cold nose, on 3 legs turn around to lay down, bark at moon, give left paw, no pores-sweat tongue.

SKEPTIC AGAINST MIRACLES

The skeptic to oppose miracles says the laws of nature changes-not, that our senses deceive us. The skeptic applies his senses to discern the law of nature; we ought with all fairness be allowed the same application of sense to decide their suspension. Sense is no better in one case than the other. Again, what assurance have we that the laws of nature never change. Two kinds of miracles. physical & mental, healing & Prophecy.

SALVATION

The Church is called to set the Saviour of mankind before the world. We are called to study the teaching, the living & dying of our Lord; also his burial, resurrection & ascension. We as disciples cannot show Christ's perfection in our walk, but we can teach the unsearchable riches of Christ by telling others what he has said and done to save us.

The Lord's death was the **procuring cause** of our salvation while his intercessory work is the **securing cause**--He died to **atone**, He lives to **intercede**. He both **obtains & retains** our salvation.

Suppose I labor to procure money, then transfer to the bank to secure it; this in no way effects the title. Again, heart service alone counts with God; if man's thinker runs counter with his actor, everything he does is artificial fruit--looks nice, but has no real flavor.

CHRIST DIFFERS FROM ALL OTHERS

Christ already girded	Matt. 22:23,30
C. forsees coming events	Luke 21:20
C. love changes not	Luke 23:34
C. always post of duty	1 Cor. 10:13
C. all means at His disposal	Matt. 28:18
C. knows our infirmities	Heb. 4:15
C. consults no man	Matt. 22:19
C. never sleeps	Rev. 21:25
C. never afraid	Jno. 11:8
C. never grows old	1'eb. 13:8
C. never changes plans	Mark 16:16
C. makes no mistakes	Luke 22:10
C. knows what is in man	Jno. 4:16; 2:25
C. makes no charges	Jno. 10:28
C. no respecter of person	Luke 14:26
C. can't improve	Heb. 5:9
C. power not weakened	Heb. 13:8
C. intercession doesn't fluctuate	Heb. 7:25
C. made wine from water	Jno. 2:9
C. walked on the sea	Jno. 6:19

ANCIENT ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH

God would bind the heart of ancient Israel to himself with meetings fixed by Divine appointment & ordered daily, weekly, monthly & yearly; also the 3rd, 7th & 50th year events. The lamb, the Sabbath, the new-moon, the Passover, the Release, the Land-Rest & Jubilee--this all meant Divine & human cooperation.

The Church is short now on duty & Christian fellowship. Tares have been sown, conscience seared & hearts hardened. The Devil's cunning is more dangerous than his power; the thief can hide his gun & walk in the bank when he can't break in; yet Satanic diplomacy is no match for super-human agency. See Paul-Silas at Philippi. Peter was given the keys of the Kingdom & disciples work in the Church, but the Devil drives thru the red light, carries a red flag & has license to work anywhere.

THE SUN

The sun is 5,935 years old (written in 1,935), but continues to shine at the same rate, shows no infirmities & will doubtless continue until the Divine driver shuts down the engine & turns off the gas.

Take away the Sun & the earth won't turn, the moon won't shine & the stars won't sparkle. Remove the sun & birds won't fly, sing; dogs can't bark & bees will quit making honey: light will disappear, hens won't lay, water will quit running, rain can't form & the atmosphere will lose its virtue.

Sun makes the cherry red, the plum blue, the olive green, the orange yellow, the peach pink, the linen white & the cloud black. Sun lifts the vapor that forms the rain, warms the earth that mothers the plants; charges the air that makes the light & forces every living form to make its own shadow. It walks thru the window, falls on the rug, runs across the floor, climbs on the bed & creeps up the wall. Should you draw the blind it will stand on the window sill wide awake, until nature sends it to bed; but early the next morning you will find in on the other side of the house trying to get in. It renovates, stimulates, penetrates, saturates.

ASTRONOMY

You can't tell result of an election one day in advance, but you can tell when & what an eclipse will be 100 years in advance, before it comes. God saw & foretold the shedding of Christ's blood 4,000 years before it was history. Thus it was a **truth** 4,000 years before it was a **fact**.

You cannot explain the planetary system to an untutored mind. The diameter of the earth is 8,000 & of the sun 865,000 miles. Some stars born & die before their light reaches the earth. It is 240,000 miles to the moon. 93,000,000 miles to sun. There are 31,556,926 seconds in 360 days. Traveling a mile a minute it would require 180 years to reach the sun! (Written in 1,936 by A. R. Moore)

WORKS AND LIFE

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord for He hath clothed with the garments of salvation. He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness. Our works stop here, but our life goes on. Every kind of fruit tree carries in its fruit its own life, which goes on indefinitely, while the fruit remains here. Note: Gospel fruit in the heart of man; fruit or works is no part of the life. When man transmits his natural life to his offspring, it has nothing to do with works. God has given man spiritual life which is eternal, but He has not given him spiritual works which are not eternal.

SLEEP VERSUS DEATH

Sleep is an emblem of death. All sleep, all die. We may be conscious or sub-conscious during sleep-the same in death. We often leave the body while sleeping; the same is true in death. We visit others while dreaming, we go to others after dying. We dream while sleeping & sleep while dreaming. In dreamland we discern neither day or night, winter or summer, springtime or harvest. We may leave the body sick & helpless in a dingy room & find ourselves basking in the sunshine of a fairy palace, and so far as nature is concerned, we can see without eyes, hear without ears, walk without feet, & talk without tongue. We are like celestial beings & while their method of locomotion is not known, angels make their transmit & exit regardless of cold or heat, adversity or gravity, sunshine or shadow-Dan. 9:23. Angels make history, but make no money.

FACULTIES OF MAN

UNCONSCIOUS of guilt is no evidence of innocence. If we have disobeyed conscience at any time-like the watch with a broken wheel-it will not tell the correct time or one may not know their obligations to God or their fellow-man-I Cor. 4:13.

FACULTIES are given man making him capable of moral improvement & thus advance. He may advance or retrograde according to his own volition--this is his own act & makes him responsible. **HABIT**-either virtuous or vicious, becomes almost fixed even in this state of changes. This condition of moral certainty teaches us the lesson that in the future state our condition of joy or sorrow will be unchangeable, & it is fixed by ourselves while here. This is a strong reason why we should be right.

INTELLECTUAL powers are two-fold. To discover to us our different relations, & in what manner our obligations are to be

discharged. Conscience unstained by guilt will approve or condemn an action. Theodore Robbins of N.Y. who stole \$400 could not sleep or rest--gave himself up to K.C. police. His first offence.

How could we know what is in our hearts if God had not shown us his heart by what **He wants us to do**. We learn this in the "waiting period". No need to tell angels **not to steal**. Artificial flowers look nice, but have no **perfume** or no life.

LETTER FOR THE BEREAVED

It is with sorrow & regret that I learn concerning the death of your loved & loving companion. 10 & 20 years have come & gone since you began your happy walk in wedded life. You will be sad & lonely for a while--a long earthly sojourn with a faithful companion is not soon forgotten. Domestic fidelity is a flower that blooms, a star that sparkles & a fire that never goes out. Time will soften your sorrow & silence your tears & quietness, our sobs; but it cannot banish your dreams. There is no calamity so great as death; lost friends may be restored; a lost fortune may be repaired; & lost health may come again--but in death there is no return. In this world we have pain to stir, sorrow to soften & beauty to charm--but in the glad tomorrow these are gone forever. If no night no day; no thorns no roses; no clouds no rain; but the rainbow is after the storm and not before; and while this is a world of sunshine & shadow, in that better country the stormy side of life is gone forever. Here Christ is the silent guest in every Christian life & with Him standing by we can sing the song "A home where changes never come!"

MISCELLANEOUS

God will get even with His enemies. Pharaoh, who decreed the male Hebrew children should die, was compelled to rear one of those same children in his own home. The only way to conquer an enemy is to convert him into a friend. Subdue is not to conquer.

Numbers 6:24-26

RADIUM

Radium costs \$5,000 per gram (1,936); it communicates its properties & diminishes, decomposes so slowly that a gram would last 25,000 years. A gram of radium is sufficient to destroy the life of every man, woman & child in the city of Paris, if applied separately to each--The atonement made by Christ is sufficient to save every person in the world. Christ is what gives us our charm in sight of Heaven. Sunshine makes the cherry red, the olive green, the plum blue, the peach pink, the orange yellow, the linen white & the cloud black.

Christ makes all look alike in the Divine mirror if we are faithful. Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or leopard his spots? Jere. 13:23. Prov. 14:12; Prov. 16:25.

CHINESE & MISSIONARY

Bible a mirror. A missionary to China read 1st chapter of Romans--after service a Chinaman remarked it is unfair for a man to write down all their sins in a book, then read them in public. These lessons are written for our learning, not our criticisms. If Bible lessons are faulty, how could they be used for **correction**--2 Tim. 3:16.

God or Christ wrote but 3 times; 10 commands in all at Babylon &

on the ground.

Cleansing stream runs from Gen. 3:15 to Rev. 1:5; "Unto Him who washed us and cleansed us in His own blood."

DIVINE GOVERNMENT

From Egypt to Canaan Israel must leave alone Edomites, Ammonites, & Moabites, but Sihon king of Amorites & Og king of Bashan, engage in battle. Divine Government destroyed the antediluvians & buried them; destroyed Sodom & Gomorrah-burned them & other cities because they gave themselves over to strange flesh-Jude 1:7. Seven nations of Canaan; men, women & children given into the hands of Israel to destroy. Adam from the garden, David's sin forgiven & Moses kept from Canaan, all show grace & Divine Government.

VINE & BRANCHES-The **vine** gives life to the **branch**, and the **branch** gives fruit to the **vine**.

"A **lie** can travel around the world and back again, while the **truth** is lacing up its boots."

SORROW PRECEEDS JOY

Jacob grieved for Joseph, later rejoiced-Gen. 45:28. Disciples sorrowed for Christ, believed not for joy-Jno. 20:20. Martha & Mary grieved, but glad when Lazarus was raised-Jno 11:44. Hannah was sorrowful glad when Samuel was born-2 Sam. 2:1. Widows son dead, restored on way to the grave-Luke 7:13. Jacob's sorrow in leaving Canaan. His partial mother, his father & beloved wife rested there. Jacob prayed & offered sacrifice at Berrsheba before leaving.

CIVIL GOVERNMENT

When engaged in war combatants have a right to kill except prisoners & non-combatants. God in justice to himself may apply the second death except man surrenders.

Company & Agent: Company will fill all contracts while agent follows company instruction.

Increase in number of servants does not increase Gospel power. Gravitation is not lessened by increasing objects on the earth; coffee is not increased by doubling the amount of water, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS

Here lies the remains of Benjamin Franklin, printer: like the covering of an old book with the contents torn out & obliterated-but it will appear again in a new form, revised & corrected by its author. Appearing at Corner 5th & Arch Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

It nothing to oppose right-living there would no effort be required. If no effort there could be no advancement. The engineer could let go the throttle. The watchman go to sleep.

EVERYONE knows it wrong to steal or kill, but no one could recognize it wrong in failing to observe to keep the Sabbath or to refuse unclean beasts. Keeping the Sabbath-Exo. 22, is grounded on creation-Deut. 5, on redemption.

CHRIST NOT LIABLE TO DEATH

He was never sick; not to see corruption; could call angels; born of a Divine seed; power to lay down; contracted no sin; sting of sin not in Him.

CHRIST'S CHARACTER IS OURS BY FAITH

Christ did God's will perfectly on earth: this made him equal with God-Phil. 2:6,7; His public life began at 30-he was condemned by the chief priests for heresy; sentenced by Pilate for saying he was a king; then He was crucified, arose & ascended to Heaven. Christ's character was perfect because in keeping with his Father's will-Heb. 10:7. When "**born again**" we put on this righteous character-Gal. 3:27; Phil. 3:9. **Our Lord** was on the cross 360 minutes; He then & there paid my debt in full by giving a 100 percent suffering, that I might have his 100 percent righteousness-thus I am no longer in the **RED**-in **this** we can see the **virtue in the loaf & the cup**. Character is not weighed in the Divine scale until we are regenerate-human service alone is full of holes. Isa. 64:6. Salvation is one thing but service is something else-Isa. 61:10. If I am in Christ, it means a new creature-2 Cor. 5:17. Christ is then between me and my sins, also between me & my Maker--when he looks at me he sees my substitute and "passes-over"-1 Cor. 5:7. He gives me what Christ paid for--this is called **GRACE**-Eph. 2:8. If my robe gets soiled I must wash it-Rev. 7:14; Eph. 5:27; then it is just as clean as tho' never soiled-I Jno. 1:7.

THE THRONE OF GRACE

The throne of Grace is heart of the Church over which Christ reigns as prophet, priest, & king. As a king He rules his people on earth; as a priest He pardons their sins in Heaven at a throne of grace. After we become servants of righteousness we continue in a body liable to sin & death--a child of God is not servant of the Devil; yet his defective nature will lead to sin; but it comes not from the heart, but it is sin & must be pardoned--hence the throne of Grace-Heb. 4:16. We can't wash without water or be renewed without grace--both are gifts-Eph. 2:8. We can neither buy, bargain or barter at a throne of grace.

On the cross Christ paid our past, present & future moral obligations. Our credit is good at Heaven's bank, because Jesus paid it all & all to Him we owe! When baptized, each disciple has a deposit in the bank of Heaven & this firm is always solvent, however large the debt-Matt. 18:24-27.

God does not measure our perfection by our imperfect walk on earth, but by our perfect standing at a throne of grace in Heaven-Heb. 4:16; where sins are washed away in the night of God's forgetfulness-Heb. 8:12.

OUR SELF DENIAL - LUKE 9:23

Every great virtue carries the stamp of **self denial**, & if we were otherwise formed the chief glory of our present being would pass away, & there would be nothing in human action to charm our nature; quicken our spirits or engage our reverence. Our greatest admiration responds to the conduct of those who sacrifice for others. The pages of history fairly sparkle as we read of the dying devotion of him who gave His life for the flag of his country. Who do we consider as the star of domestic life, but

that patient untiring mother who toils, plans & struggles in order that her children may be prosperous & happy; not only this, but memory delights to dwell in the realm of the Christian martyr--watch him endure the loss of friends, also the frowns of the world that Christ might have the pre-eminence. When are we drawn the more forcibly into the life of our Lord, but in the hour of crucifixion--the darkest hour of His life. This awakens most our sympathy, enlarges our vision & sets our hearts aglow--while amid the silence of friends, rebuke of critics & scorn of the world He goes bravely forward to meet a death which brought infamy to His name, hatred to his cause and suffering to his disciples--thus the Church is called to celebrate His crucifixion each Lord's Day, or 52 times each year--Acts 20:7.

DIVINE FELLOWSHIP

Divine fellowship is keeping step with both nature & grace--the birds give music; the flowers give fragrance; the trees give fruit & the clouds give rain; these are God's agents for making us happy & no one can be happy without them. God has given His Son & Christ hath given His life for the Church, & in this way we fellowship each other--I Jno. 1:7. A Divine supply does not grow less because given away--Luke 6:38; Phil. 4:19. Note what Christ can do with 5 loaves & 2 small fishes. Had the 5,000 waited for a lunch prepared by man, it would have required some real waiting, beside the bill of \$1,500 at 30c each. God is no failure & He doesn't ask the world to pay His bills.

Numbers 6:24-26

THE BEST GARMENT--REV. 19:8; ROM. 13:14

Heaven's standard of righteousness has been passed to us in the person of Christ. His mind was that of the Father, but His words were dressed in human language. His disciples saw the mind of Christ in His walk & read the mind of Christ in His talk, & thus it was recorded. Christ declared God's wisdom, revealed God's power & obeyed God's law perfectly. He paid man's moral obligation by death, finished His work here & returned to Heaven. God has approved it all by exalting Him.--I Tim. 3:16. Christ's Church must be dressed in His righteousness or she is unfit for Heaven. He was made sin for us that we might be dressed in His sinlessness--called fine linen clean & white--Rev. 19:8 This is the best garment because of its happy composition & style. Moth won't eat it, fire can't burn it, time don't fade it, & it is always in style. Matt. 22:11; Phil. 3:9. We are clothed in this when we obey Christ in baptism. Gal. 3:27. We must wash & keep our garment clean--Eph. 5:26--this is done at a throne of grace--Heb. 4:16. This garment does not represent our imperfect walk on earth, but our perfect standing above where grace has done its work. Are we ready? Rev. 19:7.

SALVATION THRU CHRIST - ACTS 4:12

Man's imperfect physical, mental & moral constitution is passed on to us from Adam. Rom. 5:12. God's object is to restore the faithful--Eph. 1:10, and place them back where Satan found them. This is to be done thru Christ & the Church. Adam was the figure, Christ is the Author of our salvation. Heb. 5:9; I Cor. 15:54. Christ had no sin in the heart, in the flesh, in the speech, or in the life. He was 100 percent perfect anywhere & everywhere; in heaven & on earth. Being sinless he was exempt from

death, except as He died for others; no other person had a life to give; all others must die for themselves. The seed which formed the body of our Lord was incorruptible; thus we look for, expect & find an incorruptible body. Acts 2:31. This body was liable to hunger, thirst, fatigue & pain but none of these could take the life of our Lord--his death must be violent; without the shedding of blood no remission; so say the loaf and the cup every Lord's Day. Christ's death covered a period of six hours of suffering in order that God might be satisfied with the payment. Isa. 53:11. After the resurrection, Christ took his incorruptible body to Heaven; we get our incorruptible body at the general resurrection. I Cor. 15:54. Then our restoration will be complete.

LIFE AND ITS USEFULNESS

That super-human agency called "life" is not made of parts--it is not a plan, a system, or a growth; yet more powerful than gravity itself. It is supernal & eternal--not one of our human faculties can register when life is gone. A dead man like a dead clock can neither tick, strike or keep time. Every living object named in Genesis, would have but little value when deprived of energy.

It is life that makes food, shelter & raiment--it makes the plant grow, the bird sing, & the flower bloom.

Man is the only creature whose life goes on when the body fails. Life has lost nothing when the body dies; but death has lost everything when life moves out. Man is formed for a state where death is unknown; where life and joy sing one glad anthem & love unfettered holds universal sway. Our Lord cites a union of life & death in Himself which is many times more than marvelous; read & study it--Jno. 12:24. Like Christ--we have a destiny and our future offers us more than our present. Matt. 6:20; Matt. 13:12; Rev. 19:7.

DIVINE ADJUSTMENTS--I JNO. 1:6-10

I Jno. 1:6 shows a man's thoughts about himself may be wholly wrong & that an unbalanced scale can't weigh correctly. Verse 7 says a Christian is insured fellowship thru the blood of Christ which washes away our imperfections. V. 8 says reformation fails to restore fallen nature--that the root grows after the tree is condemned. V. 9 tells how God is both faithful & just; He can't release the debtor until the tax is paid. V. 10 states the well known truth that a forgiven man is not exempt from error; that when black looks white the moral vision is warped & the balance will show on the wrong side of the ledger. This shows man's reason is unbalanced and must be adjusted to the Divine scale which is always right & never fluctuates--Heb. 13:8.

The word IF is not found in the 139th Psalm--the longest chapter in Holy writ!

Revelations 22:14

CHRIST IN YOU THE HOPE OF GLORY--COL. 1:27

While the Church worships as a body we should also honor Christ personally. We should talk of Him, think of Him & believe in Him - while we long, hope, look & pray for His coming--this is trusting Him. In this way we can render Divine homage when alone. These are mental acts, prompted by the Spirit of Christ dwelling within us, & He is never

absent. Rom. 8:9. Even if we have the **form of godliness**, Jehovah calls for the heart. Prov. 23:26; Matt. 5:8. **Lip service alone** is like sewing a white garment with a black thread--it don't look well.

Jesus, the world's greatest child, was laid in a manger at birth. He was crowded out of the Inn. Luke 2:7. The world continues the same practice with the Lord today altho' He impresses us with a life, a spirit & a principle which this world can neither give or take away--He is absent yet present, silent yet speaks, invisible yet rules, tho' His first experience on earth was in a manger. How edifying, enabling & uplifting is His presence--time spent with Him is never lost--don't crowd Him out. Believe on Him, honor Him & obey Him, and all will be well. Matt. 6:33.

LOVES MAGIC TOUCH-JNO. 3:16

Love is that invisible, intangible, indefinable something that quickens the heart & anchors the soul. Love cannot be measured by a yard-stick, regulated by statute or transferred by certified check. It is neither a complex, a compact or a comedy. Love is not admiration. I admire Solomon for his wisdom, Samson for his strength, & Absalom for his beauty, but I have no reason to love either of them.

God loves all men, but hates their wicked works. Christ died to save the human family--the just for the unjust that He might bring us unto God-I Pet. 3:18. Christ was chosen to pay our debt of sin 4,000 years before He was born.

The mother loves her child--the soldier loves his country, but then must separate; yet their love is unchanging & changeless. The hand that grips the pen in New Guinea can plant a kiss on his mother's lips in Kansas City, 7,000 miles away. How strange! Love will travel to its destination tho' the heart that sent it remains stationary. God's love came in the person of Jesus Christ. Jno. 3:16. The sun ray finds its way to earth. Love laughs at difficulties.

This is called salvation, redemption, & sanctification--God's love opens the gateway to Heaven. Will we go in? Christ has been absent from earth 1,911 years (written in 1,945 A.D.), but no older now than the day He left. Luke 24:50,51.

Love is like a star that sparkles, a flower that blooms, & a fire that never goes out. His love opens the gateway to the **home** of health & the palace of plenty, where sickness & sorrow, pain & death are felt & feared **no more**. Christ is in the land where they **never grow old**. Our Lord knows nothing of political divisions, State lines or Continental boundaries.

DOING THE LORD'S WILL-I JNO. 2:17

Doing the will of the Lord makes us happy, both here & hereafter. Jno. 13:17. Adam was a loser. Even now the hasty word; the harsh look; or the loose tongue may be traced to the hiss of the serpent. Gen. 3:4; but when the heart coincides with God's will, good fruit will follow--there is nothing spurious. Moses look condemned him & Peter's walk betrayed him--Exo. 2:12 & Matt. 26:58.

Whatsoever you do let it be done heartily--Col. 2:23. The style of an act is more precious than the substance--not the gift but the cheerful giver is commended. 2 Cor. 9:7--the Lord is watching the heart--Prov. 4:23. One look from the Lord sent Peter from the room & caused him to weep bitterly--wrong doing makes us unhappy.

