JESUS KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS


There is a great need for God's people to stay near the cross. We need to remember and realize what Jesus suffered on the cross. The sacrifice that He made was for me. The song, NEAR THE CROSS, is so true and moving. When we realize what Jesus was willing to do for us, it moves us to be willing to do so much for Him. You can know mentally what Jesus went thru for you, but Jesus wants the truth to be heart felt.

You can hear about historical events, but nothing takes the place of being there. I was taught about what happened at the Alamo in history classes, but the realization of what happened is greater when you go to it and your heart is moved. Many have been taught about the battle that took place in Vicksburg, Miss. between the North and South. It is different when you look at the graves. Your heart is moved by knowing thousands of lives were ended on the battlefield.

Many of our pastors and church people go to the Holy Land and return with a fresh realization of Bible events that touch the heart by being in that land. Many pastors and church people are not able to go to the Holy Land and visit the places where Bible events are said to have taken place. Every Child of God can have a heart realization of the Crucifixion of our Blessed Saviour. We can study God's Word. We can note the truth of our Lord's death. The Holy Spirit of God can cause us to understand and realize what took place. He can move and touch our hearts with the fact Jesus loved us so much He was willing to die on Calvary for me. I am not a cross worshipper, but I do worship the Blessed Redeemer who gave His life on the cross for the sins of the whole world.

Charles Swilling

Notice with me six things about Mt. Calvary. It is a place of suffering, sacrifice, selflessness, submission, sin, and salvation.

1. A PLACE OF SUFFERING.

THE SAVIOUR. "WHO HIS OWN SELF BARE OUR SINS IN HIS OWN BODY ON THE TREE, THAT WE, BEING DEAD TO SINS, SHOULD LIVE UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS: BY Whose STRIPES YE WERE HEALED," I Pet. 2:24 He suffered a painful death. He was nailed to a cross, exposed before all people, His body weight pulling against the nails. The sun caused the physical pain to be even greater.
What all did Jesus suffer? The righteous Son of God was tried by unrighteous men, given and unrighteous verdict, and judged worthy of death. Men bear false witness against Him who is true. They mocked God's Loving Son. They spit upon Him. He died as a common criminal. The greatest offender died on the middle cross. The greatest agony was the Father allowed His Son to die alone. Jesus cried out, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?" Matt. 27:46 He suffered all for us.

THE SAINT. Jesus has left us an example to follow. "FOR EVEN HEREUNTO WERE YE CALLED: BECAUSE CHRIST ALSO SUFFERED FOR US, LEAVING US AN EXAMPLE, THAT YE SHOULD FOLLOW HIS STEPS:" 1 Peter 2:21 This Scripture deals primarily with suffering. Jesus suffered for us. He wants us to realize we will suffer for Him. "YEA, AND ALL THAT WILL LIVE GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTION." II Tim. 3:12

The Devil will make it difficult for God's people to live for God. This truth can be plainly seen in the life of Job. Job suffered great loss. The Devil tried every thing possible to break Job, but did not. May the Lord give us grace to suffer for Him.

II. A PLACE OF SACRIFICE.

THE SAVIOUR. Jesus died in our place and in our stead. This is what I Pet. 2:24 plainly teaches us. John the Baptist said of Jesus,"BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD, WHICH TAKETH AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD." John 1:29 Listen to what Paul wrote in Romans 5:8 "BUT GOD COMMEMDETH HIS LOVE TOWARD US, IN THAT, WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US." Jesus said, "EVEN AS THE SON OF MAN CAME NOT TO BE MINISTERED UNTO, BUT TO MINISTER, AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE A RANSOM FOR MANY." Matt. 20:28

The Lord loved us so much that He left Heaven and all of it's glory, was born a babe, lived a perfect life, and at 33½ years was willing to die on an old rugged cross. He was willing to die in order that all men might live. He sacrificed His life for us.

THE SAINT. His sacrifice moves us to give our lives as a sacrifice for Him. "I BESEECH YOU THEREFORE, BROTHERS, BY THE MERCIES OF GOD, THAT YE PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE UNTO GOD, WHICH IS YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE." Rom. 12:1 We are called upon to lay all upon the altar for the Lord. Give Him your life. Paul wrote, "I AM CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST: NEVERTHELESS I LIVE; YET NOT I, BUT CHRIST LIVETH IN ME..." Gal. 2:20 Paul wanted to have a close relationship with the Lord. "YEA DOUBTLESS, AND I COUNT ALL THINGS BUT LOSS FOR THE EXCELLENCE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST JESUS MY LORD: FOR WHOM I HAVE SUFFERED THE LOSS OF ALL THINGS, AND DO COUNT THEM BUT DUNG, THAT I MAY WIN CHRIST," Phil. 3:8 Before we will make this kind of sacrifice, we must experience Col. 3:2, "SET YOUR AFFECTION ON THINGS ABOVE, NOT ON THINGS ON THE EARTH."

III. A PLACE OF SELFLESSNESS.

THE SAVIOUR. Jesus emptied Himself out. He was completely obedient to the Father. "AND BEING FOUND IN FASHION AS A MAN, HE HUMBLED HIMSELF, AND BECAME OBEYED UNTO DEATH, EVEN THE DEATH OF THE CROSS." Phil. 2:8 Jesus knew all that would happen to Him on Calvary and yet He was willing to obey His Father to the extent of dying that kind of death. In the garden He prayed,"NOT MY WILL, BUT THINE BE DONE." Luke 22:42 Jesus said,"...FOR I DO ALWAYS THOSE THINGS THAT PLEASE HIM." John 8:29 The Father verified this truth in Matt. 3:17 Notice the desire of Jesus in John 4:34, "JESUS SAITH UNTO THEM, MY MEAT IS TO DO THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME, AND TO FINISH HIS WORK.

THE SAINT. Jesus is our example as He emptied Himself out for us, so we should empty ourselves out for Him. We are encouraged to seek His kingdom and righteousness first. Matt. 6:33 We are to live upon Him who died for us. II Cor. 5:15 Notice what Jesus expects of us in Mark 8:34 "AND WHEN HE HAD CALLED THE PEOPLE UNTO HIM WITH HIS DISCIPLES ALSO, HE SAID UNTO THEM, WHOSOEVER WILL COME AFTER ME, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF, AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME. FOR WHOSOEVER WILL SAVE HIS LIFE SHALL LOSE IT; BUT WHOSOEVER WILL LOSE HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE AND THE GOSPEL'S, THE SAME SHALL SAVE IT." Mark 8:34,35 We could render a greater service if we could get self out of the way.

IV. A PLACE OF SUBMISSION.

THE SAVIOUR. Jesus was completely, wholly, totally submitted unto the Father's will. His prayer in Luke 22:41 shows us the desire and passion of His heart. He wanted the Father's will accomplished in His life. He embraced His Father's will. He was directed and governed by the will and desire and design of the Father. Jesus prayed,"THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE; AS THOU FATHER, ART IN ME, AND I IN THEE, THAT THEY ALSO MAY BE ONE IN US: THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE THAT THOU HAST SENT ME." John 17:21

Jesus was willing to take the form of a servant and be made in the likeness of men. Phil. 2:7 He humbled Himself or lowered Himself and became obedient even to the death of the cross. Phil. 2:8 The Father has given Him a name above every name because of His obedience. God has made His Son Lord of all and King of all.

A day is coming when I Cor. 15:28 will be a reality. "AND WHEN ALL THINGS SHALL BE SUBJUD BY HIM, THEN SHALL THE SON ALSO HIMSELF BE SUBJECT UNTO HIM THAT PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIM, THAT GOD MAY BE ALL IN ALL."

THE SAINT. God's people are called upon to be submissive to the Heavenly Father. James wrote,"SUBMIT YOURSELVES THEREFORE TO GOD. RESIST THE DEVIL; AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU." James 4:7 Paul wrote these words in Rom. 6:13 "NEITHER YIELD YE YOUR MEMBERS AS INSTRUMENTS OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.
UNT0 SIN: BUT YIELD YOURSELVES UNT0 GOD, AS THOSE THAT ARE A-LIVE FROM THE DEAD, AND YOUR MEMBERS AS INSTRUMENTS OF RIGHT-EousNESS UNT0 GOD."