The prodigal was glad to come home & the father was glad to have him come. The son made the father happy & the father made the son happy--Heaven rejoiced also, because both father & son did the Lord's

will. It was not merely rejoicing on earth but rejoicing in Heaven-Luke 15:7. Christ by doing God's will perfectly on earth has sanctified the Church-Heb. 10:10. Personally we are sanctified & saved by our faithfulness. Christ was the only person who ever did God's will perfectly on earth-He did not drink the cup of suffering because He wanted to, but because it was the Father's Will. Matt. 25:42; Heb. 10:7. If Christ failed to do God's will the world is lost. God must refuse Christ's petition in order to save the fallen race. Matt. 27:46; Rom. 3:25,26.

Psalms 1:1-3

WHEN ASSURANCE BECOMES INSURANCE

Noah, Daniel, & Job (Ezek. 14:14-20) were neither **scholars, warriors, kings, or statesmen**--but men of extraordinary **faith**--in case of extreme **wickedness** when God would **penalize the nation**, such men as these **three** would escape because of their **piety**--in other words their **good behavior** would be **legal tender** at a throne of grace. Heb. 4:16. This is cheerful news to the **faithful** of every **age**. The nation may be punished, but **personal piety** will be **recognized, remembered & rewarded**. Look briefly at Noah--he built the ark, **saved himself & all the family**. We came from a **son of Noah**--likewise two of **Christ's ancestors** **crossed the flood** by way of the ark. Neither the **reader** or the **writer** of these **lines** could have ever **lived** minus Noah & the ark--Paul speaks of Noah 2,344 yrs. after the flood. Heb. 11:7.

If **God's plan** from the **beginning** had been **wrecked** by the **flood**, the world would be **minus a saviour**. But God has no **wrecks!!** He knows the **end** from the **beginning & provides** for it. Acts 15:18. **Everything is safe** with **God--even our Salvation**. Acts 4:12. Study Daniel & Job in the same manner. Exo. 14:14.

CHRIST & HIS COMING BRIDE-REV. 19:7

Christ is the only person who ever had a debt charged to His account before he was born. Rev. 13:8. He lived here 30 yrs. before He was baptized, anointed & began paying the moral obligation of the world. His first official act was to conquer the Devil or "Bruise The Serpent's head." Matt. 4:1-11; Gen. 3:15.

Thru the work of Satan, Christ was crucified but was resurrected & went home to Heaven after having finished His work here. Jno. 17:4. All faithful members of Christ's Church comprise His prospective bride. They are espoused to Christ now. 2 Cor. 11:2; & will marry Him later **if faithful**--they are now on trial. Matt. 25:21. Courtship is transient, marriage is final--The Church is waiting for her absent Lord--Behold the Bridegroom cometh. Matt. 25:6. Then we are told how the Bride is dressed; how they were all glad & rejoiced because everyone was happy. Christ has paid the debt & now waits to marry the debtor. Rev. 19:7. So say the **loaf & the cup**. A marriage license grants one the privilege to marry--The marriage certificate says they are now married. This picture never changes. Watch for His coming!!

FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

Faith, hope & charity form the sacred trinity which generates Christian activity, & moves us onward toward that invisible Empire. These three are tied together like the wheels of a watch & binds us to Heaven & charity is the sanctified melody of the human heart. Faith

moved Abraham to another country where he might become a great nation. Hope is ever forward & never back--it scatters the clouds, cheers the heart, and anchors the soul. Heb. 6:19. This invisible, intangible, indefinable something we call hope is gone forever when soul & body are divorced by death! Charity spells "Love Universal". This binds us to God; binds us to Christ & binds us to our fellowman morally. Lawfully speaking, civil society feed the hungry; clothes the naked & shelters the poor--this is good, commendable & advisable, but when the Church gives, it does all this & more--it sends a message of love, sympathy, prayer & good-will which money can't buy--these charm the heart, cheer the life & comfort the soul--they add also 100 percent to the material gift thus charity never fails, but goes on to Heaven. I Cor. 13:8; Eph. 3:21.

THE LORD'S SUPER-HUMAN NATURE - JNO. 1:14

Christ had no carnal nature--no sin in Him tho' born of a human mother. Mary, like other mothers, had sin in her nature but it was not working because the human father was left out.

God can generate a child without sin in its nature, but man cannot do so. Job 14:4. God prepared a body for His Son & left sin out. Heb. 10:5. In eating, drinking, sleeping, suffering, etc. Christ was like other men--the things named are not harmful but will tempt the innocent. Leaving sin out of our Lord's nature partly qualified Him to resist the most powerful enemy--which He did & has shown it to the world. Matt. 4:1-11. Christ had no desire to sin & this is half the battle even with a disciple. When we breathe the atmosphere of a pure Church, it helps to make & keep us pure. I Tim. 5:22. Christ's inner man, in a sense, was crucified before he was born. God knew that Christ could & would defeat the Devil before He was born--He was made for that purpose and the Ruler of the world makes no mistakes. Satan is filled with apprehension, but God never is. Acts 15:18.

TRUTH THE MOST USEFUL WORD OF THE BIBLE

By His walk on earth Christ has written Divine truth for the whole world. He advertised God's motive; displayed God's love, & revealed God's image. Heb. 1:3. He did God's will, paid man's debt, finished God's work & returned to Heaven. Jno. 17:4.

The sky is always blue & never changes its color, whether we see it or not. Truth is the same yesterday, today & forever; clouds may cover the sky for a time, but they can't change its color; truth may be hidden by falsehood, but it shines the brighter on coming to light.

Truth will stand the test on the mountain or in the sea; on the earth or in the sky. The truth that Adam would die for disobedience was 930 years before it came to pass. Gen. 2:17; Gen. 5:5. The written Word & the living Word are identical in the revelation of truth--both are unchanging & changeless, undying & deathless.

God sent His own Son to this world not only to save the world, but to show mankind what truth in the person of a man might show by his activity. Christ never changed a plan, retraced a step, revoked an order or revised a thought. His Divine life flowed on without a break, a curve or a ripple. He had nothing to repent of because He never did anything wrong. He says "'I am the Way, the Truth, & the Life.'" Jno. 14:6.

BEAUTY AND UTILITY

Beauty & Utility--may combine in all the affairs of life. A garment

may be attractive as well as useful, while a lovely face may combine a lovely character--on the other hand a gold watch may be a poor timekeeper, a furnace minus a fire is useless, and lamp without oil can give no light.

In the domain of morals Christ combined these two elements. His love for man was as broad as the universe, high as the Heavens, and deep as the sea; His living, loving, lasting character was all **utilized** for us; His eager, ardent, fervent spirit exemplified His **zeal** while His energies, powers, & faculties were wholly consumed for the **glory of God, and Salvation of man**. From the time He met Satan in the wilderness--Matt. 4:1-11, until He parted from His disciples at Bethany. Luke 24:50. His life fairly **sparkles** for the good of others. The world may behold His beauty, but His Church alone can utilize His life on earth, and His glory in Heaven. Eph. 3:21; Rev. 19:7-9.

NOT IN THE RED IF FAITHFUL

Moses looked, and when he saw no one he killed the Egyptian. Exo. 2:12. This looking was the result of human influence--who is free from it? We stand, we walk; we dress, we talk to please others. After He was baptized and anointed, Jesus never moved his lips, turned his hand or shook his head to elicit the praise or escape the censure of others; He had no fear of results, because his conduct was always in keeping with the Divine will. Heb. 10:7. James & John were selfish, Thomas doubted; Peter blundered & Paul repented, but the Lord Jesus did neither..He never *changed a plan; revoked an order, or revised a thought*; His Divine life flowed on without a break, a curve or a ripple--He had nothing to repent of--He always followed the Divine outline.

The mistakes of Moses & others may be pardoned thru the work of Christ who himself was perfect. He has balanced the book for every faithful disciple, we are no longer in the **red**. He did the Father's will perfectly under the most trying circumstances & this so pleased God that He gives us Salvation when we **honor Christ** by obedience. Heb. 5:9.

DOES HEAVEN FORGET EARTH IN REDEMPTION?

Does the absent parent in Heaven know when the lost child on earth has been restored? The parent being a part of two homes would rejoice the more. Luke 15:7, who could Joy more than a mother in such case? Heaven is home of the soul. Luke 20:36. Angels are divine teachers from Heaven to make us sane & happy. Heb. 1:14. In this way the two homes become a unit in redemption. The eye of faith is not closed to that sainted mother as she looks backward across the salient river. Luke 16:22-23.

Faith is a super-human endowment; by it we see heaven from earth and vice-versa. Faith has no equal in the realm of ethics. Faith can climb the mountain, kiss the stars, raise the dead & open the door of Heaven! What more do we want than what is given? Angels are named among reapers at the last day. Matt. 13:38-39.

Numbers 6:24-26

THE CUP OF SUFFERING (Matt. 26:39; Mark 10:38)

Christ prayed that if **possible** this cup of **suffering** might **pass** from Him. The word **possible** implies that **Jesus** was ready to go **all the way**.

impossible.

God's plan from the beginning included the Lord's suffering. 360 minutes on the Roman cross was charged to God's only begotten Son, 4,000 years before He was born and was fulfilled in its time and place. Gal. 4:4. God could not cancel Christ's work in the Divine plan and make His books to balance. Rev. 20:12. There must be consistency with Jehovah. The Father and the Son are a unit in redemption, there is no contradiction in Holy writ whatsoever. Jno. 17:21,22. God's church is His witness on earth has no parallel in history; that He is the beloved of the Father and without shedding of blood there can be no redemption. Heb. 9:22. This serves also as a prelude to Divine wisdom wherein God gives the Just for the unjust that He might bring us unto God. I Pet. 3:18. Christ's death became the SURETY for the millions who accepted Him before He was born, after His death, and during His earthly sojourn. Isa. 28:16--the next CUP OF SUFFERING step was a risen Lord. Rom. 1:4; Jno. 12:24.

THE WISDOM OF GOD - I COR. 1:27-31

Man may think it folly--that God should condemn, punish & crucify His only begotten Son for the Sin of others. 2 Cor. 5:21; but what became of it all? God has built a better house from the death of His Son--I Tim. 3:15, than He could ever build from the life of the best member of Adam's race because of the poor material--even faithful Abraham was defective. The farmer loses nothing if the grain of corn dies when planted, and he receives nothing if it fails to die. Jno. 12:24.

God alone could prepare a body, build a character, and sketch a life with sufficient checks and balances to quicken the heart, raise the dead, cancel sin and save the soul. Heaven has lost nothing in the death of Christ; but like the grain of corn multiplied His usefulness. Christ has paid man's debt of sin; established the Church, or built the Lord's house--Psa. 127:1; defeated the Devil. Matt. 4:3-11; returned to Heaven and is now in the presence of God for us. Heb. 9:24. God knows His own business. I Cor. 1:19

ALL COMPARED

If thou be the Son of God	Matt. 4:3
If blind lead the blind	Matt. 15:14
If salt hath lost its savor	Matt. 5:13
If ye love them that love you	Matt. 5:46
If you forgive not trespass	Matt. 6:15
If thine eye be single, the	Matt. 6:23
If the good man of the house	Matt. 24:43
If ye know these things	Jno. 13:17
If the Son shall make you free	Jno. 8:36
If I bear witness of myself	Jno. 5:31
If you continue in my words	Jno. 8:31
If you be Christs then are you	Gal. 3:29
If you be children, then heirs	Rom. 8:17
If we receive the witness of men	I Jno. 5:9
If we neglect so great salv.	Heb. 2:3
If our earthly house of this T.	2 Cor. 5:1
If we confess our sins He is F.	I Jno. 1:9
If any man be in Christ J.	2 Cor. 5:17
If he gain the whole world	Matt. 16:26
If any man will come after Me	Matt. 16:24

If it be possible let this cup pass	Matt. 26:39
If God be for us, who can be	Rom. 8:31
If there be any consolation in Christ	Phil. 2:1
If ye be risen with Christ seek those	Col. 3:1
If ye do these things - shall never fall	2 Pet. 1:10
If ye be reproached for the name of Christ	1 Pet. 4:14
If any man speak let him speak	1 Pet. 4:11
If any man suffer as a Christian	1 Pet. 4:16
If so ye have tasted the Lord is gracious	1 Pet. 2:3
If the righteous scarcely are saved	1 Pet. 4:18
If we say we have fellowship	1 Jno. 1:6
If we confess He is faithful	1 Jno. 1:9
If we say we have no sin	1 Jno. 1:8
If I do that which I would not	Rom. 7:20
If we live after the flesh	Rom. 8:13
If it be possible, live peaceably	Rom. 12:18
If any man teach otherwise	1 Tim. 6:3
If we say we've not sinned	1 Jno. 1:10
If any man offend not in word	Jas. 3:2
If any man seem to be religious	Jas. 1:26

Psalms 1:1-3
 Rev. 2:10
 Rev. 22:14
 Jno. 14:6

SPIDER AND THE FLY

Why should the Church fellowship the card table, the movie show, and the private dance, along with other delusive traps and trappings? These captivate the heart, dazzle the eye, and deaden the soul!

Will you walk into my parlor said the spider to the fly; tis the sweetest little waiting room that ever you did spy. The way into my parlor is up a winding stair and I have many, many useful things to show & charm you while we're there. Oh no, no, says the little fly--to court me is in vain, for who goes up your winding stair will not come down again!! MORAL-be not deceived. Gal. 6:7-10.

WHAT MEN ARE MADE OF

A normal babe has two hands, two feet, ten fingers & ten toes; and he will have no more of these accessories if he lives a hundred years. The babe is innocent, helpless, ruthless & toothless. He will have no more of these accessories if he lives a hundred years. The babe is minus wisdom, piety, reason & sobriety, but he can eat, drink, laugh & wail. There are many things a babe can or cannot do, yet in this little bundle of clay is a hidden germ sufficient to build a castle or rule an empire.

This world has more than two billion population, each of them began as a babe; the prince and the pirate, the bishop and the butler, the banker and the doctor have all been members of the cradle roll!! George Washington, Benedict Arnold, Enoch & Methuselah were also babes before they were men; yet Adam & Eve were never born, but they were made and given dominion. Gen. 1:27-28. The greatest man whoever was born was wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. He lived 33 years on earth, then returned to his home in Heaven where He now is. Christ, when grown, could weep like a babe, plead like a child & love like a mother. He could obey like a servant, dress like a peasant and charm like a prince. He could command like a general, condemn like a

judge, and die like a criminal. Christ wept more than once, but was never known to smile.

THE ROBE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

This is the Best Garment. It hides our guilt-Isa. 61:10. We are dressed in Christ's perfection-Phil. 3:9. The gorgeous robes of Solomon in no way compare with the Rose of Sharon; Solomon ordered his own apparel--the Lord clothed the lilies; man tries to hide his sin, the Lord actually covers it--Rom. 4:17. When baptized into Christ we receive just what He paid for, a 100% righteousness-Gal. 3:27. No wonder we are comely in the eyes of the Lord!

This is the best garment because of its happy composition & usefulness. Moth won't eat it, fire won't burn it, time won't fade it, and it never wears out. Moreover, it is always in style. You can wear it in the office, wear it in the shop, wear it in the home, & wear it in the Church, and later at the wedding-Rev. 19:8. In either case you will have a clean conscience, a clean life, & a clean dress. Rom. 13:14.

MORE LIKE THE MASTER

Emotions good or bad register in the mind or brain and affect us physically. Antidote: Optimism will kill pessimism, love will kill hatred--perfect love casteth out fear; a diseased mind will contract evil--out of fix means lost energy; force the mind to make a youthful appearance--the body is the bulletin board of the mental powers--the outer records the inner--when subconscious we don't fight back--while asleep wholesome thoughts should be working. From his mind the sculpture makes the image--the apple is always first in blossom. It is a well known law that action increases force--mental action helps nature's cells in forming--new thoughts develop new physical appearance. The more I follow the Divine will, the more I am like Him; the more my mind is bent in that direction; without sunshine, flowers won't bloom; friendly assistance makes the heart beat quicker, and this makes the body more active, sets it in motion. The first requirement of man was mental activity, but God told him what he should or should not do. Gen. 2:17; I Pet. 2:21.

MIRACLES PERFORMED ON CHRIST

Incarnation	Luke 1:31
Inauguration	Matt. 3:16
Transfiguration	Matt. 17:2
Crucifixion	Mark 15:25
Resurrection	Matt. 28:6
Ascension	Acts 1:9
Coronation	Acts 2:36

These 7 supernatural testimonies speak for the Divinity of Christ--read the context and study the lesson.

LOVE

Love remains youthful when the body is marked by time, yet this "mystic master" fails not to display her charms while the day fades and the night comes on.

The criminal is locked in jail--goes in & out at the will of his keeper,

but love laughs at prison bars, defies the guard, unlocks the door, and enters the cell.

Love feeds the poor, shelters the needy, & sits beside the cot when death is near; she does all this and more--she cheers the lonely, walks beside the weary and lingers with the broken heart in the "garden of tears."

Assemble every sunbeam of gladness, dewdrop of joy and flowers, music of sweet friendship, and you will find the undying principle of love behind them all--unending & endless, undying & deathless.

It requires mechanical power to lift the plane, or enable the iron horse to make the grade, but love alone can climb the mountain, conquer the clouds & kiss the stars.

When courage is challenged to wrestle a cold, fight a fever, or check the flue, love comes with her heart of flowers, cheerful words and alabaster box of sweet perfume.

Vengeance stands with a drawn sword, while hatred waits to hold an inquest when the deed is done; but love is ready with gentle touch outstretched arms & ready smile.

Love dies not when the body faints, but goes merrily on like the sunbeam when the cloud has passed, never quitting until her gentle voice she carries with warmth & gladness to those who are left behind, altho' she goes to her final rest.

THE MOUNTAIN HOME

I've told thee how sweet the roses are in my home beyond the sea; where the dark eyed maid with her sweet guitar sits under the orange tree; where the poppy blooms & the antelope roams & nature abides her time, entreat me not to go with thee, no near can thy home be mine. I have heard thee tell of a sky more blue and a sun more warm than this and I've sometimes thought if thy tale be true to dwell in that clime where bliss but, oh when I gaze on in tranquil not where the clematis boughs entwine the land of the stranger tempts me not, no near can thy home be mine.

But I will sing to thee if with me thou wilt roam the songs of the olden time--thou wilt never compare with my ardent love, the love of this colder clime--thou will scorn the fruit of thy mountain home where the clematis boughs entwine, oh come with me and we will go to a land more sweet than thine.

Alas, it is plain that my mountain home must ever be scorned by thee, and may I not fear that a time will come when thou will have scorn for me; but, oh there is one who loves me here whose voice if less sweet than thine, to my simple taste is far more dear; no near can thy home be mine.

GOD'S HOUSE AS A BUILDING -PSA. 127:1

When platinum became valuable a certain town dug most of her streets in search of the metal--one man is said to have burned his house to see what was under it; his neighbors thought this a joke, but he mined enough metal to build a better house and had \$4,000 left to prove his wisdom.

Man may think Jehovah unwise to condemn, punish, and crucify His own Son for the sin of others, but what came of it all? God could build a better house-Psa. 127:1; Heb. 3:6--from the death of His Son than He could ever build from the life of the best member of Adam's race because of the poor material--even faithful Abraham was defective. From the work of the cross God reaps His richest harvest. Except the corn of

wheat die it remains alone. Jno. 12:24. Christ was the **corn of wheat**. The farmer loses nothing when the grain of corn dies and receives nothing if it fails to die. The God of nature can force the grain to return 100 fold-but it must die first. This is not folly, but Divine wisdom. Jas. 3:17. Christ died for our sins & thus made them His own. I Cor. 15:3.

NUMBERS 6:24-26

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:"

"The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee."

"The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

I CORINTHIANS 15:58

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

TIME ALONE NEEDS A TIME TABLE

I can get along minus a dog, a cat or a radio, but I can't get by without time. Time spent 40 days and 40 nights with the flood, fed the Hebrews manna 40 years, and left Jonah with the whale 3 days and 3 nights. Moses was 90 days old when placed in the ark, 40 yrs. old when he killed the Egyptian, 80 yrs. old when he delivered his people, and 120 at his death. Abraham was 75 when he left Haran; 137 at the death of Sarah, and 175 when he departed this life.

Christ lived before time was recorded. He was 8 days old when circumcised, 12 yrs. old when He talked to the lawyers, 30 yrs. old when baptized, and 33 yrs. old when crucified and left the world some 40 days later. Our Lord has now been absent from earth 1,911 years (written in 1944), but no older now than the day He left.

All time is measured from Christ. Rev. 1:11, both B.C. and A.D. Time was not reckoned to Christ before He came here or after He went away; His citizenship is **eternity and always will be**. He was never more than 33 years old measured by Himself, because no one has ever been wise enough to find another corner-stone from which to reckon. It was 4,000 yrs. from Adam to Christ plus 1,944 years since Christ, a total of 5,944. This is all the time there has ever been until more is generated by nature, but Eternity doesn't need a time table and there is none given.

MEMORY - ANTECEDENT AND CONSEQUENT

Memory is the complex lens of a living camera where active forms may be focused with the utmost accuracy life size day or night. Memory is nature's art gallery where each adult may become his own artist. Try writing the names of all the faces you recall, then note how little space they occupy and how much room is left for others. Memory is Divine--it survives the catastrophe of death, mocks the grave and takes its flight to the unseen.

The rich man's mortal career had ended; his biography written and his body consigned to the grave. Luke 16:22; yet he saw Lazarus with his invisible eye; heard Abram with his mental ear; offered a prayer with closed lips, while his deathless memory recalled his earth life along with five brethren on the way to perdition. The picture shows also Lazarus safe with faithful Abram while six others are on the way to the wrong place. Luke 16:28; Mark 8:36-37. If man had no memory there would be

no occasion for school, Church, court, or other assembly; each person would be ignorant of his own name and in any event he would not know if he was coming or going.

MISCELLANEOUS

Yours to handle, also poem which is super fine. It contains truth for the reader; words for the wise and food for the thoughtful. You and I were at one time a babe in our mother's arms--from that point forward we make our history.

The wife and I are not well--age, experience and infirmity are taking their toll--this is not nature's course, but we live in hope of that better country; where we have no ailments or accidents and where we never grow old. Heb. 11:16. Moses died and was buried by the Lord at Moab. Deut. 34:5-7, but was seen 1,500 yrs. later on the Mount of Transfiguration. Matt. 17:3, but no older than when the Lord buried him at Moab. 1,500 yrs. had been added to the calendar, but nothing to the age of Moses. Christ left earth 19 centuries ago, but is no older now than the day He left. 1,900 yrs. have been added to the calendar, but nothing to the age of our Lord. He was never older than 33 years. Time does not register in Heaven. Rev. 10:5,6.

THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK

A memorial of Christ in more ways than one. Then was His first day on earth. Then was the first day the Angels sang over the famous City of Bethlehem, and said "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." Lk. 2:14. "Good will now", is just the same as it was then altho' 1,943 years have been written in the book of time. The singers learned their song in Heaven & it has never been remodeled. In fact they have the same choir now. Lk. 2:14; if not why leave it in the N.T.? The angels never grow old & we are informed that they never die. Lk. 20:35,36. The Heavenly choir may increase in numbers but never diminish. Earthly families both increase & decrease--not so with the Family above. Men & angels can sing the glory of God as well as teach & preach it. He knows what He wants & reveals it to us; while the poet says, "When we've been there 10,000 yrs. bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun."

THE DIVINE HELPER-EXO. 3:14

God fixed His own title when He sent Moses to deliver Israel--to wit..I AM-Exo. 3:14. This covered everything. Tell God your need and Paul says it is GRACE. I Cor. 15:10. Israel was in need of Divine help and God says I AM THAT I AM. He is at both ends of the line in every Divine enterprise. He brought Israel out and He brought them in. See what Christ says about Spiritual Israel.

I am the bread of life; I am the light of the world; I am the good shepherd; I am the true vine; I am the way; I am the door; I am Alpha & Omega, the bright & morning star!

We may take every Divine grace, every moral excellence and every human need connected with this Divine title, and find Jesus of Nazareth in them all. It is not only gratifying to trust in one who wants to help, is willing to help and will help, but in one who is abundantly able to help. Man is valued in the Church, not by what he is worth, but by what it cost to Redeem him. This makes us all equal in redemption, but not in conduct. We are given credit for what Christ has done for us and not for

what we do for Him...we are always short and minus GRACE we could not get anywhere. Eph. 2:8,9; 1 Cor. 15:10.

THE DIVINE HELPER-EXO. 3:14

When God sent Moses to Egypt, he must tell the Hebrews, "I AM hath sent me." In other words tell us your need whatever it is and I AM THAT I AM-Exo. 3:14. Jehovah is taking this title, gives his people a blank check & tells them to write in their needs & He will supply them, great or small. Luke 11:9.

When we read the New Testament, the phrase I AM becomes very conspicuous. All authority is vested in Him; if any man add or subtract to his teaching, practice or doctrine, he forfeits his right to the Tree of Life. Rev. 22:18.

Hear these words from his own lips. I am the bread of life. I am the light of the world. I am the good shepherd. I am the true vine. I am the way. I am the door. I am Alpha & Omega, the bright & morning star.

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Man is valued in the Church by what he cost, and not by what he is worth as God sees it...this makes our standing in Heaven 100 percent, while our walk runs up and down on the Divine scale. We are all equal in redemption, but not so in deportment. We are given credit for what Christ has done for us. Eph. 4:32; Eph. 3:21

HANNAH, THE PIOUS MOTHER

Hannah & Elkanah--the husband & wife lived at "Rama"--they went to Shiloh to worship 15 miles north & the ark of God was there. Hannah was a wife, but not a mother, as she longed to be. She prayed & vowed in her heart, but she spoke not a word--the Lord understood all. She wanted a man-child; that she might loan him to the Lord & thus be helpful to others.

How unselfish--the right motive of course. How could the Lord turn her down? Matt. 5:8. Abram was blest that he might be a blessing, so was Hannah; so are you and I. Act 20:35. Hannah received what she **prayed for and more**; she was given 4 other children. Luke 6:38. This woman's **unspoken prayer** has been heard around the world. The thought of Hannah's heart gave her something this world could neither give or take away. Read the whole story. 1 Sam. 1st & 2nd chapters. Hannah's vow was not forgotten. The child Samuel was given to the Lord when ready to wean. This was not a matter of Salvation but Service. This child began early. Prov. 8:17. No more weeping for Hannah when she went to Shiloh--Samuel was there. How the mother's heart throbbed and eyes sparkled as she lays aside the little coat and waits patiently for the journey to Shiloh. 1 Sam. 2:19. Hannah's heart was there already because her treasure was there. Matt. 6:21.

METHUSELA

He lived & died before the flood--he was the son of Enoch, father of Lamech, grandfather of Noah and the ancestor of our Lord. While here he had plenty of time to have conversed with Adam, Seth & Enos--who like himself, were ancestors of Christ, who was the star of Jacob, the Lion of Judah, & the Babe of Bethlehem. Abraham is noted for faith, Samson for strength, Solomon for wisdom & Methuselah for age; he was

969 years counting either way--in the book of Genesis, Moses has written the name "Methuselah" with a specific reference to Adam & Christ, also his place in the human family, but is strictly silent concerning his wife, his home, his creed, his craft or his character.

WE SHOULD LEAVE NOTHING UNDONE-JOSH. 11:15

Joshua was told how to take Jericho--he left nothing undone & the wall crumbled. Josh. 6th chap. Naaman was a leper--he was told to dip 7 times in Jordan; he left nothing undone & was healed & happy. 2 Kgs. 5:1. Two boys were to be sold for debt; the widowed mother was heart broken; the prophet told her how to get the money--she left nothing undone and was made to rejoice--2 Kgs. 4:1-7. Cornelius was a model man, but not a Christian; he followed Divine instructions, left nothing undone, became a light to the world & an example to others. Acts 10th chap.

A young man inquired about eternal life--he left something undone and went away sorrowing. Matt. 19:22.

An Ethiopian on his way from worship, invited Philip the preacher to ride with him. Philip taught him the way of the Lord & baptized him by the wayside--he left nothing undone & went on his way rejoicing. Acts 8:38,39. The Eunuch saw Philip no more, but millions have read the story and know what it means to leave something undone. Our Lord has said, "if ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." Jno. 13:17.

GOD NEVER WORKS IN THE DARK

God never works in the dark--He sees the end from the beginning. Acts 15:18. Eternal Life with Divine happiness is based on TRUTH and not error. Jno. 8:32. Read closely the fall of Jericho--Josh. 6th chap. The word SHALL occurs nine times in verse 3, 4 & 5. This signifies Divine assurance. Israel was given a time to walk & a time to talk; a time to be silent & a time to speak. Vs. 10. When the Divine order was "shouting", nothing else would do. God is the instructor, man the actor, then victory follows. Jno. 13:17. In this Heaven born program shouting was the final act--God gave them the city. Vs. 16.

Israel could not ignore the command & claim the promise; neither can we as Christians--this would be leaving the Lord out--without Him we can do nothing. Jno. 15:5. Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it. Psa. 127:1. Allow the Lord to chart the Journey & He will shelter the traveller. God must fulfill His promise--otherwise He has lost His glory. 2 Pet. 3:9.

I Jno. 1:7

FROM THE 23RD PSALM

The Lord is my Shepherd--present tense--day or night, hot or cold, sunshine or shadow the Lord is by me; awake or asleep, ill or well, glad or sad, He is closer than a brother. Prov. 18:24. "I shall not want". We get all our food, air, & sunshine from the Lord, He has an abundance. We can make the bread, but not the wheat; the sugar, but not the cane; the garment, but not the wool. The Lord also gives eternal life, if we want it. Jno. 10:28.

Christ is that unspeakable gift--2 Cor. 9:15 (human language can't describe him). We show our faith in Him by the work we do. Jas. 2:18.

After which we receive the crown which is **final**. Matt. 25:21. Rev. 2:10. Salvation and walk are different parts of man's activity in the Christian life & living. Eph. 2:8-10.

THE FIRST PSALM - VS. 1, 2, & 3

Verse 1. The Lord **IS** my shepherd, I shall not want. He has all I need & it is as much for me as tho' I was the only living mortal on earth. Jehovah not only gives me air, food, & sunshine, but it cost Him just as much to save me as it did to ransom the whole human family. We are valued by what we **cost** & not by what we are **worth** to the owner. I Cor. 6:20--here we are blest three times for **NOT** doing. It is all right **walking**, **standing**, or **sitting** if it is the **Lord's will**.

Verse 2. Each disciple should be delighted to honor their Creator by meditation **day & night**--He has done & is doing for them **now** what man can never do. Meditation leads to what?

Verse 3. He shall be like a tree planted in a fitting place..fruit will follow & his **leaf** will not **wither**; in other words the **fruit** will be constant like that of Christ himself. Heb. 13:8. Man can live forty days without food, but he can't live **four** minutes minus **air**; neither can he live in the resurrection without Christ. Jno. 11:25.

The sting of death is sin. I Cor. 15:55. The death that gives life is **innocence**--Christ died to save or redeem the guilty. He has **no sin** by human relation or earthly association--He was Just like Adam before he sinned. Heb. 1:3. Christ gave Himself for us--God will accept nothing else; He glorified God on earth & finished His work. Jno. 17:4; Eph. 3:21.

THE BEST GARMENT

Dressed in Christ's righteousness--Phil. 3:9; Gal. 3:27. Likened unto fine linen clean & white. The gorgeous robes of King Solomon in no way compare with the modest flowers in nature's garden. Solomon ordered his own apparel; the Lord arrayed the lilies & gave us the robe of righteousness---who had the better taste? Phil. 3:9. Christ was made sin for us, that we might have His perfect character by faith. He gives us just what He paid for; a 100 per cent righteousness--no wonder we are comely in God's sight.

This is the best garment because of its happy composition & usefulness. Moth won't eat it, fire won't burn it, time can't fade it, and it never grows old; moreover, it is always in style. You can wear it in the office; wear it in the shop; wear it in the home; you can wear it everywhere & all the time, then, you are sure to be ready for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Rev. 19:7-9. Consider the lilies--Matt. 6:24-29.

GOD DON'T FORGET THE RIGHTEOUSNESS-EZEK. 14:14

Noah, Daniel & Job were neither scholars, warriors, kings or statesmen, but were known as men of faith. In case of extreme wickedness when God would judge the land and penalize the people, Noah, Daniel & Job--or men of like precious faith, would escape because of their piety. In other words their good behaviour would serve as legal-tender at a throne of grace..they would not be forgotten in time of need. Study each character.

Noah believed God, built an ark which saved himself & all the family. We came from a son of Noah. Neither the reader or the writer

could have ever lived minus Noah & the ark. Two of our Lord's ancestors crossed the flood also by riding the ark--thus no ark, no Saviour. Noah was a link in the Divine chain; his son, Shem, was also a link in the Divine chain of ancestry which brought the Lord of glory to a world of shame & death.

Daniel was a Hebrew captive thrown to the lions, because he honored God in the face of death. God sent an angel to deliver him. Without Daniel, we lose the 27th book of the Bible with all its wholesome lessons. God takes care of His own, both for His own glory and the good of man. We are not saved by groups, but by persons. Study Job likewise.

THE DEVIL AND HIS WIFE

The devil cast Daniel into a den of lions; the Hebrew children into a fiery furnace, & Paul & Silas into prison at Philippi. Acts 16:23. He told Peter to deny Christ, Herod to behead John, and Judas to go & hang himself. Matt. 27:5. He joined Ananias & Sapphira in a falsehood, united Pilate & Herod against Christ, & drowned 2,000 swine in the depths of the sea. Mark 5:13.

The devil's help-meet is clearly pictured in Rev. 17:1-7. Her business, her name, & her dress are all defined. The Bride of Christ is revealed-Rev. 19:6-9. Her business, her name, & her dress are all in the picture just as they were written 19 centuries ago, and just as they will be at the coming of the Bridegroom. Matt. 25:10.

STAND-WALK-LIVE

Christ's punishment was 100 per cent; His suffering 100 per cent; His righteousness 100 per cent; He has paid a 100 per cent debt and His intercession now at a throne of grace is 100 per cent when we meet the conditions.

He is full of grace & truth. Rom. 5:20-21. We stand by faith-we walk by faith-& we live by faith. Rom. 11:20; 2 Cor. 5-7; Gal. 2:20.

THE FIVE SENSES

Seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, feeling are the birth-right of every normal child. They are the five road-ways that link the mental powers with the brain. 2 Cor. 3:3, and form a union of mind matter. They are natures quintuplets, analyzed & humanized to make sane & happy. Seeing delights, hearing charms, smelling gladdens, tasting pleases, and feeling thrills when the sensation is **Heaven born**; otherwise have disgust, horror, antipathy, sorrow and grief--these latter all come from the hiss of the serpent. Gen. 3:4. Satan with his rosy picture in the garden has turned the moral universe up-side down. The purpose of the Gospel is to destroy the works of the Devil. 1 Jno. 3:8; and make all things NEW-Rev. 21:5; new creature-2 Cor. 5:17.

Joy & peace are among the fruits of the Spirit, but they never ripen here. Gal. 5:22--they seek a warmer clime & a brighter sky; where anguish & sorrow; pain and death are felt & feared no more--where the dove of peace sings one glad anthem & love unfettered holds universal sway. Our Lord did not possess these five senses or faculties before He was born; he does not have it now. Christ was given the five senses as a medium of temptation & not of knowledge. He always knew the mind of the Father. Heb. 2:17; Jno. 3:34.

NATURE AND SCIENCE

Present methods, modes, and manners are truly marvellous. Over radio we can hear the clock tick in Germany, dog bark in France, and the bird sing in South America. By television we can see a hand-shake in Warsaw, a bill-board in London, and a wedding in Moscow. By telepathy we can unlock the human mind, dissect the mental balance, and reconstruct the intangible composition of super-human philosophy. Science can circumscribe the globe, harness the sunbeam, keep pace with the stars, and measure the speed of the planets.

But with all this the earth remains a globe--smoke goes up and rain comes down; birds fly and fishes swim; men walk and people talk; we can't have words without letters; rain without clouds; or a forest without trees. The earth turns over in 24 hours & travels around the Sun in 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 48 seconds--while the garden of Eden, the land of Canaan and the seed of Abraham along with Christ & His work are interesting and instructive.

THE ONE WHO IS ALMIGHTY

God is Almighty. He can never advance in knowledge, wisdom or power! He can execute all His plans--He can make a man from raw dust or give him power to reproduce himself. God can make an oak with or without an acorn - He knows what He can do; He made a bird knowing that it could fly. He can't improve or learn anything--we can learn from Him, but He cannot learn from Himself--Acts 15:18. God knew before they were formed, that Adam could walk and Eve could talk. (We must learn these). Jehovah knew the flood would come--told Noah why & how to escape; He formed the rainbow and told its meaning. Some say the flood is a "myth"; if so, how do they account for the bow in the cloud?

God said a Saviour would come from the family of Abraham--be born of a virgin and called "Son of the Highest." Lk. 1:31,32.

I can't understand how a child can be born of a virgin, but I can believe it. God is Almighty! God never works in the dark--I Jno. 1:5. Before a child is conceived God can tell the time and place of its birth, the name of its mother and where the child will sleep the first night. Luke 2:12. He is ALMIGHTY!

I Cor. 10:13

Jas. 1:2

Jas. 1:12

Rev. 2:10

Rev. 22:14

"Way of escape"

"Count it all joy"

"Endureth--crown of life"

"Faithful until death"

"Tree of Life"

THE FIRST PSALM

- V. 1 - Man is blest three times for **not** doing. It is all right to walk, stand, or sit if in the right company & at the right place.
- V. 2 - Tells what mans delight should be & how often he should meditate.
- V. 3 - Shows him what he will then be like, how vigorous he will be & how he will prosper or enlarge Spiritually. David, the writer, had his faults, but he spoke by inspiration. A man after God's own heart; righted his wrongs before God -- will we do this? Acts 13:22. Come unto me all ye that labor. Matt. 11:28.
- V. 4 - The ungodly base their salvation on self, sight or defective reason. Conduct built on uncertainties is like the chaff driven away from

our Creator.

- V. 5 - God can't save minus obedience -- it would destroy His government and wreck the world -- everything movable would become chaotic, we could not live here. There are two congregations cited at the judgment - the **saint** & the sinner.
- V. 6 - Jehovah knows the way of us all, & is not willing that any should perish -- our God knows all things and all men. Acts 15:18. Christ says, "I am the way." Jno. 14:6, Matt. 11:28.

THE VALUE OF TRUTH

By his conduct on earth Christ has written the truth of God to the world of mankind. Jno. 8:32. He advertised God's motive, revealed God's love & restored God's likeness. Heb. 1:3. He did God's will, paid man's moral obligations by death; finished His work here & returned to Heaven. Jno. 17:4.

The sky is blue and never any other color; likewise Christ is truth and never anything else; we can't improve the color of the sky and we know it is blue whether we see it or not; clouds may cover the sky but they don't change its color -- the truth was written by the conduct of Christ on earth and can never be rubbed out. Heb. 13:8. Error may hide the truth as the cloud covers the sun; but never change it or blot it out - it will judge us in the last day. Jno. 12:48. Truth will stand the test on the earth or in the sky, on the mountain or in the sea. Truth regarding man is much older than fact. The truth that Adam would die for disobedience was 930 years before it was a fact. Gen. 2:17; 5:5. It is the truth that makes us free when we accept it. Jno. 8:32. Free from sin; free from eternal death; free from pain; free from sorrow; free from infirmity and old age; That place is called the "Better Country". Heb. 11:16. TRUTH has a value. Jno. 11:26.

GRACE AND TRUTH - JNO. 1:17

The dominating elements created in Adam were practically lost in the fall, but restored fully in Christ. Jno. 1:14. They were Grace and Truth, which are major factors in our Salvation. The Son of God not only possessed them, but introduced them to the world in His official life and placed them in the church for us as His servants. Christ was peerless. He could travel the sea without a boat; feed the multitude without nature; open the prison without a jailer, and heal the cripple minus a doctor. This was because He was full of Grace and Truth. He was God's agent on earth, and is now our servant above -- a servant of servants -- we serve Him here -- He serves us at a throne of Grace in Heaven. Heb. 4:15, 16. Grace makes us free when we obey the Truth. Jno. 8:32; Eph. 2:8. We can't obey Grace -- it is a gift -- but we can and must obey God's Truth. In creation man alone could fall, hence man alone can be restored. Neither time or tide make any change in Grace, Truth or Jesus Christ, they are the same yesterday, today and forever. Heb. 13:8. When we follow the Spirit of Grace and Truth it will lead us to the marriage supper of the Lamb. Rev. 19:7-9.

THE BIBLE, THE WORD OF GOD

The Bible carries no contradictions -- in this it differs from all other books. Its author has a perfect mind and makes all corrections on the part of fallen man. God does not speak to us like one addressing an equal -- He makes no suggestions or recommendations, but says clearly what

man shall or shall not do and what will follow -- "My word shall not return unto me void, but will accomplish that which I please."

In spiritual life we are begotten by the Word, born of the Word, live by the Word, grow by the Word, and saved by the Word -- then told to receive with meekness the engrafted Word which is able to save the soul. Nothing so closely related as the Word and the idea -- the thought is wrapped in the Word.

In creation God's Word was his agent; in war His Word was His sword; in revelation His Word was His oracle, and in redemption His Word was His Son. Jno. 1:14. Man can neither walk, talk, read or write, see or hear without a body, but God can start the pen, the tongue, the feet, or the brain by His Word.

JOSEPH AND CHRIST - LIFE'S TROUBLED SEA

Psalm 107:23,24. Read it. This is a picture of life's troubled sea - Joseph was a case in hand- He was despised by his own brethren; they hated him, stole his coat of colors, and sold him into Egypt; here he was sold again, then lodged in prison. This covered 13 yrs. of misfortune - doing business in "deep water". His mother was dead, his father mourned and Joseph suffered. He was sold to strangers; carried by strangers; in prison with strangers; married a stranger, and died in a strange land. He was 30 yrs. old when he saw the workings of the Lord. Joseph's good behavior led him to the king's palace. Thru the working of the Lord, the king was kindly disposed toward him - placed his ring on Joseph's hand, and made him to ride in the second chariot. Thus the meek and modest Joseph, after passing thru the "deep waters" of deceit, dishonor and disgrace, was chosen food administrator for a great Empire. Prov. 16:7. Christ had a like experience on a larger scale. He suffered ridicule, punishment and death; but God has highly exalted Him to be a Prince and a Savior. he had a grave below, but now has a throne above; and so extensive His dominion that He knows nothing of state lines, political divisions, or continental boundaries. Jas. 4:10.

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

Hannah's prayer filled her soul with joy, made her a mother and gave us the two books of Samuel. 1 Sam. 1:10. Jonah's prayer delivered the prophet, released the whale and saved the Ninevites. Jonah 2:1. Job's prayer pleased the Lord, pardoned his critics and added 14 decades to his earthly sojourn. Job 42:8. Daniel's prayer converted the king, chained the lions and gave us the 27th book of the Bible. Dan. 6:10. Peter's prayer raised Dorcas; Paul's prayer saved the jailer, and Cornelius' prayer brought an angel from heaven. Acts 10:4.

God could not answer Christ's prayer in the garden, Matt. 26:39, because the debt of sin was not yet paid. 1 Cor. 15:3. God **paid** it **all** as shown by the **bread & cup** on the **Lord's table**.

The sympathy of the Judge cannot release the prisoner until the penalty is paid - likewise the love and compassion for His own begotten Son could not free a single sinner, or save a single soul -- it was His death that rent the veil, opened the graves and raised the dead. Matt. 27:51; Heb. 9:22.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT - MATT. 5:6,7

This sermon written by Matt., chapters 5, 6, 7 contains 2,343 words, each word based on Truth backed by a pure heart and a right motive.

Every thot, word, or action was in accord with the Divine will; no contradiction anywhere. A pure heart will show itself anywhere when in action. The wheel is not good minus the driver, and the pen can't make sense without the writer. These words are an abstract of Truth by the Father, spoken by the Son, enforced by the Spirit, and written by inspiration.

"We might call them the **constitution** of the Christian system". Matt. chapter 5,6,7 were delivered 30 yrs. after our Lord was born--yet there never was anything in His life or living that contradicted a single word of this Divine discourse!

Our Lord did not read this sermon from a **copy**, but as it was, and is, and ever will be. Men have made false copies and changed it in many ways, but His word will judge us in the last day. Jno. 12:48. Christ is the only ruler whose throne was established after his death, who knows nothing of state lines, political divisions, or continental boundaries.

A MOTHERS UNCHANGING LOVE

Looking from a tiny frame upon the wall, gazing intently at me and like a guardian angel over me is the priceless image of my departed mother; ten and forty years have been written in the book of time since she smoothed my locks, caressed my cheek and said "goodbye" to the world of sorrows. After the death scene was ended, the death silence passed and the death angel gone, they dressed the form of my best earthly friend in a spotless robe, laid it in the ruthless bier, then carried it in silence to the garden of tears--even now while I look through the windows of that vacant cottage, I find memory looking backward and picking up the tangled threads of a broken life.