We are to recognize God's right to our lives and yield unto Him. The Holy Spirit of God will seek to fill and control us in accordance to God's Word. Eph. 5:18 May we ever be sensitive to His dealings with us.

V. A PLACE OF SIN.

THE SAVIOUR. Criminals judged worthy of death were crucified. Jesus wasn't a criminal. You might ask, "Why then was He crucified?" Because He took our sins upon Him and died for them. "FOR HE HATH MADE HIM TO BE SIN FOR US, WHO KNEW NO SIN; THAT WE MIGHT BE MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM." II Cor. 5:21 Isaiah wrote, "THEREFORE WILL I DIVIDE HIM A PORTION WITH THE GREAT, AND HE SHALL DIVIDE THE SPOIL WITH THE STRONG; BECAUSE HE HATH POURED OUT HIS SOUL UNT0 DEATH AND HE WAS NUMBERED WITH THE TRANSGRESSORS: AND HE BARE THE SIN OF MANY, AND MADE IN-TERCESSION FOR THE TRANSGRESSORS." Isa. 53:12 He was God's supreme sacrifice for sin. The Holy Son of God became sin for us. He died the sinner's death. How great a love He has for us.

THE SAINT. The death that Jesus died shows us what God thinks of sin. Sin is terrible, awful, black, and horrible. It nailed Jesus to the cross. Paul advised us in Rom. 6:12,14 about sin. "LET NOT SIN THERE-FORE REIGN IN YOUR MORTAL BODY, THAT YE SHOULD OBEY IT IN THE LUSTS THEREOF." "FOR SIN SHALL NOT HAVE DOMINION OVER YOU: FOR YE ARE NOT UNDER THE LAW, BUT UNDER GRACE." The writer of Hebrews wrote these words in Hebs. 12:3,4 "FOR CONSIDER HIM THAT ENDURETH SUCH CONTRADICTION OF SINNERS AGAINST HIMSELF, LEST YE BE WEARIED AND FAINT IN YOUR MINDS. YE HAVE NOT YET RESISTED UNT0 BLOOD, STRIVING AGAINST SIN."

The Lord has made provision for us when we sin. As His people we do sin. We can be forgiven and cleansed. "IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS." I John 1:9

VI. A PLACE OF SALVATION.

THE SAVIOUR. Our Saviour is called Jesus for a reason. "AND SHE SHALL BRING FORTH A SON, AND THOU SHALT CALL HIS NAME JESUS: FOR HE SHALL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS." Matt. 1:21 Jesus was delivered for our offences and raised again for our justification. Rom. 4:25 He is our mediator. "FOR THERE IS ONE GOD, AND MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MEN, THE MAN CHRIST JESUS." I Tim. 2:5 He is our advocate and propitiation for our sins. I John 2:1,2. The gospel message is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus according to the Scriptures. I Cor. 15:1-4 The death of Jesus satisfied God's justice. Isa. 53:11 Jesus is the only Saviour. "NEITHER IS THERE SALVATION IN ANY OTHER: FOR THERE IS NONE OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN, WHEREBY WE MUST BE SAVED." Acts 4:12 He is the loving caring Saviour of all. He will save any person who repents of sin and believes on or in Him. THE SAINT. We are saved by the grace of God. Eph. 2:8,9 As Children of God we are to give our witness to the lost and exhort them to be saved. Acts 1:8 It should be a privilege and blessing to share the gospel message with others. Acts 26:2 We are ever to point men and women to Christ Jesus. John 1:29 May our prayer be, Jesus keep me near the cross. The realization of His sacrifice on Calvary will move us and motivate us to present ourselves as living sacrifices to the Heavenly Father.

CONQUERORS

TEXT: Romans 8:31-39

Maxie Haynes

INTRODUCTION:
A. What shalt we say to these things. V 31
   1. Summary of Chapter 1-8
   2. Summary of Chapter 8
B. Commentary of II Tim. 1:12
I. THEIR RELATION TO GOD. V 31-33
   A. God is our judge.
   B. God is our justifier.
II. THEIR RELATION TO CHRIST. V 34
   A. Christ only can condemn us. John 5:22
   B. Christ will not condemn us.
      1. Because He died for us. Rom. 4:25
      2. Because He arose for us. Rom. 4:25
      3. Because He ascended for us. Rom. 5:24
      4. Because He makes intercession for us. Heb. 7:25

III. THEIR RELATION TO CIRCUMSTANCES. V 35-39
   A. He loves us externally. V 35-37
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WALKING THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW

TEXT: Psalm 23:4

INTRODUCTION:
A. The Walk through the shadow is not a walk in ignorance or by blind faith.
   THE SHEEP KNOWS ITS SHEPHERD! John 10:4-5
B. The walk through the shadow does not mean a walk in darkness. IT IS A WALK IN THE LIGHT! John 8:12
   1. Even in Death - Stephen.
   C. The walk through the shadow is a walk by faith! II Cor. 5:7
   D. The walk of the saved is "in the best of company!"

I. THE PATH "THROUGH THE SHADOW".
A. It is often filled with GLOOMINESS (Obscure, Dim, Dusky)
   1. The Shepherd often had to lead the sheep through very narrow, rough, and dreary path through the mountains.
      Matt. 7:14
B. Dangers were prevalent along the path.
   1. "Wolves in sheep's clothing".
   2. "Snares and poisonous arrows" Eph. 6:16
   3. Persecutors. II Tim. 3:12
   4. Natural sorrows of life. Job 14:1
   5. Weakness and contrariness of the flesh.
      Matt. 26:41; Gal. 5:17
   6. Seductive spirits. II Tim. 4:1
   7. Devouring LION. I Pet. 5:8
C. Mysteries and uncertainties along the way!
   1. No one knows about TOMORROW! James 4:14
   2. We know not what is around the curve.
   3. We know not our own strength. II Cor. 10:12
   4. We know not the "WILES OF THE DEVIL".
      Eph. 6:11
   5. Like the work of a patchwork quilt.
      We see only the underside where the knots, rough edges are.
   6. We walk beneath the clouds. Above the cloud the sun still shines!!
   1. Paul had his times of standing alone!
      II Tim. 4:16
   2. Gal. 6:5 All have personal burdens that are borne alone!
   3. Though it oft travelled by others, WE MUST WALK IT FOR OURSELVES! WE CARRY OUR OWN LOAD! WE SUFFER OUR OWN WOUNDS! We reap our sowing!
   4. Jesus spent much time in solitude!
      a. In Gethsemane He went a little further.
      b. While He prayed His watchers slept.
      c. On the Emmaus Road He walked and talked with Disciples who knew Him not.
      d. He was often surrounded by multitudes who received Him not or went away!
   e. John 15:18
E. A Hallowed trail! Travelled by the most Godly of saints!
   1. Jesus - Mark 14:34.
   2. Job reached that point in suffering that he could only pray. Job 13:15
   3. The psalmist cried out. Psalm 42:6

II. THE PILGRIM WALKING THROUGH THE PATH.
A. Walks in spiritual calmness! Like the sheep and the lamb who trusts its well being to the Shepherd who knows the way through the wilderness!
B. Keeps up a steady walk.
   1. No mention of fainting or backsliding.
   2. No flyghty mountain top - super-duper Faking it.
   3. No "PASTE ON SMILES".
C. Calmness and spiritual tranquility in the shadow!
   a. "Thy will be done!" In me!
   b. II Cor. 12:10
D. The Christian is inspired to press forward and onward. Rom. 8:10
   1. Glory of the revealed Saviour!
      I John 3:2
   2. Glory of our new bodies!
   3. Glory of our eternal home!
D. A Fearless walk.
   1. Hebs. 15:6
   2. The Shepherd knows the way through the valley!
   3. Romans 8:31
   4. Timely Questions: Psalm 27:1; Rom. 8:33; Rom. 8:34