Age, experience, and observation tell me now as never before, the sacred office of an active, pious and devoted mother. A mother's love is not like the fickle, fleeting, fancy of a youthful dream; but a profound, fixed and fascinating passion--she may be faced with hunger clothed in rags, and living in a hovel, yet the master passion of the mother heart is unchanging and changeless--she is the arch-angel of the weak and wayward child--though brutal and debased, hated and despised, forsaken and condemned, there remains that deathless affinity--tho' the whole world forsake the child there is one tribunal who denies the charge, rejects the testimony and moves for a new trial.

When a man goes to prison, his letters depend on who is left behind. A wife or sweetheart may write for a time--but they may find other attractions, or make other vows--not so with a mother. The schedule laid down from the beginning does not fluctuate or falter; 50 yrs. do not cool her passion or palsy her pen, but when mothers letters cease, the prisoner knows the mind that planned them, the hand that formed them, and the heart that warmed them, are sealed and silent.

THAT BETTER COUNTRY-HEB. 11:16

Nature builds the human machine, supplies the power and creates the field of action--then turned it over to a governor, then tells him to adjust its parts, regulate its speed and steer its course, and if he wants to meet a character in the world to come which will insure that for which he is made. Isa. 43:7, he must grapple with passion; subdue pride; oppose error and hold an inquest over every false way.

The real man operates thru the body; his five senses are the quintuplets of nature thru which flow the streams of present enjoyment, and when death obtains the train of sensation is wrecked and physical

pleasure has quit forever-but Christian living which comes from doing good does not stop when the body fails, but goes on to its destination of promised joy and everlasting glory. A transient abode cannot give eternal rest; a sinful world breeds discontent; while old age and moral infirmity are full of uncertainty; but thru the work of the Son of God we look, and live, and long, and hope for a new Heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. "The better country".-Heb. 11:16.

John 8:32

John 14:6

THE EGG AND THE DIAMOND-LIFE AND DEATH

We can buy an egg for five cents; a diamond will cost fifty dollars, but from the standpoint of business the egg is the best investment. Neither the egg or the diamond can see, hear, smell, taste, or feel--but the egg can break its shell, hatch a chick, and grow a hen; the hen can eat, drink, walk, cackle, and lay eggs; the diamond can do neither. The hen with a partner, can grow 40 fowls in a year--this 40 can insure 1,000 the next year, and at the end of ten years the stone is at a stand still while the egg has run away with a fortune and held fast its identity--it is still an egg; with life giving power. The life in the first egg has saved it to the present day--the value is in the life.

Man is in search of the more abundant life--he must have it to be forever happy. Jno. 10:10,11. This life was carried to us by Him who died to save us--in Him is life. Jno. 1:4--in Christ means a new creature. 2 Cor. 5:17. Christ is then between us and our sin; also between us and our God; when He looks our way He sees Christ our passover who was sacrificed for us and paid our penalty. Like the egg Christ holds fast His identity in another world in Heaven for us. His work there is the Christian's hope. Heb. 9:24.

CHRIST IS A PERSONAL ASSET TO ALL

We cannot serve God by proxy--hence both saint and sinner can say. Christ was born for me, lived for me, died for me, rose for me, and is now in the presence of God for me. Jesus loves me, wants me, waits for me and says to me come for all things are now ready. He walks with me, talks with me, pleads with me, and says to me--I am the way of Life. To me He is the bread of life; the water of life; the word of life, and the Book of Life. The Lord does for me; can do for me; has done for me and will do for me what no one else can do. Christ is everywhere for me. He is in the air, in the cloud, on the land and under the sea--He died for me on the mountain; for me they pierced His side; for me He opened the fountain, the crimson cleansing tide; for me He waiteth in glory, now seated upon His throne; He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone. Christ is absent yet present; far yet near; silent yet speaks; invisible yet rules. Nothing but me can separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus. Rom. 8:38,39.

DIVINE FELLOWSHIP

Divine fellowship is keeping step with both nature and grace--the birds give music; the flowers give fragrance; the trees give fruit and the clouds give rain; these are God's agents to make us happy and no one can be happy without them.

God has given His Son and Christ hath given His life for the Church and in this way we fellowship each other. I Jno. 1:7. A divine supply

does not diminish because given away. Luke 6:38; Phil. 4:19. Note what Christ can do with five loaves and two small fishes. Jno. 6:9. Had the 5,000 waited for a lunch prepared by man, it would have required some real waiting, beside the bill of \$1,500 at 30c each.

God is no failure and He don't ask the world to pay His bill!

MAN IS RESPONSIBLE TO HIS MAKER

(Author & Finisher - Heb. 12:2)

Each rational adult person is responsible to his Maker, but not to the same extent-accountability is measured by ability to perform. No two are alike physically, morally or religiously, yet all may be alike heartily, doctrinally and faithfully. (See Col. 3:23; I Tim. 4:16; 2 Cor. 5:7)

Our walk is imperfect-Christ's walk was perfect and when we follow Him by Faith, His walk is imputed to us for righteousness. Rom. 4:24. After we are "born again", our Lord takes over as it were, our moral account and treats it as His own while we are faithful. He paid for it by suffering on the cross. He was penalized for our sins, but when we as His disciples confess them as ours and not His, then He pardons them forever and clears the record. Heb. 8:12. This is grace. Eph. 2:8. The sin of the whole world for more than 5,900 years, was all charged to one man and He was innocent. Christ has paid the debt, God has been glorified and man is a new creature. 2 Cor. 5:17. Christ is the author and finisher of our faith when we obey: salvation to all that obey Him. Heb. 12:2; 5:8,9.

INFANT - MAN

When a little babe is born, its little finger is a part of its body, the same as any other portion: if it lives 50 yrs. the finger is larger, but its office remains the same. Just so with the newborn babe in Christ and the saint of 50 summers-one in Christ, so is the other. This is the only ground of life in either case. There are not two kinds of justification.

SIN AND ITS ANTECEDENT-CHRIST IN PARTICULAR

In nature the father begets the child, the mother gives the body & the birth. No life without a father, no birth minus a mother. The father transmits the germ cells; the mother supplies the body cells. The man imparts the intellect, the woman moulds the brain. Heredity begins with the father, but is lodged in the child by the mother. If the father had no defective nature the child could have no indwelling sin. Rom. 7:17.

God's Son was made of a woman minus a man; hence no heredity passed to the mother of Jesus. Mary had no sinful tendency in her nature...she was a virgin, had no sin dwelling in her, therefore could not pass onto her child (Jesus) what she did not have, namely "indwelling sin." Christ had no sin in Him by conception, by birth or by living in a sinful world. I Jno. 3:5. In death He was the sinless price paid for a sinful world.

Heaven's Divine graces were all passed from the Father to the Son by way of the virgin mother; the moral fiber of the Son was equal with that of the Father. The Christ was Tempted like ourselves, but sin was locked out. We don't say that Christ could not, but we do say He would not sin, which is far better. Heb. 10:9,10. This shows how God made a man that could defeat Satan and restore man to a state of innocence.

When one is "born again" he has a new life at his disposal...he is a child of God, and a joint-heir with Christ whose life endures forever. Rom. 8:17. This new life is absolutely safe...Christ who died for us is at the right hand of God to make it secure. I cannot lose my Christ-like life by fire, famine, flood or war...Satan may destroy my natural body, take my physical life & entomb the body, but that has nothing to do with the soul. This new life is mine by a "birth-right" to Heaven, given me so kindly and freely, but I may like Esau, sell it if I choose. Heb. 12:16,17, but **SHOULD** I do so I forfeit my place at the marriage supper. Matt. 22:11-13.

While I am a child of God I am representing Him by the garment I wear on earth...it is spirit and not flesh; mind and not matter; character and not cloth. Rom. 13:14; Gal. 3:26. It is cited as fine linen, clean & white...a figure of Christ's perfect righteousness. Rev. 19:8. This is the best garment--moth won't eat it; fire won't burn it; time don't fade it, and it is always in style; we can wear no other at the "marriage supper of the Lamb." Matt. 22:11.

The seven Christian virtues-2 Pet. 1:5-7 are the elements which combine in making the perfect character of our Lord and the Church is told to keep them before the world and in this way picture the Bridegroom while He is absent. Are we ready? Matt. 25:10.

FAITH VERSUS REASON

Why salvation is by Faith is because reason has been deformed...unnatural, not like it was in the beginning. To get a correct view of ourselves we must allow God to tell us. Rom. 10:17. Many people reject Christ because they say, the innocent punished for the guilty is not reason; but faith speaks to the contrary...believe it or not. 1 Pet. 3:18; Jno. 3:16. God, by Moses, led the Hebrews to the Red Sea; reason said they could not cross over; **faith** opened the way and every one was saved. Heb. 11:29. God's way is always best in salvation because it is always fruitful. Christ was born of a virgin; God's word by an angel told Mary what would take place...the whole story was contrary to reason, but the virgin believed it and so it came to pass. Luke 1:38.

Christ was the one perfect man; He was crucified, buried, and rose the third day, all contrary to reason. This man who was in the grave many hours said, "He that believeth on me, and is baptized **SHALL BE SAVED**"...not might be, could be, or ought to be, but **SHALL BE SAVED**. Mk. 16:16. We can believe what we can't understand. Defective reason keeps many away from the Lord.

NOAH, DANIEL & JOB

Such men as Noah, Daniel & Job can be saved when the wicked nation is forsaken. God sees personal piety. How the righteous should rejoice. Ezek. 14:14; Rev. 19:7

Noah built the ark & saved his family. The Son of God came from a son of Noah; God gave His Son to save the world. If no Christ, where is God's power to save. Rom. 1:16. Jehovah makes no mistakes. Acts 15:18

A TRIBUTE

Her husband says of her, "She was a model **wife & mother**; like the

dew-drop, she came and went and left no stain.”

She has now gone to the marriage supper of the Lamb. Rev. 19:7-9.
She was also a **faithful servant** of the Lord.

Psa. 29:11; Eph. 1:3

Psa. 104:1

FAITH VERSUS REASON

Peter was the disciple to first see this napkin (linen cloth) after Jesus had risen from the dead, altho' he denied the Lord three times before His crucifixion. This little cloth tells its own sad story especially to the wayward, doubtless Peter. Joseph prepared the body for burial, and placed a napkin over the face. Matt. 27:59. It is now early morning of the third day since the body was laid away in the tomb..in the midst of death Christ comes to life, discovers the napkin about his head and removes it, folds it neatly, and lays it by itself. The blessed hands that removed the napkin are the same that were nailed to the cruel cross for you and me. Again; the hand that moved the napkin is the hand that moves the world.

This napkin reminds us of the Lord's Table each 1st day of the week..it too is folded and laid by itself...Then the spiritual Body eats and drinks of the new life which was once in the grave, but now in Heaven for us.

GOD CAN'T SAVE US MINUS OBEDIENCE

God cannot pardon and save enlightened man except they obey Him...this would be extravagance and folly. If such were possible, truth & error could wear the same garb..grace would be a stranger and Divine government would be worthless. How could God be true to himself, forgive sin & save humanity except man confessed his guilt, reformed his life & take Christ as his ransom?

Why did Jehovah first punish, bruise & forsake His own innocent Son on the cross if man could be pardoned and saved without it? Such as this would spoil Divine govt. altogether & the world itself would soon become a wreck.

Without Jehovah we cannot make the food we eat or the garment we wear. Man can make the bread, but not the wheat, the sugar, but not the cane, the coat but not the cotton. Christ is eternal life to all who obey Him. Heb. 5:9. He is also the finisher of our faith. Heb. 12:2 He gives us the crown, Rev. 2:10. How dependent we are! Read John 15th chap.

SOWING & REAPING

Each Bible character is a lesson of itself. Absalom was a prince reared in a palace & allowed much freedom. He became envious, deceitful & disgraceful in many ways. He was heady, high-minded, a rebel, a reprobate & a political gangster. This young man lived in luxury, had no rival in social life, flattered the people, was extremely handsome & while his gorgeous locks were his idol. they proved his folly, his foe & his downfall. While pursuing his father in battle Absalom was caught in the boughs of an oak tree where he was slain by Joab. 2 Sam. 18:9. They cast his remains into a pit & covered it with stones. Absalom had prepared for himself a tomb, but destiny would not suffer him to sleep there. 2 Sam. 18:18.

Absalom's history is not an example for us, but a warning. "What

doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." Job said, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." Paul said, "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith." Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. 6:7.

THE BALANCED BOOK-REV. 20:12

Each rational person is responsible to his Maker for his conduct on earth. A man's "book of life" may be like his bank book in a way. Phil. 4:3; Rev. 20:12. Our accountability is measured by our ability to perform. No two men are alike naturally, morally or religiously; but all men can be alike heartily, doctrinally & faithfully. These are all analyzed and specialized by Christ himself before recorded in Heaven. Heb. 4:15. If the heart, doctrine and walk are right (not perfect), he is given credit accordingly. I Tim. 4:16; Col. 3:23; Matt. 25:21; he is said to be "walking by faith." 2 Cor. 5:7.

The errors in our Christian walk are pardoned when we reform and confess them. I Jno. 1:9 Christ was penalized on the cross for all sin. I Pet. 2:24, and my wrong was charged to Him at that time, & was atoned for; and when I confess it as mine and not his, it is cancelled forever. Heb. 8:12. This is grace pure & simple. A Christian does not sin from the heart; neither is he called a "servant of sin-Rom. 6:16-18." Christ takes over, as it were, our moral account and treats it as His own as long as we are faithful to Him. In this way our book is in a state of balance all the time if we continue faithful to Him who saved us and gave Himself for us. Eph. 2:8; Rev. 2:10. Christ died to save us...He lives to take care of our moral infirmities. Rom. 5:10. Christ is the only one who ever worked for us after death!!

THE VALUE OF TRUTH

The sky is always blue whether we see it or not; Christ is "true blue" tho He is invisible. Heb. 13:8. Clouds may cover the sky, but don't change the color; error may hide the truth, but don't change the meaning. The truth of God was written by the walk & talk of Christ on earth, never to be rubbed out...20 centuries have made no change. Truth will stand the test on earth or in the sky...the same will judge us at the last day.

Truth regarding man is much older than fact. The truth (and God knew it) that Adam would die, Gen. 2:17, was 930 years before it was history. Gen. 5:5. It is Divine truth that makes us free, when we know and do it. Jno. 8:32. Free from sin, free from pain, free from sorrow, infirmity & old age...also free from death itself. Jno. 10:28. "When we've been there 10,000 years bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun."

THE ANGELS OF HEAVEN

Angels are God's ministering Spirits. Heb. 1:14. These Divine agents have no animal bodies to get sick, tired or tempted, and no family ties, social or civil relations, to interfere with duty.

Angels never get sick, cold, lost, hungry or sleepy. They work constantly, give 100 percent service and never afraid of losing a job. Angels travel long distance carrying important news, and never fail reaching their destination...God is with them. They carry their own light, provide their own locomotion and enter the home minus an open door.

It is interesting indeed to know that these Divine agents do not live by pairs, groups, families, etc.; they are strictly independent in this

respect, but wholly dependent on Jehovah, and speak by inspiration... their garments are always white, a symbol of purity..Matt. 28:3. Angels often act in concert; they sang together when Christ was born; there was more than one when Lazarus was carried away, and they are already chosen as the reapers in the harvest of souls. Matt. 13:39. The Church of Christ above has so many Angels that a finite mind can't number them...Heb. 12:22-23. The Church of the "First Born" is very popular in Heaven. See Luke 20:36.

ALPHA AND OMEGA-REV. 22:13

Christ is the Alpha & Omega of the Bible. From Gen. 3:15 to Matt. 2:2 we follow the golden thread of prophecy; amid the fall of Empires, the doom of cities & the death of kings; unchanging & changeless, until we find the Babe of Bethlehem where the chain is re-set by a Divine link called the "Son of God"-Luke 1:35.

This character was cited as the star of Jacob; the lion of Judah; the heir of David; & king of the Jews...this last title was written by Pilate & nailed to the cross..some 50 days later He was crowned in Heaven as King of the Jews. Rom. 2:28; Acts 2:30. Christ was the first, last & only Ruler who was qualified on earth to be a King in Heaven, where He now reigns. Jesus was conceived by the Spirit & named by an Angel--his mother was a fleshly Jew, his father was divine, but selected His virgin mother. This miraculous transaction united Heaven and earth in the formation of a new race.

Christ's throne is a fact since A.D. 33. He has been reigning for 20 centuries, & will continue his office until all enemies are subdued. There was no Heavenly Ruler before Him, and there will be no successor to follow. God will be all in all. Christ is Alpha & Omega in God's plan to save the race.

THE ENGRAFTED WORD - JAS. 1:21

This is the science of transplanting the bud of one tree to that of another, where the fruit always follows the engrafted bud or word. Christ showed nothing but the Divine fruit altho' He was human like His mother, but His mental image was expressly that of the Father-Heb. 1:3. We are told to have the mind of Christ-Phil. 2:5. He had no sin in the flesh like other men. Rom. 7:17, because His Father was sinless.

Christ walked & talked, slept & wept, lived & loved, but these are not harmful except to make them so. But Christ who came from the Divine grafting, had no sin in Him...that is, no desire to sin, and that is half the battle. This gave Him more power to resist the cunning of the Devil. Matt. 4:1-11. He was the engrafted word which was able to save the soul. We are told to receive Him with Meekness, neither is there salvation in any other. Acts 4:12.

"If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. Jno. 13:17." When God prepares a man He can do the work.

"IF"

When we meet with the word IF, watch for mistakes. The last five verses of 1st John, first chapter, the word IF occurs five times..once in each verse. 1st. John 1:6 shows a man's thoughts about himself may be wholly wrong, and that an unbalanced scale can't weigh correctly. Verse 7 insures Christian fellowship thru the blood of Christ which washes away our imperfections; Verse 8 says reformation fails to restore fallen

nature; that the root grows after the tree is condemned. Verse 9 tells how God is both faithful & just..He can't release the debtor until the tax is paid. Verse 10 states the well-known truth that a forgiven man is not exempt from error; that when black looks white the moral vision is warped and the balance will show on the wrong side of the ledger. The 119th Psalm contains 176 verses...the word IF is not found in this section of Holy Writ, the longest chapter in the Bible.

MAN IS MADE FOR GOD'S GLORY-ISA. 43:7

Jehovah looks at the human family from the standpoint of MAN alone. He does not see him as a scholar, a warrior or a statesman...these human titles are not known in Heaven. Man is a greater name than president; he is a husband, a father, a son and a Christian; he belongs to a family, a home, a church & a state; he has a mind, a heart, a soul & a destiny.

Man can reason, resolve, reflect, repent & reconsider. The reason he can do this is because he is the only one of God's creation made after a pattern; the only one who will live again & the only one on earth who was made for God's glory. Isa. 43:7. What an exalted privilege man has above other creatures. Man's intellectual powers make him responsible to his Maker, & God talks to him & tells how he must dress for eternity. Rev. 19:7-9. All rational members of society may become Christians, but all cannot be scholars, bankers or statesmen. Heaven has a job for everybody. Now is the time to prepare. Matt. 25:10.

CHRIST, HIS BLOOD & THE CHURCH

Christ died for our sins-I Cor. 15:3. If this be true, and it is, how can such sins be charged to both Christ and us when we surrender? This would be paying the same debt twice. If we still face judgement, the death of our Lord is a mockery, a mirage and myth. The atonement is already made, the price fixed and the debt paid in full. Christ was judged, sentenced & penalized, in order that the offender might be pitted; pardoned, and passed-over-I Cor. 5:7 when he obeyed.

The cup of Christ's suffering paid the debt, while the emblematic loaf & cup is the receipt given the Church to show that the debt is paid. Matt. 20:23; I Pet. 2:24; I Cor. 11:25.

The Lord's walk on earth was perfect, but it was His death that rent the veil, opened the graves and raised the dead. Matt. 27:51. In the mind of God, Christ's blood was shed from the foundation of the world. Rev. 13:8. Christ died to save the world, but as our High Priest He is now in the presence of God for us to wash the spots & wrinkles from the Church before her wedding day. Eph. 5:27; Rev. 19:7; Matt. 25:10; I Jno. 1:7; -- The Blood.

A BABY CAN SEE, HEAR, SMELL, TASTE, & FEEL

A baby can hunger, thirst, eat, drink, sleep, frown, laugh, & cry, but he can't think, reason, stand, walk, or talk...he can't vote, read, write, whistle, or swim...neither can he comb his head, wash his face, button his clothes, or count his toes.

There are two billion people in the world and each of them began as a babe; the prince and pirate, the bishop & the bandit, the governor & the gangster, the grateful & the greedy were all the out-growth of innocent baby-hood.

The greatest man whoever lived was born of a woman and named by

an angel; laid in a manger, then carried into Egypt, then lived at Nazareth, was baptized by John, tempted by Satan, betrayed by Judas, sentenced by Pilate, crucified by soldiers, buried by Joseph, rose the third day & ascended into Heaven...there to appear in the presence of God for us. Heb. 9:24.

GOD MAKES NO MISTAKES

God makes no mistakes regarding man. He knows each member of the Church; He warns his children; condemns their faults, commends their virtues; tells them to love each other; keep step with Divine music, and keep themselves unspotted from the world. When Abraham was 75 God told his fortune for the next 100 years. He chose Mary from the house of David 40 generations before her birth; sent Gabriel later to tell her she would be a virgin mother & her child would be called "Son of the Highest." Jehovah saw Christ nailed to the cross 750 years before the crucifixion, and was satisfied with the death penalty for the sins of the world. Isa. 53:11. Every faithful member of Christ's Spiritual Family was written in the Divine mind 4,000 years before written in N.T. Acts 15:18. The crucifixion of Christ was Truth 40 centuries before it was fact.

Psa. 29:11; Eph. 1:3

Psa. 104:1

CHRIST DEFEATS THE DEVIL

Christ the "seed of the woman-Gen. 3:15", when contending with Satan, confined himself strictly to what was written. Matt. 4:4,7,10. In this way Satan's head was bruised, or his power crippled. The Devil was given power to bruise Christ's heel, or take His natural life, which would give opportunity for God to show His superior power in raising Him from the dead. Rom. 1:4. In the temptation in the wilderness Christ & Satan were alone. Here the Devil by his cunning, tried to influence the Lord by what was written; but he blundered in that he failed to quote it all. Matt. 4:6; Psa. 91:11---wresting the Scriptures-2 Pet. 3:16. Certainly God would protect His Son in doing the Father's will, but not in doing Satan's will. He was the servant of God & not of the Devil--the same philosophy holds good with us. We are taught always to respect the Word of the Lord; He makes no mistakes & has no corrections to make.