III. THE PRESENCE ENJOYED THROUGH THE SHADOW.
A. "Christ in You" all the way! Gal. 2:20; I John 4:4
B. The Shepherd WHO GOES BEFORE THE SHEEP.
   John 10:4
   1. He knows the sheep! John 10:14:
      II Tim. 2:19
   2. He keeps His sheep. John 10:28
C. Remember His promise? John 14:18
   1. His presence means POWER! Phil. 4:13
   2. His presence means PROVISIONS. Psa. 23:5
   3. His presence means PROTECTION!
D. He Holds The Keys! Rev. 1:8

CONCLUSION:
DON'T WALK IT ALONE! COME WALK WITH HIM!
ATTITUDE FOR THOSE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR THE LORD

TEXT: Titus 2:11-15

George Crawford

INTRODUCTION:

There are many who say they believe the Lord is coming, but Jesus said there are few who are really looking for His return.

A. Most of us enjoy hearing about His return - then go our way as though it would never happen.

B. Some of course have made great gain by speaking on nothing but end time prophecies - whether they believed them or not. They knew their audience didn’t know.

C. Let us examine ourselves and see if we give any evidence we are actually looking for Him.

I. THOSE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR THE LORD, ARE CONSTANT ATTENDERS AT HIS HOUSE. Heb. 10:25

A. The one thing that will solve slackness in attendance, is to get every church member looking for His return.

1. When we forget the nearness of death or His return we may become slack in our attendance.

2. When we cease to attend we get further and further away.

B. The one thing that will solve the financial condition of the church, is to get church members looking for His return.

1. How much will we leave behind? All of it, along with a reputation of being a generous giver or a tight wad.

2. Can we send it on ahead? Yes - Jesus said we could.

3. If Jesus is soon to return, what you have will belong to someone else.

C. The one thing that will solve the mid-week attendance, is to get every church member looking for His return.

1. We would never be too tired nor let unimportant things hinder us on Wednesday evenings.

2. How many do we have who are looking for Him by this day?

II. THOSE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS, WILL TAKE PART IN THE WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH. Luke 4:16

A. The member who has to be begged to take a part is not looking for His return.

1. This applies to teaching, singing, praying, and giving.

2. This applies to showing friendliness - look around and smile and speak to that stranger - may meet them in heaven - or cause them to miss heaven.

B. Jesus set us the example even in this.

Luke 4

1. Each of us can do what we can do - and do not wait for someone to beg you to render your part.

2. "If I do this thing willingly I have a reward" applies to more than just the preaching of the Word.

III. THOSE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR THE LORD, WILL HOLD FAST THE TRUTH. Rev. 2:25

A. Before the devil can make a modernist out of anyone, he must first destroy the fact of the return of Jesus Christ.

1. Modernism take on different forms - all the way from denying inspiration of the Bible - denying the blood of Jesus Christ - denying true doctrine concerning the church being local, visible, observable, touchable and tangible.

2. And to deny all that might as well deny "the blessed hope" which is the visible, tangible, touchable return of Jesus.

B. Remember the cults question, deny or distort the facts about His return.

1. Some claim their leader is the Messiah - but you know this the Moon is not the Son.

2. Some have set dates of His return - deceived many into believing it, & giving their material possessions to cults.

3. Bible warns us not to be deceived "by any means".

CONCLUSION:

Those who are looking for the Lord, are not unduly disturbed by world conditions. Luke 21:28

A. World conditions cause the Christian to KNOW that home going is near at hand.

1. There will not be any special tele-gram from the Lord.

2. Just the things He has recorded in His Word.

3. These things are sufficient to let us know we are getting close to home.

4. The Word of God tells us what to expect as His appearing draws near - and it does not say there will be a world wide revival - a sweeping return to the truth - nor universal peace on this earth.

B. If world conditions brings disturbance, there is relief at the foot of the cross.
TO GOD BE THE GLORY

TEXT: Ephesians 3:20-21

INTRODUCTION:

A. In the preceding verses (14-19) Paul prays here (20-21) he praises.
   1. Therefore, prayer should lead to praise.
      a. Praising Him for what He has done and for what He will do.
   B. We praise the Lord, or give Him glory, because of who He is and what He is able to do.
      1. Notice six things concerning giving glory to the One who is able.