Our Lord's first official act is Matt. 4:1-11. This was Satan's first clash with the Son of God, and he was wholly defeated---he renewed His work thru the enemies of the Lord which determined His death, but God raised Him & set Him on high...He is promised the kingdoms of this world, but not from Satan.-Rev. 11:15. The traveller is safe when the Lord charts the Journey. Jno. 14:6.

CHRIST'S SUPER-HUMAN POWER

When the virgin conceived by the Holy Ghost, Luke 1:30-35, and after God anointed Him with the same Divine power. Acts 1:38...the seed of the woman was endowed with sufficient Divine energy that He could resist any and all temptations. This promised seed-Gen. 3:15, was 100 percent Divine while His human nature was small indeed---just enough flesh & blood to make Him liable to temptation. Yet with sufficient Divine power to cope with the adversary under all circumstances, even to saving the world. This was shown conclusively in the first contest with the Devil, when His official life began. Matt.

4:1-11.

God wanted both man & Devil to see that He which is in us, is greater than he that is in the world. I Jno. 4:4. "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Col. 1:27. Jesus is God's means of bringing us to a state of glory, but we need temptation to brighten our hope & strengthen our character. Jas. 1:2-4,12. Without temptation we can't be tried, no trial there can be no endurance, and if no test, no crown.

Psa. 29:11; Eph. 1:3

Psa. 104:1

THE LIVING FOOD & GARMENT FACTORIES

The plants, animals, fowls & fishes are among the food & garment factories of the world. All that we eat & wear come from these Divine formations. Man can make the bread and the garment, but not the wheat or the cotton. The seed & the soil, the sun & the cloud, sponsored by the life current that controls motion & gravity, brings happy results. This living machinery is not run by steam or gas, but by life itself, the most ancient, potent & powerful energy known to man. Life will call together & compound the particles of matter in such a way that it is self-existing & self-perpetuating while alive in the arms of nature.

It is life that makes the tree grow, the fowl fly & the fish swim; but the fruit from these sources must first die before we can eat the food or wear the garment. Life is the master power of nature---altho' invisible it carries us day and nite, awake or asleep along the pathway of this little world, while we eat & drink; study & think at the expense of Life alone. This needs no argument; all this finds its counterpart in Christ & the Church. Jno. 6:48-51; Eph. 5:25-27.

IT OCCURS ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

The saints of the Old Testament & those of the New were saved by the same Lord--the Son of God. The first group believed on Him who was to come...the second group believed on Him who had come. Gal. 4:4. In either case salvation was by faith in Christ; then good works should follow. Eph. 2:8-10. No one is so good he can be saved out of Christ & no one is so bad he cannot be saved by faith & obedience. Acts 4:12; Gal. 3:26-27. We should never question the truth of God because of apparent difficulties---God can solve His own problems, great or small; He is Almighty. Zech. 4:6.

Let us take a single example: When Jesus was born at Bethlehem, King Herod sought His life and sent his servants to apprehend Him. But God informed Joseph by a dream & told Joseph to take the young child & His mother, and flee into Egypt. He did so and out-generated the enemy and all was well. Matt. 2:13-15. The Ruler of the universe saw this transaction & foretold it 740 yrs. before it was a fact. Hosea 11:1. The young Prince was called out of Egypt at the proper time & place. Matt. 2:15. Don't worry, it always happens according to the Word of the Lord, believe it or not.

LOVE NOT THE WORLD-I JOHN 3:15

Love, like fire, may be used for the wrong purpose. We can't love God to excess, but other persons or objects we may--Rebekah loved Jacob more than Esau...this drove Jacob from home & separated the two forever. Gen. 27:42-43. Later, Jacob's love for Joseph parted father & son for 20 yrs.

Samson's love for Delilah made him tell a falsehood, robbed him of his strength, & lodged him in jail. Judges 16:21. Ammon's love for Tamar aroused his passion, shamed his sister & hastened his own death. 2 Sam. 13:28. David's love for lust, disgraced Bathsheba, laid her husband in a soldier's grave and sealed the death of his own off-spring. 2 Sam. 12:14.

Queen Jezebel, the wife of Ahab, was wedded to the prophets of Baal, but when danger came (the attired for a party) she was thrown from an upper window and eaten of dogs. 2 Kg. 9:30-36. Ahab was a Jew by birth, but a heathen by marriage & practice--both were condemned & both were punished. Gal. 6:7. God is watching. See Psa. 139:8-12.

LOVE, WHAT IT IS AND DOES

Love is the all-prevailing spirit of that invisible Empire; it is the offspring of Heaven, the sunshine of earth, and the master passion of the human heart. We are so formed that we can't see without light, believe without testimony, or love without an object: no tree no fruit; no fuel no fire; no God no love. This Divine agency is the antecedent of marriage, while both love & marriage are Divine creations and point to the glory of God. Flowers, trees, birds and man have their affinity. The greatest thrill comes from wedded association by which human hearts are mated, matched and multiplied. A home of six can broadcast a greater volume of love than a home of two, hence the edict of "increase and multiply"--thru this sacred relationship society is focused, formed and functioned. With the spirit of love God captivates the human heart, enriches the human soul, enlarges the human vision, and promotes the Divine glory. Isa. 43:7; Matt. 22:36-40.

INNOCENT FOR THE GUILTY

Daniel was cast in the lions den, but God delivered him because he was innocent. All the obedient now in Christ are pardoned if faithful---Christ the **innocent** died for the **guilty**...they are redeemed & have the crown of life in prospect. Dan. 6:22; Rev. 2:10.

Psa. 29:11; Eph. 1:3

Psa. 104:1

EVIDENCE OF IMMORTALITY

No where in nature from the lowest to the highest is there an instinct, impulse or desire implanted, but what are found ample provisions, conditions or opportunities for their fulfilment.

The wild fowl, by mysterious impulse migrates from the frozen to the tropical zone. The fish from the tropic gulfs seek their spawning grounds in the cool clear rivers of the north. The bees find in the flowers & ferns the treasure to store their cells. The wolf, the tiger, and the lion are provided with their prey.

But how about humanity? See man's imperfection; his thirst for knowledge; his capacity for that is without limit; his desire to penetrate the future has no counterpart; our appearance on earth is not voluntary & we come here with the sentence of death already passed---no criminal can have greater punishment than this. Human tribunals give man a chance, but in the empire of death, there is no witness, no attorney, no appeal...but there is a resurrection both of the Just and the unjust. Acts 24:15; Heb. 9:27.

OUR LORD'S RESPONSIBILITY

Each rational person is responsible to his Maker, but not to the same degree. Accountability is measured by ability to perform. No two men are alike physically, morally or religiously. But all men can be alike heartily, doctrinally & faithfully. If the heart, doctrine & walk are right (not perfect but practically) he is given credit accordingly. See Col. 3:23; I Tim. 4:16; Matt. 25:21. Our Lord's responsibility was greater than that of any other--it was 100 percent. He was not only to live a perfect life for himself, but his perfection must be passed on to others...He died for our sins. I Cor. 15:3.

Christ takes over as it were, our moral account & treats it as His own while we are faithful. He paid for it by suffering on the cross 360 minutes. He was penalized for our sins, but when we are His disciples, confess them as ours and not His, then He cancels them forever & clears the record. Heb. 8:12. It is grace, pure & simple. Eph. 2:8. The sin of the world for 5,947 years was all charged to one man & He was innocent. It was God's only begotten Son...He died for our sins. The load and the cup have told the same story for 1947 years, believe it or not.

THE ONE PERFECT MAN-I TIM. 3:16

Our Lord's official life of 42 months beginning with baptism, showed perfect submission to the Divine will, even death itself. Heb. 10:9. During this period He was never influenced by man or made a mistake...all others had their weakness. Moses fled; Abram feared; David hid; Thomas doubted; Paul repented & Peter followed afar off--Christ did neither. He never opened His lips to elicit human applause or closed them to escape human censure. He never feared the result of His work; it was always in keeping with the Divine will & God made it to prosper. Psa. 1:3.

Our Lord had no occasion like Moses, to look "this way and that" to see if any man was looking. Exo. 2:12--in this as in everything else Christ stands in marked contrast with His most eminent & praise-worth disciples. He never retraced a step; recalled a word; reframed a message; reformed a plan; or remodeled a thought. His Divine life flowed on without a break, without a curve & without a ripple. Christ was the one perfect man, but He gave himself for us. Tit. 2:14. The Lord's Church is His house; are we a part of it? Psa. 127:1; I Tim. 3:15. Man is moved by envy, pride, hatred, fear, love, lust & logic. Christ's motive is LOVE.

THE BEST INVESTMENT - HIGHER CALLING

To be a devout & devoted servant of the Lord is the highest honor & greatest privilege ever offered any member of the human family. It will pay a greater dividend than any other investment because Divine serving is eternal saving. Matt. 6:20. Heaven's bank never becomes insolvent. A Christian will face many gales on the sea of life--but these serve to enlarge vision, build character, & brighten our hope---they also anchor the soul--no cloud, no rainbow. In every business transaction, calling, or profession, all else being equal, the true-blue disciple is taken first & if true to his Maker he cannot fail elsewhere. Rom. 8:28. If a young man, he makes a better husband, friend or brother; if a young lady, she is a better sweetheart, wife or mother. I Pet. 3:4. A Christian is born not made; he has life which means growth; a rose must bud or it can't bloom; a wax flower looks nice but has no fragrance; a real daisy must

have time to grow. The reason a newborn babe in Christ looks so charming at the King's Court is because..renewed & reset by the Divine Artist. 2 Cor. 3:18. He can make sunflower look like the Rose of Sharon. The Christian spirit begets humility & not pride; love & not hatred; peace & not war. God's children should have the moral likeness of the Divine Father.

SALVATION OR RESTORATION THRU CHRIST

Man's imperfect, physical, mental & moral constitution is passed to us from Adam. Rom. 5:12. God's object is to restore the faithful of earth. Eph. 1:10, & place them back where Satan found them. This was to be done thru Christ & His church. Adam was the figure, Christ the real man. Rom. 5:14. Adam is responsible for sin & death...Christ is the author of our salvation. Heb. 5:9. Christ had no sin in His heart, flesh, speech or walk---He was 100 percent perfect anywhere; in heaven or on earth. Being sinless He was exempt from death except as He died for others. No other person had a life to give; all others must die for themselves.

The seed which formed the body of our Lord was incorruptible. Luke 1:35. Thus we look for, expect & find an incorruptible body. Acts 2:31. This body was liable to hunger, thirst, fatigue & pain, but none of these could prove fatal---His death must be violent...shedding of blood. Heb. 9:22. So say the loaf & cup each Lord's Day. Christ's death covered six hours suffering--not a long period but severe & fatal, and God was satisfied. Isa. 53:11. After His resurrection Christ took His body to Heaven. After our restoration by obedience, we will receive our incorruptible body in the general resurrection. I Cor. 15:54. This is restoration.

CHRIST FROM THE BEGINNING

From Gen. 3:15 to Matt. 2:11 we follow the golden chain of prophecy, amid the fall of Empires, the doom of cities, and the death of Kings, unchanging & changeless, until we see the wise men lay their gifts at the feet of the young Prince, fall down & worship Him.

As the tide of the Mississippi floats the contents of her tributaries into the sea, where they mingle & are lost; likewise the volume of inspiration carries forward the sacred landmarks of a coming Redeemer until they converge & are lost in the Son of Mary. This is the end of the line. How wise, benevolent & thoughtful on the part of Jehovah to thus enlighten His people.

You will find every link of this Divine chain which brought Christ to earth, written in Luke 3, the last 17 verses. You will find also a Son of God standing at each end of the line. How marvelous. Isa. 9:6. This shows how God unites the first and the last Adam. I Cor. 15:45, & informs us farther that God knew the end from the beginning. A chain minus a link is no good. Acts 15:18.

GETHSEMANE AND CALVARY

Gethsemane-Matt. 26:39 and Calvary-Matt. 27:46 are just a few hours apart in history. The first is Christ's prayer asking that the second might be set aside. God could not do this & save the world---including U and I. Thus the prayer of innocent Christ was ignored in either case & He was required to drink the cup of suffering and take the place of the guilty.

In the garden Christ with his unclouded vision, saw clearly the cross on which he must be punished for the sins of others. It is now before Him draped with the sin of past and present ages. God could not change & Christ was pledged to do the Father's will. All was settled.

Christ, with His open vision, saw it all in prospect--then proceeds to make it history. It meant 360 minutes nailed to the cross of Calvary--one half that time absolute darkness; while the Father forsook the bleeding & suffering, broken form of His own Son--this & much more were born by Him. Christ carried our sins into His sinless grave, never to be resurrected by Him if we are faithful. The Lord wants the Church to tell this story each Lord's day by a rehearsal of the crucifixion---as we partake of the loaf & the cup. Christ's death touched God's heart. Isa. 53:11. God can't forgive only in prospect until the debt is paid--Christ's blood. Heb. 9:22.

OUR DESTINY IS NOT HERE

The U.S. postage stamp will take care of a letter, and carry it to its destination. God's promise to Abraham took care of the seed of Abraham to the coming of Christ. Gen. 12:3,4; Gal. 3:29. God did not select Israel because better or more capable than others--they were human like ourselves--God was working with them even when they were not working for Him; time don't stop because the clock goes dead--God has His objective. The seed of Abraham was the means by which He showed Himself to other nations. Ravens were the means by which he fed the prophet Elijah; likewise God used the Israelites to show the nations that their God was THE GOD because He was ALMIGHTY. He did all this & more. Christ the Son of God was the seed of Abraham. God suffered Him to be crucified & be placed in a tomb for a period of three days to show mankind there is a power stronger than death & also another world in which to live after the resurrection from the dead. See Rom. 1:4. He has shown also that here and now is the time & place to make ourselves ready. Some tell us this is the end, when it is merely the beginning. Our destiny is not here. I Cor. 15:55.

GOD IS OUR SHIELD - PROV. 30:5; EPH. 6:16

Each faithful disciple can say, "Jesus loves me", "wants me", "waits for me", and says to me, "Come, for all things are now ready." He walks with me, talks with me, pleads with me, and says, "I am the way!" To me He is the bread of life--the water of life--the word of life, and the tree of life. The Lord does for me, can do for me, has done for me, and will do for me, what no one else can do. He is in the air, in the cloud, on the land, & under the sea. Beside all this..."He died for me on the mountain; for me they pierced His side; for me He opened the fountain, the crimson, cleansing tide; for me He waiteth in glory, now seated upon His throne; He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone." Moreover; the Lord is far yet near; absent yet present; silent yet speaks; invisible yet rules. No one but me can separate me from His love. Rom. 8:38,39. We should not be ignorant concerning His promises; time is nothing to Him. 2 Pet. 3:8.

THE BEST HOUSE-PSA. 127:1

A carpenter once said, "give me good lumber and I will build a good house." How about the early church? Ananias & Sapphira were killed for lying; Corinth was full of preacher factions; Ephesus had left her first love; Pergamos taught the doctrine of Balaam; Thyatire allowed Jezebel

to teach; Laodicea was lukewarm; and Sardis was dead. This could all be corrected but not allowed. Man may get a license to hunt, fish or get married, but not to do wrong; Satan works minus authority, his deeds are not valid & he is headed for the bottomless pit. Rev. 20:1-2. It is all right to turn on the gas if going the right direction; otherwise, we had better go slow. God could build a better house from the death of His Son than He could otherwise build from the life of the best man whoever lived--even faithful Abraham was defective.

Matt. 24:36-42; 2 Pet. 3:1-15;
2 Thes. 1:7-10; 1 Thes. 4:13-18.

PRAYER & PRAISE

Prayer is a petition--praise is worship or adoration. We ask for what we need, we are thankful for what we receive tho' it be food, fellowship or forgiveness. God is glorified in either case, because He knows & gives what we need. Matt. 7:7-12.

God cannot answer prayer while we are conscious of guilt. He has given us the fountain & told us "wash", then grace can act. Heb. 4:16. A disciple is guilty when he yields to wrong; spots & wrinkles must be ironed out before the wedding. Eph. 5:27; Matt. 22:11. These spots result from wrong doing or failure to do. When we say, "give us this day our daily bread" & receive the same, our prayer is answered--but when we are given bread without asking, no prayer is answered; God has done His part but man had failed--time does not quit because the clock stops ticking, or because the sun quits shining. After Christ paid our penalty by death, He went to Heaven to intercede for us at a throne of grace. Heb. 9:24. Humble prayer is not delivered with flaming eloquence; charming rhetoric; or musical intonations; the heart is more than the lips and the life is more than the lingo. Matt. 6:5-6. Christ's prayer in the garden was never answered. Matt. 26:39. Christ must drink the cup of suffering or God could not save the world. He drank the cup and opened the way for God to act. Heb. 2:9.

ALL INNOCENT PERSONS ARE EQUAL BEFORE GOD

Before the age of accountability the child can render neither a right or a wrong act..he can be neither righteous or guilty, but is given 100 percent credit in Heaven, because of Christ's perfect life & not because of its own; and so far as salvation is concerned every pardoned sinner is given equal rating with the child or gets nothing. 2 Cor. 5:21. Each pardoned disciple has a practical righteousness the child does not have, but grace makes the disciple equal with the child while he remains faithful...all must be 100 percent...all are complete in Him because it is Christ's righteousness in either case and not our own. Phil. 3:9. It is not perfect living, but perfect faith that counts for righteousness. Rom. 4:3-8. When a member of society is in Christ it is saved..the child is always in Christ or innocent, until age makes it guilty..then it "must be born again." If anyone is in Christ, his sins are covered tho' child or adult. Psa. 32:1. "Covered" means pardoned, whether prospective as under the law, or present as under grace. Eph. 2:8. Our old life is hid with Christ in God...He does not see it, but He does see Christ's perfect life before Him where once the sinner stood...the innocent has taken the place of the guilty, and God is satisfied with the payment. Isa. 53:11.

"Beulah-land" means Bride of Jehovah and of Canaan. It was God's delight. Here the Savior was born, lived and died, while all His miracles were confined to the land of promise. The 12 Apostles found their nativity here; it was here that Abraham offered Isaac; Esau sold his birthright; and a woman turned to a pillar of salt. In this country Jesus was born, baptized, walked on the water, was crucified and resurrected. David killed a giant here, Peter cut off a man's ear & Judas went and hanged himself. "Beulah Land" covered the site of Solomon's temple, the tomb of David, also that of Abram, Isaac & Jacob including their three wives.

These six eminent characters sleep alone in a primitive cave which cost Abraham \$208 measured by our standard, "current money with the merchant." (1943) Money is here first named in the worlds history. Sarah was the first and Jacob the last to rest here after their Journey was ended. Read closely Gen. 49:30-33. This "Beulah-land" ...God's dealing with Canaan. here Christ built His Church. See Isa. 62:5; Gal. 3:21.

A DESCRIPTION OF WHAT CHRIST WOULD DO AFTER HE WAS BORN

Many things are said as to what Christ would do on earth hundreds of years before He was born. See the following: Zech. 9:9; John 12:15. This covers over 360 yrs. He would ride a colt thru the city of Jerusalem while the multitude would shout and rejoice. This was said of our Lord over 360 yrs. before it came to pass and 33 yrs. after He was born. It was said also of Him, that he should be born of a virgin, be called Son of the Highest, should be given the throne of His father David, and should reign forever. Luke 2:32-34.

Psa. 1:1-3; 40:8; 119:15; 52:8;
Matt. 6:33; Numbers 6:24-26

WORTHLESS BEAUTY

Physical beauty is ornamental, fascinating and sometimes captivating, yet with all this it is weak, wavering and worthless; the rose and the lily are attractive, but their life of beauty is soon gone...in like manner the form of youth is soon withered, the Springtime of life (youth) is frozen and we find ourselves adrift in the winter of declining years. Do not extol, idolize or advertise your personal beauty; it is rude, dangerous and sometimes deadly; nothing has fallen so low as outward beauty. Absalom, the king's son, was faultless in appearance, but proud, arrogant and deceitful. Behind a gaudy dress a graceful form and a handsome face is often hid a fickle life, an empty head and a worthless heart. 2 Sam. 28:18. Solomon was also the son of David, known as the wise king of Israel; his reign was peaceful, his knowledge great and his heart was deep as the sea, but the women of Canaan found the bottom of it, emptied it and led him to worship the god of the heathen. I Kgs. 11:1-6. Read the words of Solomon. Eccl. 12:13-14.

ETHICS AND THE GOLDEN RULE

From the standpoint of ethics, vice must always pay a tax while virtue goes free. A sharper may fleece his victim, but cannot run away with the spoil. He will lose his standing, side-track his honor and weaken

his power of moral resistance.

The bandit kills his own conscience; the thief steals from himself and the man who gambles with the golden rule will find he is on the wrong road. Matt. 7:12. A proper use of wisdom and it will improve...otherwise it will be taken away. He who seeks to improve his own fortune by robbing another will lose his prestige in the race of life...the highest price paid for a thing, is to defraud, steal or take it by force...this stunts manhood, kills pride and makes one little in their own eyes. Give and take is the balance sheet of human responsibility. This is true in the home, in the church, or in the world. This principle never changes because it is Heaven's way. If we fail to give what rightly belongs to another, toll will be taken at the proper time; there is a silent partner in every transaction whether we see Him or not.

VOICES FROM THE LIVING DEAD

Man is given a mental store-house of gigantic proportions. He can wash his face, comb his hair, and spend his money, but the book of memory will register without an effort & he can't rub it out. This being true how delightful to turn to the index of that invisible ledger and find the page where our good deeds are written down--look them over, examine their parts, search their depths and compound their virtues. We don't like to call up the bitter things of life, but our cheerful deeds like pleasant companions are always welcome. Memory is the moderator of human events where each of us by the art of thinking, may associate persons, periods, plans, & places, and thus convert them into history by writing them down. In this way we may have on easy terms a verified experience of those who inhabit another world--voices from the dead. The case of Christ differs from all others--He lives after death to plead for us. His life after death is just as necessary to our salvation as tho' He had not died. We are saved by His present life, Rom. 5:10, where He mediates for us at a throne of grace. Heb. 4:16.

THE LIVING & WRITTEN WORD-WHAT IT DOES

The living and the written word each point to Jehovah. They serve notice that God is real and that man is on his way to meet Him. Jesus said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father also." Christ came to reveal God, die for man, atone for sin and return to His home. He was born on earth, lived here 33 yrs. but did not lose His citizenship in Heaven. Our Lord served no party, owned no property, had no family and carried no purse. In order to prove His identity and where He was from He stilled the tempest, walked the sea, healed the leper and raised the dead...this was all done after the age of 30. The living and the written Word are identical. We read the mind of Christ in His talk, we see the mind of Christ in His walk, in either case He was the oracle of God, and the Saviour of man. His work on earth was to gather up the tangled threads of human nature, and weave them into a garment of fadeless beauty, fine linen clean and white. Isa. 61:10; Rev. 19:8. The church is wrapped in Christ's spotless character...otherwise it is full of holes. Phil. 3:9; Isa. 64:6.

Eph. 5:25-27- "even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify & cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, no spot, wrinkle, but holy without blemish."

DISAPPOINTMENTS ARE MANY

The car stalls, the clock stops, the dog bites, and the fire goes out. This is all unpleasant but real. How different with Jehovah who moves the world, counts the stars, rides the storm and paints the rainbow. The supreme Ruler fell Jericho when Israel shouted; told the ravens to feed Elijah; directed the arrow that killed Ahab and slew Absalom when leading a rebellion---in either case there was no escape from Justice. Heb. 2:2,3. God's appointments were not disappointments....death has no claim on Him and He is not slack. 2 Pet. 3:9. The material universe is all right but humanity is all wrong; the earth needs no fixing, but man must be remodeled, regenerated, "born again." Jno. 3:3. God's appointments are not failures. Each transaction when supervised by Him is planned, timed and executed with the utmost skill; He knows it all and what the end will be. Acts 15:18. He never works in the dark. There is a better country where disappointments never come. Heb. 11:16.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF TIME

Time attends strictly to its own business, never looks at the clock or stops for traffic. It required time for Cain to kill Abel, David to kill Goliath, and the mob to kill Stephen. Time spent 40 days and nights for the flood, gave to the Hebrews manna for 40 yrs., and left Jonah with the whale for 72 hrs. Moses was 90 days old when placed in the ark; 40 yrs. old when he killed an Egyptian, 80 yrs. old when he delivered his people and 120 at his death.

Abraham was 75 when he left Haran, 86 when Ishmael was born, 99 when he was circumcised; he was 100 at Isaacs birth; 137 when Sarah died, and 175 at his decease. Christ lived before time was recorded; He was 8 days old when he was circumcised; 12 yrs. old when He talked to the lawyers; 30 yrs. old when baptized; 33 when He was crucified and left the world some 40 days later...He has now been absent from earth 1946 years (1979), but He is no older than the day He left. Time was not reckoned to Him before He came here or after He went away. The church is composed of Christ's servants on earth, while Christ continues our servant in Heaven at the throne of Grace; there to appear in the presence of God for us. Heb. 9:13-"When our waiting TIME is over"; TIME will be no more. Rev. 10:6.

WHAT MEN ARE MADE OF

A normal babe has two hands, two feet, ten fingers, and ten toes, and he will have no more of these accessories if he lives a hundred years. The babe is innocent, helpless, ruthless and toothless. He is minus wisdom, piety, reason, and sobriety, but he can eat, drink, laugh and wink. There are many things he can or cannot do, yet in this little bundle of clay is a hidden germ sufficient to build a castle or rule an empire. This world has more than two billion souls, each of them began as a babe; the prince and the pirate, the bishop and the butler, the banker & the doctor have all been members of the cradle roll. George Washington, Benedict Arnold, Enoch and Methuselah were also babes before they were men; yet Adam and Eve were never born--but they were made and given dominion. Gen. 1:27-28.

The greatest MAN who ever lived in this little world where we now live...was born of a woman, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. He lived 33 yrs. on earth, then returned to His home in Heaven where He now is. He was never sick a day in His life; He wept more than once, but was never known to smile.

Christ could weep like a babe, plead like a child and love like a mother; He could dress like a peasant, obey like a servant, and charm like a prince; He could command like a general, condemn like a judge, and die like a criminal.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT--MATT. 5, 6, 7

This sermon written by Matt. Chap. 5, 6, & 7. It contains 2,343 words, each word based on truth, backed by a pure heart, & right motive; every thought, word or action was in accord with the Divine will..no contradiction anywhere. Heb. 10:7. A pure heart will show itself in action. The wheel is no good minus the driver & the pen can't make sense without the writer. These words are an abstract of that prompted by the Father, spoken by the Son, enforced by the Spirit, and written by inspiration. We might call them the "constitution of the Christian system." Matt. Chap. 5, 6, 7, was delivered 30 yrs. after our Lord was born, yet there was never anything in His life or living, that contradicted a single word of this Divine discourse. His whole life and teaching was an abstract compounded from the Sermon on the Mount before written.

Our Lord is the Alpha & Omega of the Bible. Christ is the only Ruler whose dominion is world-wide; whose throne was established after His death and whose business knows nothing of state lines, political divisions, or continental boundaries; yet He could weep like a babe, plead like a child, and love like a mother, but was never known to smile. Read Matt. 22:42-46.

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL PEDIGREE? NUM. 1:18

Before starting to Canaan the seed of Abraham must prove their pedigree. Num. 1:18. All Christians are spiritual seed of Abraham and must prove their Divine title. Gal. 3:29; I Pet. 3:15; Jno. 3:3-5. Professed disciples like Israel of old are starting to walk with God; their terminus is Heaven...can we read our title clear to mansions in the skies...can we trace our descent to the seed of the woman. Gal. 3:16...thence to Abraham, the 20th from Adam...have we been born again? Jno. 3:5. Born of the incorruptible seed which liveth and abideth forever? So far as Adam is concerned we are born of a degenerate and ruined stock. We might trace our descent thru a line of princes or nobles, yet this would bring us merely to the grave.

A child of God must be able to trace his lineage to the Head of a risen race in Heaven; to Him who has cancelled sin, abolished death, and written defeat at the portal of an empty tomb. If one is not a member of the Divine family, he has no inheritance in Heaven. He may look like, talk like and act like a Christian, but any or all of these alone, will not insure him a title to Heaven...he must be born again. Jno. 3:5-7.

Take care of your Christian pedigree. If the right of my title to earthly patrimony is questioned, I must show by law that I am the son of my father. Either Jew or Gentile must be born again to become Christians, thus a son of God.

BIOGRAPHY OF RAHAB

Rahab lived at Jericho. She was a gentile, a Canaanite and a harlot. Two Hebrews came to spy the land, she hid them & told the officers they were gone. When the city was taken later, this woman & her kindred were all that were spared. Her faith in the God of Israel saved her. Heb. 11:31; Josh. 6:25. Rahab became a Jew by adoption; married Salmon, became the mother of Boaz who married Ruth, who was the mother of

Obed who was grand-father of David who was a prominent ancestor of our Lord. Thus by faith, U and I are descendants of Rahab and Ruth. Matt. 1:5; Ruth 4:22. In this way Rahab the harlot, Ruth the Moabite, and Mary the virgin, unite in one common faith and serve as links in the Divine chain which brought Christ to the world, salvation to man, and glory to God. Jno. 17:4. While these 3 women lived ages apart, each served their part in the Divine plan. This is the **highway** by which Jesus came from above & arrived at Bethlehem 19-1/2 centuries ago; He returned to Heaven by a shorter route, starting from Bethany near the Mt. of Olives. Lk. 24:50. Rahab is listed with the faithful. Heb. 11:31. Her standing before God was good, but her walk was cloudy. Christ's blood covers all ages. All are saved by GRACE when we meet the conditions. Eph. 2:8.

Jas. 2:25 says Rahab was justified by works, thru which she showed her faith.

ABOUT RAHAB AND JERICHO

Rahab lived at Jericho..she was a gentile and a harlot. Two men of Israel came to spy out the land. Rahab hid the spies from the officers and said they had "left her premises." This woman and her house were the only people saved when Jericho was taken. She believed in the God of Israel and became a Hebrew by adoption. She married Salmon and became the mother of Boaz the husband of Ruth, also the grandmother of Obed who was the ancestor of Christ. Matt. 1:5. Rahab is listed with the faithful in Heb. 11:31. Her standing was good in the sight of the Lord but there were spots in her life, as in the life of all other mortals. Rom. 3:10, but her faith was perfect & she was saved by Grace. Eph. 2:8. If by the law is the strength of sin; then Grace is the weakness of sin for "Blessed is the man whose sins are covered." There is no sin so great, but grace can and will cover it if man will reform and confess it. This opens the way for God to come in and cover it, because Christ has already paid the debt by making the atonement. When we meet the conditions God acts because of what Christ has already done. Rahab's faith saved her, while her relation to Christ brought salvation to us. Read Joshua 6th Chap.

THE LORDS FINISH WORK ON EARTH

A native of Heaven, a stranger on earth, and final return to His own country. Heaven lost nothing, but was a gainer by His absence. The atonement is made, serpent's head bruised, and the Church established; also the RESURRECTION assured!!!

KEEP THY HEART WITH ALL DILIGENCE-PROV. 4:23

The hasty word, the harsh look, and the run-away tongue are the hiss of the old serpent. Gen. 3:4. When the heart is right, good fruit will follow--an oak always from an acorn. A wholesome thought heaven born, heart felt and freely given, are always a blessing. The prodigal wanted to come home and the father was glad to see him come...both rejoiced. The man half dead was kindly relieved by a stranger...each was well pleased. Luke 10:34. The lady merchant from Thyatira told her heart's desire in a sermon of 22 words...thot translated into words telling the result of her happy experience after the Lord had opened her heart at a prayer meeting. Acts 16:13-15.

Christ says, "give me thy heart..not sell it." Prov. 23:26; Eph. 3:17;

Rev. 3:20. Our Lord is not only dignified, but humble, meek and modest...His thot, look, walk and speech were not merely an index to His heart, but an example to His disciples. The style of an act or way of doing a thing is often more to be admired than the thing itself...the cheerfui act sanctifies the giver. Acts 20:35; Col. 3:23. In the matter of paying a debt, 500 is no more than 500 in the eyes of the Lord. He forgave them both. Luke 7:41-42. It cost no more to save the chief of sinners than to redeem a 100 percent good moral man. We are not appraised by what we are worth, but by what it cost Heaven to redeem us. This makes us all morally of the same intrinsic value when weighed in the Divine scale. It cost the life of a perfect man to save each of us. God frankly or (gladly) forgave them both...This is grace. Eph. 2:8. No sin is so great that grace can't cover it. Rom. 5:20-21. Yet we have no license to sin. It is Christs righteousness and not ours that is marked to our credit in Heaven...We receive just what Christ paid for. Phil. 3:9; Isa. 64:6.

OUR HIGH PRIEST - HEB. 4:15

We have our trials and disappointments, but Jesus knows them all. Heb. 4:14-16. I am glad we can think of Him, walk with Him, & talk with Him day or night. He is the one who hears the ravens when they cry. To us He is far yet near, absent yet present, silent yet speaks, invisible yet rules. Christ suffered on the cross 360 minutes for us. Surely He knows how to be touched by the feelings of our infirmities. Heb. 4:15. He sees and knows and feels and thinks about us in a way that no other being can feel or think. He is good. He is kind, He is loving, He is gentle. He is tender, He is merciful, and He is abundantly able to help in every time of need. He has done, He can do, He wants to do and will do for us what no other person can do. His promises are all good...He is not slack. 2 Pet. 3:9. Famine, flood, or war cannot hinder His work and He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Heb. 13:8.

MY WAYS ARE NOT YOUR WAYS - ISA. 55:8

When God and His people Israel were of the same mind He fought their battles for them and chose nature always as His weapon of war. The flood, the Red Sea, and the Jordan...the pillar of fire, the ten plagues and burning of Sodom were examples. Natures way was God's way, His outline was always best. The 75 generations from Adam, to Christ-Luke 3, are bound together by a super-human philosophy so profound that human wisdom alone can neither knit or ravel, yet the biography is perfect. Likewise the Church also, is a combination of nature and grace which is the off-spring of Divine wisdom. It is neither a growth, an enterprise or an invention, but like mother Eve who was a full fledged woman capable of mother-hood the day she was formed. Acts. 2:47; Gal. 4:26. Just as well try to improve the first woman as to remodel the first Church. God made each of them and wrapped them in a mantle of perfection. The Church must be fitly framed together. Eph. 2:21. And if we are a part of it here. we give Him glory. Eph. 3:21.

GIVING IS NOT LOSING - LUKE 6:38

The sun loses nothing by warming the earth: the flower loses nothing by giving its fruit; the bird loses nothing by singing a song. Christ fed 5,000 with only 5 loaves and 2 small fishes; all were filled with plenty over..but this came from giving and not hoarding. Jno. 6:9-13.

The boy gave to the Lord; Christ gave to His disciples and they gave to the multitude. To have fed this crowd at a restaurant would have cost at least \$1,500 (1943). Christ said in same chapter, "I am the bread of life." Jno. 6:35. We can get this bread from Christ and no other...but anyone can have it without money and without price. This is the more abundant life..Jno. 10:10, purchased by Christ alone. With best regards for you, yours, and the Brotherhood.

Read Psa. 78:8; I Sam. 15:23.

MY WAYS ARE NOT YOUR WAYS - ISA. 55:8

When God fights his enemies he employs the objects of nature and ignores the artificial means of fallen man---the ten plagues of Egypt were after this order. The flood, the Red Sea and crossing the Jordan was the result of nature; the pillar of fire, the destruction of Sodom and the burning bush belong to the same category; while the fall of Jericho, the sun standing still and Elijah fed by the ravens are a combination of Divine science. The 75 generations from Adam to Christ, Luke 3, are bound together by a super-human philosophy so profound that human skill alone, can neither knit or ravel.

The Church likewise is a combination of nature and grace; but is the offspring of Divine wisdom. It is neither a growth, an enterprise or an invention, but like mother Eve, a full fledged woman capable of motherhood the day she was made. Gal. 4:26. Just as well try to improve the first woman physically as to improve the first Church---God made them both, but Satan marred the model. Man tries to "remodel" but God's way is to make a new building by a regeneration. The building is all right, I Cor. 3:9, but too much poor material..wood, hay and stubble. I Cor. 3:12.

THE BEST GARMENT - ROM 13:14; GAL. 3:26-27

The faithful disciple is dressed in Christ's righteousness. Phil. 3:9; Gal. 3:27. The gorgeous robes of Solomon in no way compare with the lilies of the valley. Matt. 6:28. Solomon ordered his own apparel, the Lord arranged the lilies...who had the better taste? Christ was made sin for us that we might have His perfect character by faith. He gives us His 100 percent righteousness..no wonder we look so comely in God's sight; this is the best garment because of its composition and usefulness...moth won't eat it, fire won't burn it; time can't fade it; it is always in style and never grows old; we can wear it in the office, in the shop and in the home; we can wear it morning, noon and night; we can wear it in the garden, in the church, and in the field---but best of all we can wear it at the marriage supper of the Lamb. Rev. 19:7-9; Matt. 22:11-13; 25:10. This garment is made to fit, don't try to improve it. When I look thru my glasses, I get a larger view of the printed page. As God sees me in Christ a great change has come; because I am dressed in Christ's righteousness and on my way to the wedding. Rev. 19:7-9.

Jas. 1:2-4, 12; 2 Tim. 4:7, 8
Rev. 2:10

THE DEVIL AND HIS WIFE

The devil cast Daniel into a lions den; the Hebrew children into a fiery furnace; and Paul & Silas into a prison at Philippi. Acts 16:23. He told Peter to deny Christ, Herod to behead John, and Judas to go and

hang himself. Matt. 27:5. He joined Ananias and Sapphira in a falsehood, united Pilate and Herod against Christ, and drowned 2,000 swine in the depths of the sea. Mk. 5:13. The devil's help-meet is clearly pictured in Rev. 17:1-7. Her business, her name, and her dress are all defined, minutely. The Bride of Christ is revealed. Rev. 19:6-9, her business, her name and her dress are all in the picture, just as they were written 19 centuries ago, and just as they will be at the coming of the Bride-Groom. Matt. 25:10. She is wearing the best robe. Isa. 61:10. This joyful scene never changes; the Bride-Groom will come, transportation will not cease.

God's promises are unchanging and changeless; His word is either a formative or a prophetic truth...therefore it is always dependable whether past, present or future. A word picture written from the Divine mind never loses anything by duration, translation or application; neither did Christ...like the solar Sun...ever lose anything by what He gave away...even His own life. Jno. 12:24; Matt. 24:35.

Adam died, but God knew it, 930 yrs. before it came to pass. Gen. 2:7; 5:5.

When a little babe is born, its little finger is a part of its body, the same as any other portion; if it lives 50 yrs. the finger is larger, but its office remains the same. Just so with the new-born babe in Christ, and the saint of 50 summers---one is in Christ, so is the other. This is the only ground of life in either case. There are not kinds of justification. This condition is not effected by fluctuation of human experience. There is not one kind of life for the infant, another for the man.

The purpose & duty of God's people is to set God & not themselves before the world. The seed of Abraham were the agents of God to shine in the world, not because better or more numerous. Note: deceived by Gibeonites. Israel was told "not to fear", the danger was great because their God was superior to any danger. A ferment acts on substances around it without being acted on itself..See Christ on leaven, yeast, title. Man wills 40 acres each to 4 sons. If one son doubles his returns, this in no way effects his title, or that of others.

ARTIFICIAL LIFE NOT PERMANENT

Satan has made this life artificial---not like it was in the beginning. In this world one man may have more money, more land, and more friends than another, but not so in the world to come. This world is not the end of the journey...just a station on the highway of time, we are on the way to ETERNITY. Our Lord left earth after living here 33 yrs., but no older now than when He left. Moses died at the age of 120, Deut. 34:7, but was seen 1,500 yrs. later in the promised land. Matt. 17:3, yet no older than when the Lord buried him at Moab. He had been some place where they never grow old. 1,500 yrs. in the mind of God is but 1 and 1/2 days measured by our standard. 2 Pet. 3:8. This artificial life is determined by artificial time, but the life to come (real life) is unending & endless, undying and deathless, it is called ETERNITY, because time is ended. Rev. 10:6. In this future state man will be restored to his original purity and perfection...there will be nothing artificial in Heaven, because the Devil is shut out. Rev. 20:10. Then we sing a new song. Rev.

14:3, but it will not be a dirge. (Note--dirge means a lyrical or musical composition expressive of grief, as to accompany funeral or memorial rites)

SOWING & REAPING - GAL. 6:7

Jezebel was queen of Israel..she killed Naboth, worshipped idols and played the harlot..she was thrown from an upper window & eaten of dogs. David was a king but he took another man's wife; lied to her husband and ordered Uriah's death, but he could not hide the crime, change the mind or escape the harvest. Absalom was a prince..he deceived the people, slew his brother, and fought to dethrone his father, David...but he could not conquer fate, out-general the Lord, or escape the wrath of Joab.

Belshazzar was a corrupt ruler; he engaged his brilliant powers in sacrilege, mockery and debauchery, but the armless hand and the inkless pen wrote his doom on the wall of his own palace in the presence of his best friends, while fate sent a Hebrew captive the same night to unravel the mystery..The King was "weighed and found wanting." Dan. 5:30,31. If we want good grades we must follow the Divine schedule. Gal. 6:7. We can't plant vice and reap virtue.

DIVINE REVELATION IS NOT SPECULATION-HEB. 4:12

Christ sees and knows everything pertaining to man; past, present, future; or He walks in the Church and knows each member personally. He warns His children, condemns their faults, commends their virtues, tells them to love each other, keep step with Divine music and keep themselves unspotted from the world. When Abraham was 75 God told his fortune the next 100 years, chose Mary from the house of David 40 generations before her birth, sent Gabriel later to tell she would be a virgin mother, and her child would be called Son of the Highest. God saw the travail of Christ's soul and was satisfied with Justice 750 yrs. before the crucifixion. Isa. 53:11.

Every faithful member of the Divine Family was accurately written in the Divine mind before written in the New Testament. God sees all our fleshly members before they are formed. Psa. 139:16. Likewise God beheld in prospect every member of the Spiritual Body before they were conformed to the image of His son. Matt. 25:34; 1 Pet. 1:20; Rom. 8:29,30; Eph. 1:10; Acts 15:18. Nothing is hid from Him..past, present or future, except sins and iniquities that He remembers no more. Heb. 8:12.

THE MANNA

The Manna..type of Christ coming down from Heaven; a gift, as was Christ. Hebrews gathered it, we absorb Christ. Each day its own supply...we must have Christ every day. Wilderness journey, Manna 40 yrs. Christ earth life is for our nourishment. Every word, act or movement was for good of others. After crossing Jordan, manna stopped, and they eat the old corn of the land; typical of Christ's work in Heaven for the church. We feed on His intercession. We come first to brazen altar, see our sinful nature reduced to ashes; then to golden altar where we see Christ's intercessory work illustrated.

I am weak, but Thou art strong
Jesus keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, dear Lord, close to thee.

“JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE!!”

JESUS PAID IT ALL

Christ had no earthly ambitions; made no plans for living here and was not influenced by mortal man; neither was He conscious of any evil thot, word or deed. He possessed the Divine mind which is stable, immovable and never fluctuates. True, He was tempted in all manner as we are, yet without sin. His power of resistance was greater than ours because He was a Divine man, and we are human. He carried a Divine mind in an earthly body; and mind is more powerful than matter. Christ could and did what no other person could do. live a perfect life. If I could resist all evil, why should Heaven send another to do that for me? It is true I can and must imitate Him, and engage all my powers to be like Him, but with all this I cannot measure up to the Divine requirement. My completeness is in Christs perfect life. Thus, if faithful, my standing is always good at the bank of Heaven because Christ endorses the check He has made on my life. “He gave Himself for us.” Tit. 2:14. The loaf and the cup on the Lord’s table shows that “Jesus Paid It All.” That 360 minutes on the Roman cross, has paid the debt in full. “Jesus paid it all.”

When I look thru my glasses nature is conquered and I get an enlarged vision of the printed page. In like manner God sees my life not as defective nature formed it, but as the princely wealth of Christ exalts me in Gods estimation. When dressed in my Lord’s righteousness I am more comely than when wearing my own filthy garb. Phil. 3:9; Isa. 64:6.

DIVINE COURTSHIP & MARRIAGE - REV. 19:7, 8

The courtship begins with the espousal. 2 Cor. 11:2. The marriage takes place when courtship ends at death. Rev. 19:7. The Church as a body is Christ’s prospective wife waiting for the coming of her absent Lord. Christ has chosen her; redeemed her; died for her; paid her debt; sent her words of love & good cheer. He then told her He was leaving for a time, but urged her to be faithful while He was gone, keep step with Divine music and keep herself unspotted from the world.

He said further..I go to prepare a place for you; be true to me for I am sure to return. Matt. 25:6. Then He told her His coming would be secret, but He hoped to find her robed and ready to go...not flirting with the world...but arrayed in fine linen, clean & white. Rev. 19:8.

Christ knows all about us because He gave Himself for us that He might prepare for us a home where Joy & Peace sing one glad anthem and love unfettered holds universal sway. Our absent Lord can do, will do, and wants to do what no one else can do for us. He is absent yet present, far yet near, silent yet speaks, invisible yet rules.

Behold, the Bridegroom cometh. Matt. 25:6; Rev. 19:7-9. This picture never changes. Heb. 13:8. After the wedding we will no longer observe the Lord’s Supper. 1 Cor. 11:26. Forever with the Lord.

THE ONE WHO IS ALMIGHTY

God is almighty...He can never advance in knowledge, wisdom or

power. He can execute all His plans...He can make a man from raw dust or give him power to reproduce himself...God can make an oak with or without an acorn...He knows what He can do. He can make a bird knowing that it could fly...He can't improve or learn anything...we can learn from Him, but He cannot learn from Himself. Acts 15:18. God knew before they were formed that Adam could walk and Eve could talk, what she would say. (We must learn these things) God knew the flood would come; told Noah why and how to escape; He formed the rainbow and told its meaning. Some say the flood was a "myth"; if so, how do they account for the bow in the cloud? Jehovah said a Savior would come from the family of Abraham, be born of a virgin and called Son of the Highest. Luke 1:31,32. I can't understand how a child can be born of a virgin, but I can believe it..God is Almighty! Before a child is conceived, God can tell the time and place of its birth, the name of its mother & where the child will sleep the first night. Luke 2:12. God never works in the dark. I Jno. 1:5.

ABOUT BAPTISM

Peter tells how eight souls were saved by water during the flood, and cites it as a figure of baptism to us who submit. Also, as Christ while rising from the dead. Thus it has a definite meaning to us when rightly applied. The ark was built on dry ground. It did not and could not rise minus the water..from thence it floated to Ararat from whence they disembarked. The Noahs went in and out of the ark at God's command, when all were saved by water..decently and in order. I Pet. 3:20-23.

When man is baptized he is plunged downward, then raised to complete the picture...nothing else can or will do in the Divine plan. Moreover, two of our Lord's ancestors were in the ark & must be carried over to the new world in order to fulfill the promise made to Abraham, and give us the Divine child born of a virgin at Bethlehem, hundreds of years later. Allow the Lord to chart the Journey and He will take care of the traveler.

MEMORY, ANTECEDENT & CONSEQUENT

Memory is the Divine register where that is recorded for future use. 2 Cor. 3:3. Minus this invisible book the five senses would be useless...there would be no occasion for school, church, court, or any other assembly, and in any event man could not tell if he was coming or going. The prime object of memory was the glory of God and the first requirement of man was the exercise of this Divine faculty. Gen. 2:17. Memory is Divine...it survives the catastrophe of death..mocks the grave and takes its flight.

The rich mans mortal life had ended; his biography written & his body consigned to earth...yet the rich man saw Lazarus with his mental eye; heard Abraham with his mental ear and spoke to him with his silent tongue and called him, "Father Abraham"..Then the father of the faithful said to the rich man, "Son, REMEMBER". Luke 16:25. Everyone is given a memory; the poorest of earth are not forgotten, and no one can give it away; throw it away, or exchange it for something else, and we are told what to think about. Phil 4:8. Be not a forgetful hearer. Jas. 1:25.

DEATH BY ADAM - LIFE BY CHRIST

Every mortal being except Christ was stung by sin. I Cor. 15:55; or was marked by death before born, because their father was a dying man

and did not have to consent to the death of his children because he transmitted his own poisoned nature to us, and in Adam all die. I Cor. 15:21-22.

If death is a definition of sin, then life is a definition of righteousness. Jno. 1:4; I Cor. 15:22. The sting that produces innocence...the innocent dies for the guilty in this way we are redeemed of the penalty passed on Adam and his posterity. The Bible does not say, "in Eve all die." Christ had a dying mother, but not a dying Father. Our Lord did not inherit the dying nature of His mother, but that of his Father which was perfect...No other person had a life to give because they were sentenced to death by Adam while we are pledged to life by and in Christ...he had a life to give. Jno. 10:11; Gal. 3:26,27.

SALVATION

There are two channels through which salvation flows to mankind. Crucifixion which carries atonement to the world; Intercession which washes away the filth of the Church. God smote His beloved Son that the race might be saved. Isa. 53:10. He speaks to His Son that the Church might be cleansed. Eph. 5:26. We are reconciled by His death, but saved by His life. Rom. 5:10. Christ's priestly service is Mercy and not Judgment, speaking not smiting. Corn of wheat must die or remain alone. Must be lifted up before He could draw. We are united in resurrection, not before.

THE BLOOD

Without shedding of blood - Heb. 9:22
Blood makes atonement - Lev. 17:11; Rom. 5:11
Blood sanctifies - Heb. 10:10; 13:12
Blood propitiates - Rom. 3:25
Blood clean conscience - Heb. 9:14
Blood faith in - Rom. 3:25
Blood justified - Rom. 5:9
Blood purchases - Acts 20:28
Blood washed robes - Rev. 7:14
Blood makes peace - Eph. 2:13
Blood makes nigh - Col. 1:14
Blood forgiveness - Eph. 1:17
Blood cleanses - I Jno. 1:7

THE GOSPEL, SHADOW & IMAGE - HEB. 10:1

We see the shadow on the wall..we see the image in the glass. Jas. 1:23. The shadow of the man shows nothing but the outline; no one could tell if he was black or white. Place him before the mirror where we get the image and note the difference. Jas. 1:23. This is reflection. Animal sacrifice pictures the blood, death & suffering of our Lord, but tells nothing of His love, devotion or relationship to either God or man.

These intangible parts of His super-human nature are unchanging & changeless & could not be rubbed out by death..they point to His moral image alone. Heb. 1:3. Christ's mortal nature served as a background to reflect the immortal; He was the brightness of the Father's glory. His Divine nature was not crucified, but continues to shine in the presence of God for us. Heb. 9:24. Our Christian walk is imperfect without Christ, but our citizenship is in Heaven where it is absolutely safe while we are faithful to Him who purchased us. Heb. 12:22; Matt. 25:21; Rev. 2:10.

Numbers 6:24-26

SATAN BECOMES HIS OWN ENEMY

The kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and Master. Rev. 11:15. This is a Divine promise and God will make it good. 2 Pet. 3:9. God wrote Belshazzar's doom on the wall of the king's palace with an armless hand and an inkless pen..then ordered the kings execution the same nite. Dan. 5:30. God did all this...what can He not do? 2,500 yrs. have not diminished His power, destroyed His wisdom or changed His motive. I am the Lord, I change not-Malachi 3:6.

Christ suffered the Devil to crucify His body and leave it in the tomb until the 3rd day. This made it possible for the Lord to show himself alive later. Acts 1:3. And while Satan that he was getting rid of his enemy he was merely placing Him in a state where He would be more useful to man and more harmful to the adversary.

Christ is now in the presence of God for us. Heb. 9:24; also to destroy the works of the devil. I Jno. 3:8. Our Lord could neither found His church or multiply its numbers minus His death. Jno. 12:24. The farmer loses nothing if the corn dies when planted and he receives nothing if it fails to die. How true it is that satan becomes his own enemy by aiding and abetting the crucifixion of Christ.

CHRIST WAS MADE FOR A PURPOSE

Christ had no sin in Him. I Jno. 3:5. Neither by conception, birth or contraction. In death He was the sinless price paid for a sinful world. Heavens Divine graces where all passed from the Father to the Son by way of the virgin mother. The moral fiber of the Son was equal that of the Father; it was 100 percent and satan could not move Him in the temptation. Matt. 4:1-11. God knew full well what Christ would do with satan before leaving His home in glory...God made Him for that purpose and knew what the end would be...God never works in the dark. Acts. 15:18. Christ had sufficient power to resist all temptation...He had no desire to sin and this is half the battle.

CHRIST

In living He loved me....in dying He saved me....in burial He carried my sins far away....in raising He justified me in the presence of God. Rom. 4:25. He is now in the presence of God for me. Heb. 9:24.

I am weak but thou art strong, Jesus keep me from all wrong, I'll be satisfied a long, as I walk close to thee.

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE!!!

A LETTER TO A YOUNG DISCIPLE

You are now a member of the Divine family; a child of God and a joint-heir with Christ. This is the most becoming step in course of a young life, and will pay a greater dividend than any other investment. Divine serving is eternal saving, Matt. 6:20.

As a Christian you will face many storms on the sea of life; however these necessary evils will challenge your faith, but brighten your hope...don't frown at the clouds; they give us the rain and show us the rainbow.

A true-blue disciple is all gold, 24 carat fine when weighed in the Divine scale and while true to his master, he cannot fail elsewhere. Rom. 8:31.

A Christian is born, not **made**...he begins with life and continues in growth....a wax flower has no life or fragrance, it is made at once and ends there, but the real daisy must have time to grow....first the bud, then the flower. Mk. 4:28. In nature's garden flowers differ in size and lustre, but they are all flowers because of the same family. In the Church, if faithful, we are all alike in God's sight; but oh, how we differ yet we are all one, because members of the same Divine Family...saved by grace. Eph. 2:8. Gal. 3:26, 27. Christ's righteousness makes us all alike if we accept it. Phil. 3:9. Faithfulness insures us the crown. Rev. 2:10.

YEARS OR CENTURIES FROM ADAM TO CHRIST

	Years
From Adam forward to Noah	1600
From Noah forward to Abraham	400
From Abraham forward to Moses	500
From Moses forward to David	500
From David forward to Christ	<u>1000</u>
Approximate total in years	<u>4000</u>

	Centuries
From Christ backward to David	10
From David backward to Moses	5
From Moses backward to Abraham	5
From Abraham backward to Noah	4
From Noah backward to Adam	<u>16</u>
Approximate total by centuries	<u>40</u>

I JNO. 3:1 - "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not."

WHAT DO WE OWE THE FIRST WOMAN? or WHAT MOTHER EVE HAS DONE FOR US

Eve's name was Adam before she was created or married. Gen. 5:2. She was the first virgin, first woman, first wife, and first mother. She was the first nurse, first companion, first bride, and first kinsman.

These eight positions of honor were passed to us by the first woman, and they suggest purity, love, partnership, fellowship, and devotion; also comfort, fidelity, affinity, and family ties. The brightest flowers bud and blossom in the family garden...the sweetest incense rises from the family altar and here the rarest jewels sparkle in the sunlight that gilds and gladdens its gateway. Mother Eve heads the procession.

SOWING AND REAPING - GAL. 6:7

Love like fire may be used for the wrong purpose; we can't love God to excess, but other persons or objects we may. Rebekah loved Jacob

more than Esau..this drove Jacob from home and separated mother and child forever; while Jacob's love for Joseph parted father and son for twenty years. David's ungodly act laid Uriah in a soldier's grave and hastened the death of David's innocent child. 2 Sam. 12:14. Queen Jezebel, the wife of Ahab, worshipped the heathen prophets, but fate threw her from an upper window and she was eaten of dogs. 2 Kings 9:30-36. Ahab was a Jew by birth, but a heathen by marriage...the law forbid the wedding of Jew & Gentile...Ahab was killed by the enemy. 1 Kings 22:34,35.

They have sown the wind, they shall reap the whirlwind. Hosea 8:7; Gal. 6:7; Read Psa. 139:8-12.

"My days are gliding swiftly by, and I a pilgrim stranger would not detain them as they fly, those hours of toil & danger."

DOING THE WILL OF THE LORD - 1 JNO. 2:17

Doing the will of the Lord makes us happy both here and hereafter. Jno. 13:17. The hasty word, harsh look or loose tongue, may be traced to the hiss of the serpent. Gen. 3:4; but when the heart coincides with the will of God, good fruit will follow the faithful. Moses look condemned him & Peters walk betrayed him, but Christ was glad He could endure for others. Heb. 12:2. The style of an act is more to be admired than substance...the Lord is watching the heart. Prov. 4:23...one look from the Lord made Peter weep bitterly.

The Prodigal was glad to come home and the father was glad to have him come..the son made the father happy and the father made the son happy...likewise the wayward child of God returns and there is rejoicing both on earth and in Heaven. Luke 15:7. Christ by doing God's will perfectly on earth, has sanctified the Church. Heb. 10:10; and our faithfulness insures us the Crown. Rev. 2:10. We now work to retain what is already ours, tho' purchased by another. Christ has paid for it by His death on earth; He now saves us by His life in Heaven. Rom. 5:10. We are just as much in need of Him now as we were before we were saved. Our DEVOTION DETERMINES OUR DESTINY.

DIVINE WEDLOCK

Marriage is old as the human race and modern as the morning sun: points to the first pair and declares the union of a man and woman who were made and not born. Marriage dedicates, animates & regulates human desire. It begets a thirst for counsel, a bid for sympathy and a passion for home. A Divine union begins with a lullaby, proceeds with an anthem, and ends with an unbroken faith; it softens the heart, refines the nature, and anchors the soul.

Domestic fidelity is a flower that blooms, a star that sparkles, and a fire that never goes out...it is all this & more...it is a badge of faith, an emblem of love, and the banner of hope; it is the court of gladness, the angel of peace, and the haven of rest in the night of storm. A model home is where the clock tick and the murmur of the wind are fraught with music, where sunshine scatters the clouds and love unfettered holds universal sway.

Marriage signifies union with Christ; rejoicing and gladness when the "waiting time is over." Rev. 19:7. It is midnight....behold the Bride-groom cometh, go ye out to meet Him. Matt. 25:6. They that were ready went in. Verse 10. God had chosen the marriage occasion to picture our happy union with the Lord, when the waiting time is over. Rev. 19:7-9; Matt. 25:6.

Man is God's only counterpart in creation: man alone is charged with responsibility, hence made for future service on a higher plane. Each adult is the custodian of a mind, a body, a soul, and a destiny. His body is his workshop; warmed, wired and ready for use. In this he sharpens his intellect; trains his conscience and builds his character. Thus he prepares for that invisible Empire known as "the city of God." Heb. 11:10. The visible universe is heavens index to Bible study. Rom. 1:20.

Nature builds the machine; supplies the power, and creates the field of action....then turns it over to a governor...tells him to adjust its parts, regulate its speed & steer its course. If he does this properly, he will meet a character in the world to come that will cheer his life, make him happy and prolong his days without number. Rev. 10:6. To this end we are getting ready for the marriage in Heaven. Rev. 19:7. The Bride elect must be robed & ready, Matt. 22:11; have her lamp trimmed & burning. Matt. 25:7. The espousal is here-2 Cor. 11:2; the marriage is hereafter. Rev. 19:7. The wedding license and the marriage certificate are two separate documents...the license says you are qualified to marry...the certificate tells you the ceremony has taken place.

The Church is Christs prospective Bride...she proves faithful during his absence? We are on our way to the marriage..."behold, the Bride-Groom cometh." Matt. 25:6.

CHURCH AND CIVIL OBLIGATIONS

A Christian belongs to both Church & State...he owes allegiance to both. If called to serve his country, he does not respond or fight as a Christian, but as a civilian. If he serves the Church, it is to worship God and help his fellowmen. As a countryman, the State defends his property and his natural life. As a Christian the Church helps to develop good morals and the saving of his soul. As a Christian, man is justified in defending his fireside from criminal attack tho' it may lead to the death of the aggressor. A Christian should not take the sword in defence of Christianity, but in defence of his civil rights.

The first Christian martyr...Stephen..like his Master, made no resistance, when stoned; because of the Christian spirit. Civil government lays no claim to saving the soul. Man can be a good father, a good friend, and a good countryman, and not be a Christian; but he can also be a good neighbor, a good friend, and a good soldier at the same time. When Christ began His official life at the age of 30, he endorsed both religious and civil government. Matt. 22:21; Rom. 13 chap. The civil government helps the Church in restraining the criminal; and the Church can help civil society by helping elect civil officers. Paul said, "I appeal unto Caesar." Acts 25:11.

ABOUT METHUSELAH

Methuselah is a long name and long life with a short history. He was 187 yrs. old when a son was born, after which he lived 782 yrs. and died at the age of 969. This is the substance of his Bible history...tho' like most men he was a babe, a child, a youth, a son, a brother, a husband, a father, a grandfather, and a countryman. Methuselah was 39 yrs. older than Adam; 19 yrs. than Noah, and 604 yrs. older than his father; he lived and died before the flood. He was the son of Enoch, the grandson of Jared, father of Lamech, and grandfather of Noah; also the ancestor of Christ. During this man's life he had plenty of time to

have talked with Adam, Seth, & Enos, each of them, like himself ancestor of our Lord. In Genesis Moses has written the name of Methuselah, with his special relation to Adam and Christ; also his place in the human family, but the history is silent concerning his wife, his home, his health, his credit, his character, or his conversation. Abraham is noted for his faith; Samson for his strength; and Solomon for his wisdom; but Methuselah is a giant for age---969 counting either way!

LIFE IS SUPERNAL & ETERNAL

That super-human agency called life..is not made of parts..it is not a plan, a system or a growth; yet more powerful than gravity itself...it is both supernal and eternal. Not one of our faculties can register apart from life. Every material object named in the first chapter of Genesis would be useless and worthless minus life. It requires gas to run the car, but life alone can move the world and all things therein.

When life moves from its material abode..small or great, that house is wrecked and man with all his skill cannot restore it. Life can quicken nature for the good of man, but can go farther and quicken the lifeless body to a state of activity. When in a state of death, man has discovered nothing in nature to restore the body to a state of life. Man's body when deprived of life has no commercial value; it is worthless; a dead clock can neither tick, strike, or keep time. Man is the only creature whose life goes on when the body fails..life has lost nothing in death, but death has lost everything when divorced from life. Mankind if formed for a state where death is unknown; where joy & peace sing one glad anthem, and love unfettered holds universal sway. To redeemed man's life has no end; it is laying aside the mortal, and being clothed with immortality. I Cor. 15:54.

SALVATION AND WORKS

It is often said we are saved by faith, by grace, by mercy, by baptism or works. These items must all be qualified, especially works which belong to the saved...not as a part of their salvation, but is the fruit of salvation which is in man, and shows itself in his words or walk or works. Matt. 7:16; Jas. 2:18; otherwise it might be difficult to determine deceitful works or dead works from good works. These last named apply to faithful disciples, but no part of their salvation which is a gift. Jno. 10:28. Yet good works are a very important part of Christian living. Tit. 2:14. An honorable discharge is not the result of enlistment, but of faithful service. Matt. 25:21; Rev. 2:10; Eph. 2:8-10. We must rightly divide the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15. Christ has glorified God; paid our moral obligation, finished His work here; and returned to Heaven to appear in the presence of God for us. Heb. 9:24. A disciple cannot live a perfect life, but he can be faithful to the perfect man who lived it for him. Under the law man was just as perfect as he lived; under the Gospel he is just as perfect as Christ lived while he remains faithful. Phil. 3:9; Isa. 64:6.

THE DIVINE CHRONOLOGY IS CORRECT

B.C. and A.D. refer to Christ alone, and cover all duration; each and every transaction is dated from Him before or after His birth. 4,000 years before and 1979 years after make our 5979 years. The 4,000 years B.C. were the same to Jehovah as the 1,979 A.D. are to man Acts 15:18. There were two created sons of God included in making this Divine

record. Luke 3:22 & Luke 3:38. A union of the flesh and the spirit..called first and last Adam. I Cor. 15:45. As man and God unite in Christ; these two beginnings do likewise wherever Christ is known, The first 4,000 years are measured to us by inspiration...the 130 yrs. from Adam to Seth being the first section in the Divine table. Gen. 5:3; Luke 3:38. Luke counts backward in giving us this calendar, and cites the 75 ancestors of our Lord, meeting the Son of God in verse 22. The other age is boldly marked by the birth of Christ & known as A.D. The length of this period is found on the first page of every news journal in Christendom, while all business good or bad, where Christ is known, glorifies God by citing the Christian Era. God has written His own Chronology and the world has adopted it. Acts 15:18.

THINGS THAT ARE ALIKE YET DIFFERENT

No two disciples are alike in thought, word and action, but all can be alike in faith, hope, charity, and doctrine. I Tim. 4:16. One disciple may sing, another read, another pray, and another teach, but all can commune in the same way because members of the same Body. I Cor. 12:12-14. Flowers differ in size, shape, color and fragrance, but they are all flowers, because they belong to the same family. The daisy and the dandelion are both flowers, but each must bud or it can't bloom, neither can they change their looks if they fail to grow. Likewise the Babe in Christ must grow, or it can't bloom; it must eat or it can't grow and it must desire to eat (hunger) or it will languish. 2 Pet. 3:18; Matt. 5:6; 1 Pet. 2:2. All of us differ physically, morally and religiously..each of us can be a Christian, be faithful & be present at the marriage supper of the Lamb. Rev. 19:7-9. You may write your religious history with a quill, a pencil or a gold pen, and it will in no way effect your faith, your doctrine, your character, or your religion. We are judged, not by what we are worth, but by what it cost to redeem us...this makes us all equal before God. It cost as much to save a good man as to save the chief of sinners. We must follow the Divine pattern.

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH-MARK 2:1-12

Read Mark 2:1-12. If four men were necessary to bring a sick man to Christ & one failed to go what would follow? The sick would remain also, and the Lord's opportunity would be lost.

But the four men worked together; then Christ could work with them, and the sick could receive first aid; otherwise Christ would have been shut-out!

Four men did their part, Christ did His part, a man was pardoned, the people were amazed, and God was glorified. The four men were numbered, but not named....they were men of faith, hope and charity. The whole transaction reveals no human name, but the Son of God and He was both human and Divine. There was no leakage in this Divine plan and good results followed. Those who compose the Church should work together; a leaky vessel needs fixing; to insure our own safe...save yourselves. Acts 2:40.

THE TWO HOMES: BODY AND SOUL

Man is made for two homes...the first that of the body; second that of the soul. These stand for earth and heaven; our earthly home should be a sacred place; here the first words are spoken, the first thots cradled: the first lessons learned; here is the joy of youth, the strength of

manhood, and the comfort of declining years. The brightest flowers bud and blossom in the family garden, the sweetest incense rises from the family altar, and here the rarest jewels sparkle in the sunlight that gilds and gladdens its gateway. The home of the soul is more than sacred; it is hallowed and holy; renewed by the blood of the Lamb, and bought with a price. Rev. 19:6-9. Matt. 22:11; Matt. 25:10. She is arrayed in fine linen, clean & white; it is the union of Christ and His church, the home of the soul where we never grow old because designed by Architect whose builder and maker is God. Heb. 11:10. Where sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more. Where joy & peace sing one glad anthem, and love unfettered holds universal sway.

MISFORTUNE IS NOT FAILURE

Man can be useful to himself, his Creator, and his fellowman while confined in his own home; he can read, reason, resolve, and reflect both for himself and others, and to the glory of God. Isa. 43:7. He can compound and analyze; group and specialize, and amplify and minimize until he sees no end of his own little world. He can also get a real picture of human nature by consulting himself and when he turns to the index of memory he will find a book both rich & rare. He is also a part of the multitude, and when the census are taken, the city polled, or the family numbered...if he is left out the books won't balance..in these he counts as much as the governor. Such a man can relax and rejoice, eat and drink, study and think, just like other folks.

The smile of friends, the voice of kindred, the murmur of wind and the fragrance of the flowers are just as sweet and charming to him as they would be to Henry Food, or any other friend of fortune.

But best of all, he can read his Bible, think of his Maker, talk of his Creator, worship his Saviour, honor his God and hope for a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God. Heb. 11:10. Thousands of men have no home...but no one minus a SOUL.

GOD'S MOTIVE IS LOVE..GLORY TO GOD SALVATION TO MAN-ISA. 43:7; JNO. 3:16

It is God's love that feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, and shelters the poor; He pardons the guilty, leads the blind, and cheers the lonely. Christ is always dependable; aside from Him, man will debate, speculate and prevaricate...but Christ like the Bible, continues to spread the truth before the world. Jno. 8:32.

Man has changed, but original nature is like it was in the beginning. Day follows night, seasons come & go, the stars shine & disappear. The earth travels around the sun, the moon's shadow runs around the tree, and the "little fly" walks upside down as it always did. The globe turns over once in 24 hours, and during this period we have traveled 25,000 miles and never crossed a state line. It was nature that brought Jesus to earth thru the 75 ancestors named in Luke 3, dating from Adam to Christ. This covered 4,000 yrs. He returned to Heaven by a shorter route, starting from Bethany & reaching home the same day. Luke 24:50-53. Christ was a Babe when He arrived at Bethlehem...He is now in the presence of God for all who will receive Him. Heb. 2:10; Heb. 9:24.

GLORY TO GOD THRU THE PERSON OF CHRIST

Man was made for the glory of God. Isa. 43:7. This was Christ's mission on earth, and led to His crucifixion and resurrection. Rom. 1:4.

The Son glorified the Father and finished His work here. Jno. 17:4. He is now in Heaven preparing a people for a "glorified state." Christ is not merely head of the Church, but pre-eminently identified with civil life. No man, saint or sinner can figure his own age without consulting the birth date of our Lord. *Our medium of exchange is our currency.* Be it coin or bank note, each piece carries on its face the date of the Christian Era...which means the birth of Christ, and no coin has any legal minus this date. Thus God has ordained that we recognize His business while caring for our own. Christ gets more glory from our civil government than all other men combined. With every tick of the clock some thoughtless soul writes the date of the Christian Era. Every 365 days adds one more year to the birth of our Lord, but nothing to His age, tho' *U and I are one year older.* If I pay for a loaf of bread, Christ is in the transaction because the coins carry His birth year wherever it goes, until its date is worn away; then it is recalled and redated for further public service.

OUR RELATION TO CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD

Christ had no natural progeny...His blood existence ended at the cross....it was incredible that He take a fleshly bride & regenerate the race. He was pure...the innocent will not coalesce with the guilty...gold & clay will not mix. Tho' human & Divine, Christ could not generate both natures, but became the *Head of a new creation*; He could not begin the last until the first was ended. *The old line must be broken before the new can begin. The corn of wheat must die or remain alone.* Jno. 12:24.

Our relation to Christ is not blood as the son of David, but faith as the Son of God; spirit and not flesh, mind and not matter, Divine and not human.

Christ was tempted as the Son of God; taught as the Son of God, baptized as the Son of God; crucified as the Son of God, and resurrected as the Son of God; and when we believe Him to be the Son of God and are baptized in the name of the Trinity, we are then Sons of God, and joint heirs with Christ. Matt. 28:19; Rom. 8:17. What more do we want?

HEAVENS STANDARD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Heaven's standard of righteousness has been revealed to us in the person of Christ...*"God was in Christ"*...His mind was that of the Father, but the *thot* was dressed in human language; it was Divinity in humanity. Christ advertised God's motive; revealed God's love; honored God's will; restored God's likeness; and showed God's power; *then paid man's moral obligation by His death*; finished His work here and returned to Heaven. Jno. 17:4. God has approved it all by exalting Him and Paul added a brief commentary. I Tim. 3:16.

Morally speaking--Christ was "true-blue" just like the Father. If *you were in search of a blue garment, don't mix with red..truth can't be improved by adding error...spots may look nice, but they spoil the color.* Christ was always "true-blue" regarding the truth. Just like the sky, we know it is blue whether we see it or not; *clouds may cover it, but don't change its color.* There is but one way to keep our garments clean. Rev. 7:14.

If the Lord has given me a garment & told me how to keep it clean, why should I try something else. I Jno. 1:7. "White-wash" and "wash white" may look alike, but they differ...the natural eye is defective; we must look thru the Divine eye to see correctly. God credits with a perfect righteousness because that is what Christ paid for. Phil. 3:9. God fixed

THE GOSPEL SHADOW & IMAGE - HEB. 10:1

We see the shadow on the wall..we see the image in the glass. Jas. 1:23. The shadow of a man shows nothing but the outline...no one could tell if he was black or white. Place him before the mirror where we get the image and note the difference. Jas. 1:23. This is reflection. Animal sacrifice pictures the blood death and suffering of our Lord, but tells nothing of His love, devotion or relationship to either God or man. These intangible parts of His super-human nature were unchanging & changeless; and could not be rubbed out by death; they point to His moral nature alone. Heb. 1:3. Christ's mortal nature served as a background to reflect the immortal...He was the brightness of the Father's glory; His Divine nature was not crucified, but continues to shine in the presence of God for us. Heb. 9:24. Our Christian walk is imperfect without Christ, but our citizenship is in Heaven where it is absolutely safe while we are faithful to Him who purchased us. Heb. 12:22; Matt. 25:21; Rev. 2:10.

RUTH AND NAOMI - STUDY THE SEQUEL

A heathen widow was so devoted to a Jewish mother that she craved her constant companionship of Naomi, her late mother-in-law. Ruth longed and labored for the mind, the heart and the fellowship of her mother-in-law Naomi. She wanted a place in the same country, same town and the same family; she would also live for the same God, worship at the same altar and hope for the same destiny. These women lived 1,300 yrs. B.C., yet they had many thoughts in common with Christianity. Naomi had been a stranger in a strange land and was now ready to return. Read Ruth's sermon regarding this departure. Ruth 1:16,17. Read the language closely, remove the third word (not) and behold what a change it would make. Ruth makes a wonderful plea for fellowship, devotion. They went together in the same direction and arrived at the same place..Bethlehem; the town where Jesus was born 1,979 yrs. ago, and 1,300 yrs. after Ruth by her own free choice placed herself in the line of Christ's ancestry. Matt. 1:5; Ruth 4:21, 22. No Ruth, no Christ. God never changes His outline. Rev. 13:8.

THE SCHOOLING OF MOSES - ACTS 7:22

Moses was a patron of two schools; a student of art and a scholar of nature..the palace and the desert. His court life of refinement and culture should not be ignored; such classics doubtless would fit him for the drawing-room or social life, but of little value in the office of a shepherd. The man of God must have isolation, separation and meditation. Christ himself spent thirty yrs. in the obscurity of a carpenter shop, almost ten times what He gave the public. No one can teach like God, and to learn from Him we must be with Him. Moses was the grandson of Pharaoh by adoption; he was the next in order to the throne of Egypt..to this end he was taught and trained until he was "mighty in words & deeds." Acts 7:22. But God over-threw it all by placing him in the office of a shepherd, then calling him to deliver his people and lead them thru the desert to their own promised land of milk & honey.

Christ, the good Shepherd, first learned the nature of His sheep by association, then died to redeem them, built a fold in which to keep

them, then transfers them to the eternal city. Heb. 11:16. Here no continuing city. Heb. 13:14.

BETTER HOUSE

When platinum became valuable a certain town dug most of her streets in search of the metal. It is said one man burned his house to find what was under it...his neighbors thought this a joke, but he mined enough metal to build a better house, and had \$4,000 left to prove his wisdom.

Man may think Jehovah unwise to condemn, punish and crucify His own Son for the sin of others...but what came of it all? God could build a better house. Heb. 3:6; Psa. 127:1, from the death of His Son than He could ever build from the life of the best member of Adams race, because of the poor material...even faithful Abraham was defective. From the work of the cross God reaps His richest harvest. Except the corn of wheat die, it remains alone. Jno. 12:24. Christ was the corn of wheat. The farmer loses nothing when the grain of corn dies and receives nothing if it fails to die; the God of nature can force the grain to return 100 fold, but it must die first. This is Divine wisdom. Jas. 3:17. Christ died for our sins and thus made them His own. I Cor. 15:3. We the Church are Christ's House. Heb. 3:6. He will finish the building and present it to Himself. Eph. 5:23-27.

THE CUP OF SUFFERING-MATT. 26:39; MK. 10:38

Christ prayed that if possible this cup of suffering might pass from Him. The word "possible" implies that Jesus is ready to go all the way. Matt. 26:39. God could not let this cup pass and save the world...it was not possible. God's plan from the beginning included Christ's suffering. 360 minutes on the Roman cross was charged to His only begotten Son, 4,000 yrs. before He was born and was fulfilled in its time and place. Gal. 4:4. God could not cancel Christ's work in the Divine plan and make His books to balance. Rev. 20:12. There must be consistency with Jehovah. The Father and the Son are a unit in Redemption, no contradiction whatever. Jno. 17:21,22.

Christ did God's will; drank the cup; paid the debt; glorified God; finished His work and returned to Heaven. John 17:4,5. God's Church is His witness on earth to show the world that the death of Christ has no parallel in history, and without the shedding of innocent blood there is no remission. Heb. 9:22. This plan is a prelude to God's wisdom...the just for the unjust that He might bring us unto God. I Pet. 3:18.

Christ's death became the SURETY for the millions who accepted Him before His birth, after His death and during His earthly sojourn. The next step is a risen Lord. Rom. 1:4; Jno. 12:24.

DIVINE COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE

Courtship begins with the espousal-2 Cor. 11:2. Marriage takes place when courtship ends at death. Rev. 19:7. The Church as a Body is Christ's prospective wife waiting for her absent Lord. He has chosen her, redeemed her, and paid her debt of sin. He has given her words of love and good cheer. He told her He was leaving for a time, but urged her to be faithful while He was gone; keep step with Divine music and keep herself unspotted from the world. He says further--I go to prepare a place for you; be true to me, for I am sure to return. Matt. 25:6.

He told her His coming would be secret, but He hoped to find her **robed and ready**....arrayed in fine linen, clean & white. Rev. 19:8.

The Bride-Groom is preparing a place for His bride where Joy and

Peace sing one glad anthem and love unfettered holds universal sway. Our absent Lord can do, will do, and wants to do what no one else can do for us. Behold the Bride-Groom cometh. Matt. 25:6; Rev. 19:7-9. This picture never changes. Heb. 13:8.

After the wedding we will no longer celebrate the Lord's Supper. I Cor. 11:26.

CHRIST MAKES US PERFECT IN GOD'S SIGHT

When born again we are complete in Christ-Col. 2:12. His death procures and His risen life secures for us a happy hereafter. In Christ we are new creatures and our old life rubbed out forever if we are faithful. Rev. 2:10. Out of Christ we have no credit at a throne of grace in Heaven. Heb. 4:15-16. When I look thru a reading glass the printed page looks much improved, and the vision much clearer, because defective sight has been improved when God sees me in Christ...dressed in His righteousness I am more attractive than if I belonged to the world.

In Christ God does not see me as my defective nature made me, but as the moral wealth of Christ exalts me in God's estimation. God alone can place the right value on His beloved Son. The Saviour poured out all His moral grandeur, in His death on the cross that we may have it transferred to us on easy terms during His resurrected life at a throne of grace where He now is. Heb. 4:15,16; Tit. 2:14; Heb. 9:24.

Christ died to save us, He lives to keep us saved. Rom. 5:10; Jno. 14:6. We are not valued by what we are worth, but by what it cost to save us. Jno. 3:16. God alone can place a proper value on His beloved Son. Man's wisdom is defective. I Cor. 8:2...not like it was in the beginning.

TIME IS AN INDISPENSABLE SERVANT

If I have more **time** than I want, I cannot make it move any **faster**; if I want more than I have, I can't get it at any price. One man may have more friends, wisdom, or money than another, but he can't have any more time except he live longer. I can get along minus a cow, dog, cat or radio, but I cannot get by without time. Time attends to its own business; never looks at the clock, stops for traffic, or pulls around a fire....time never slackens for bad roads, or foul weather: it runs around the globe once in 24 hours, and makes 365 trips a year. You can't kill time...if you could, everything else would quit business. It required time for David to kill a giant, Samson to kill a lion, and Zaccheus to climb a tree. Time measured 40 yrs. while the Hebrews were in the wilderness; 40 days and nights for the flood, and 72 hours for Jonah in the whale...but shut down the engine and turn off the gas for about a day to watch Joshua fight the Amorites. Josh. 10:13. Moses was 90 days when placed in the ark; 40 yrs. old when he killed an Egyptian, 80 yrs. old when he delivered his people, and 120 yrs. old at his death. Deut. 34:7. Abraham was 75 yrs. old when he left Haran, 99 when he was circumcised, 86 when Ishmael was born, 100 when Isaac was born, and 175 at his own decease.

MAN MADE FOR GOD'S GLORY

Jehovah looks at the human family from the standpoint of man alone...He does not see him as a scholar, a warrior, or a statesman; human titles are no part of salvation. Man is a greater name than president; he is a husband, a father, a son and a Christian; he belongs to the family, the home, the Church and the state; he has a mind, a heart, a

soul, and a destiny. Man can reason, resolve, reflect and repent. The reason why he can do this is because he is the only one of God's creation made after a pattern, Gen. 1:27, the only one who will live again, and the only one on earth who was made for God's glory. Isa. 43:7. What an exalted privilege man has above other creatures.

Man's intellectual powers make him responsible to his Maker...thus God talks to him and tells him how he must dress for eternity. Rev. 19:7-9. All rational members of society may become Christians, but all cannot be scholars, kings, or statesmen. Heaven has a place for everyone....now is the time to prepare. 2 Cor. 6:2.

GOD'S WAY IS NOT MAN'S WAY-ISA. 55:9

God's ways are always best, because they are always right. God wants man to see this truth and believe it. He never works in the dark. Acts 15:18. He makes no compromise. Everlasting life & joy is based on truth & not error. Jno. 8:32. Read closely the fall of Jericho, recorded in Joshua sixth chap. See each item as weighed in the Divine scale. In verses 3, 4, 5 the word 'shall' occurs 9 times denoting Divine assurance. No talking or shouting was allowed until the signal was given, V. 20. Shouting must have its place in their program; this was the final act that gave them the city. Israel could not modify the command and claim the promise that would be leaving God out...My ways are not your ways, sayeth the Lord. Isa. 66:9. God took the lead with ancient Israel because He knew the way for us because He knows the way and knows our enemy...no man cometh unto the Father but by me. Jno. 14:6. God said to Joshua, "See, I have given you Jericho."...then gives the outline to follow. Joshua did the Lord's will and the city fell. To leave God out is like trying to grow corn without seed...no life, no germination. We strike the match to make it burn.

A STATE OF PROBATION-HEB. 13:14

This world is a state of probation; our appearance here is not voluntary; we do not come here by choice and we leave because we can't stay any longer...probation is ended. But what confronts us here when thrown into this world of busy forms? Among other things is sorrow, infirmity, old age and death....these taxes were levied before we were born and neither guilt or innocence can say the penalty.

Death is indeed a **monster** and no respecter of person; he passes the guard at the palace gate and enters the kings chamber with the same independent ease by which he darkens the home of the lowly; in either case he comes without writ or warrant, selects his victim, and goes his way. Human tribunals give man a chance, but in the empire of death there is no reversal, no attorney, and no appeal. But death is not the end of the journey. There is a system of grace which laughs at death, mocks the grace, and delivers the victim. If we are in Christ's Church and faithful, He insures us a better life, a happier life, and a longer life than we can ever hope for in a world where Satan dwells. Rev. 2:10; Rev. 20:10; Rev. 22:14.

BIBLE OPPOSITES

To One	To another	
Come	Go	Matt. 15:28; Mk. 16:15
Receive	Give	Acts 20:35
Sleep	Awake	Mk. 14:41; Eph. 5:14
Naked	Clothed	Rev. 3:17,18

Shoes on	Shoes off	Exo. 3:5; Luke 15:22
Run	Walk	Heb. 12:1; Eph. 5:8
Stand	Sit	I Cor. 16:13; Luke 12:37
Doing	Not Doing	Rev. 22:14; Psa. 1:1
Ready	Get ready	Matt. 25:10; 24:44
Blessed	Cursed	Rev. 22:14; Matt. 25:41
Alive	Dead	I Tim. 5:6
Rich	Poor	Rev. 3:18 (Laodicea)
Good	Bad	Matt. 13:48
Cold	Hot	Matt. 24:12; Rev. 3:15
Least	Great	Matt. 5:19
Hate	Love	Matt. 6:24
Rock	Sand	Matt. 7:24
Open Door	Door Shut	Rev. 3:20; Matt. 25:10
Eye for eye	Resist not evil	Matt. 5:38, 39
Lost	Found	Luke 15:24

CHRIST IS OUR

Passover	Substitute
Peace	Mediator
Scapegoat	Righteousness
Propitiation	Priest
Offering	Gift
Life	Advocate
Example	Helper

LONDON

Covers more than 600 square miles, or 384,000 acres; has 650,000 dwellings; 10,000 miles of streets & 6,000,000 people. She has 14,000 saloons, 40,000 criminals, 60,000 unfortunate women & 150,000 paupers. Behold, what a heterogeneous mass of humanity...rich & poor, learned & ignorant, black & white, pious & profane in every pursuit of life.

RED CROSS goes to work wherever fire, famine, flood, war or pestilence have been. It is confined to no nation, tongue, tribe or religion. Its principle is, "Assistance in time of need."

WHERE IS THE CHURCH IN ITS COMMUNITY IN TIME OF NEED?

Matt. 24:36-44; 2 Pet. 3:1-14; Rom. 1:16; I Cor. 15:1-4; I Pet. 3:20,21; 2 Thes. 1:7-10; Luke 16:19-31; John 5:28,29; I Thes. 4:13-18; Jno. 5:39.

A GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Fifty years of life together,
 What conspicuous folks you are
 To have vanquished fate's traditions
 Underneath your lucky star.
 You have earned the acclamations
 That you're getting on this day,
 For you've waged a glorious battle
 Since that far-off wedding day.

Fifty years of love and friendship,
Fifty years of days and nights,
Fifty years of dawns and sunsets,
Fifty years of keen delights.
Fifty years of winter, summers,
Fifty years of falls and springs,
Fifty years a-down life's pathway
Where the happy bluebird sings.

Fifty years of clouds and sunshine.
Fifty years of showers and rain,
Fifty years of dreaming, loving,
Fifty years of glow and gain.
Fifty years of toil and labor,
Fifty years of play and fun,
Fifty years...how they have vanished,
How with laughter they have run.

Fifty years of home and children,
Memories that richer grow,
Sweeter as the years are passing,
Only those who have them know.
Fifty years of walking closer
To each other down the road.
Fifty years of lifting, helping
Carry on the loving load.

Fifty years of kindly service
To each other on the way,
Fifty years of helping others..
Deeds of friendliness each day.
Fifty years of gladsome treasure
Garnered in by loving hands,
Friends and home and love and children
Only years can understand.

Fifty years! O gladsome journey!
Riding breakers on life's sea,
Toward a harbor calm and peaceful,
Toward a home far o'er the lea.
May the years allotted to you,
Be they fifty more, or one,
Be as happy and eventful
As the fifty past and done.
May you sail away together
On a friendly summer sea
To a port by God selected....
This our sincere wish to thee.

NOTE: This poem was followed by A. R. Moore's following message to someone.

This poem is superfine. It contains truth for the reader; words for the wise and food for the thoughtful. HOW MUCH WE CAN LEARN FROM OTHERS ABOUT OURSELVES. You and I were at one time a babe in our mother's arms..from that point forward we make our history. **Wife and I are not well...**age, experience, and infirmity are taking their toll, this is nature's course, but we live in hope of that better

country; where we have no ailments or accidents, and where we never grow old. Heb. 11:16. Moses died and was buried by the Lord at Moab. Deut. 34:5-7, but was seen 1,500 yrs. later on the Mt. of Transfiguration. Matt. 17:3, but no older than when the Lord buried him at Moab. 1,500 yrs. had been added to the calendar, but nothing to the age of Moses. Christ left earth 19 centuries ago, but is no older now than the day He left. 1,900 yrs. have been added to the calendar, but nothing to the age of our Lord. He was never older than 33 yrs. Time does not register in Heaven. Rev. 10:5,6.

NOTE: From the poem and the message above, I assume that Bro. A. R. Moore & wife are not well, and in their closing years of life; also, that they have enjoyed one another for better than 50 yrs. of married life!

THE DENIAL OF PETER

The Lord's testimony, the cock crowing, the Lords look, and Peter's tears. But Peter was not forsaken. After the Lord was risen..why did the Angel say go tell his disciples and Peter? Was not Peter a disciple? Why name him twice? Doubtless because of apprehension. Peter might have said, "I was a disciple once, but denied the Lord while I cursed & swore to that end. He certainly does not now address me now as a disciple." Peter was not forsaken..while the other disciples were called in a body, Peter was given a special invitation by NAME.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CHRIST'S SHED BLOOD ROM. 1:4; 6:9, 10; 8:11; HEB. 10:5

The body of Christ did not see corruption because no sin was attached thereto. Mortality is the result of sin. I Cor. 15:55. Christ suffered in death the consequences of sin; not for himself, but for sinners; judicially on the cross. Because of His great love for mankind, He died and swept the sin of the race into a sinless grave; after which He entered His OWN BLOODLESS body and brought it forth to a NEW life. Under the gospel it is Christ's sinless blood which procures, secures and insures redemption from a sinless grave...I Pet. 1:18,19. After the Lord was risen, He did not assume into His SACRED person, the blood shed for sin on the cross. Hence, the statement in Luke 24:39. Blood secures the body from mortal decay. It gives life and health to physical man before, not after death, for after death blood will no longer be necessary to combat mortality. Human desires, appetites, lusts and passions are linked with the blood. Christ was here 40 days after shedding His blood, but was not tempted. In the future state, blood is gone, temptation has ceased, mortality is an outcast and corruptibility forever gone. Heaven's inhabitants are animated by the Spirit of God. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of heaven...I Cor. 15:50.