I. THE PERSON OF GLORY. V 20a
   A. Glory belongs to God because of His work in creation. Acts 17:28; Col. 1:17
   B. Glory belongs to God because of His plan of redemption. Eph. 2:8
   C. Glory belongs to God because of His infinite ability.
      1. He knows no limit.

II. THE PREVAILING REASON OF GLORY. V 20b
   A. Because He is able to do beyond our capacity to ask.
   B. Because He is able to do beyond our capacity to think.
      1. We ought not to disgrace God by asking or thinking little things on such a wide basis or encouragement.
         a. God is capable of doing mighty things. James 1:5; Acts 15:7; Mal. 3:10

III. THE PARADE OF GLORY. 20c
   A. Knowledge is a parade of glory.
      1. But He cannot enlighten us if we do not desire knowledge.
   B. Purity is a parade of glory.
      1. But He cannot purify us if we do not desire purity.
   C. Pardon is a parade of glory.
      1. But He cannot pardon us if we do not desire pardon.
   D. Spiritual strength is a parade of glory.
      1. But He cannot strengthen us if we do not desire strength.
   E. Example: dullness or idleness of the pupil limits the power of a great teacher to enrich him with the treasures of knowledge.
      1. God can only do for us what we are willing to allow Him to do - we rob Him of glory.

IV. THE PLACE OF GLORY. V 21a
   A. All creation is ascribed glory to God. Psalms 150:6
   B. All redeemed have a special obligation to give Him glory in the church.
      1. Because it's God's ordained place.
         a. It's the place to learn the truth. I Tim. 3:15
         b. It's the place to find fellowship.

1. Through fellowship we can find strength and encouragement.
2. Because it's God's ordained purpose.
   a. It's His purpose, through the church, to reach the world for Jesus Christ.
   1. That's accomplished through our united effort.

V. THE PROVIDER OF GLORY. V 21b
   A. Glory to God is possible because Christ provided love. Eph. 5:25
   B. Glory to God is possible because Christ provided redemption.
      1. I Peter 1:18-19
         2. It originated in the mind of God but through Christ its all coming to pass. Our redemption; Our access; Our inheritance; Our strength; Our supply; Our knowledge; Our growth.

IV. THE PERIOD OF GLORY. V 21c
   A. Forever, because God will never cease. Isa. 57:15
   B. Forever, because the church will never cease. Matt. 16:18
   C. Forever, because the reason for glory will never cease.
      1. His infinite ability will be forever.
      2. His communications of love will be forever.

GOD'S QUESTIONS
CONCERNING YOUR FAMILY

TEXT: II KINGS 4:18-37

INTRODUCTION:

A. Elisha a prophet of God had been received by this woman and her husband many times.
B. Because of their kindness he promised them a son - the son was born but later died.
C. The woman went to see Elisha and as she approached Elisha sent his servant with instructions to say unto her, "IS IT WELL WITH THEE, THY HUSBAND, AND WITH THY CHILD."
D. He was referring to physical things but let's consider them in the spiritual sense.

I. IS IT WELL WITH THEE?
   A. This question should cause us to think about our own selves.
      1. Are you ready to take the journey into eternity?
      2. Hebs. 9:27
   B. This is something every person must decide for themselves.
      1. Children can't make the decision for parents.
      2. Husbands and wives can't make the decision for each other.
C. I want to call your attention to some in the Bible who became aware of their standing with God and did something about it.
   a. A religious man sought the salvation that Jesus had to give.
   b. He came to realize his goodness and the works of the law were not enough.

D. These came to grips with their condemned condition and sought out the remedy.
E. Is it well with thee? Have you trusted Jesus Christ for your soul salvation?

II. IS IT WELL WITH THY COMPANION?
A. Marriage is a blessed privilege but it is much better when both are saved.
B. When both are saved there is an added bond.
   1. When a crisis comes both can go to God in prayer.
   2. In many homes the mother has to do all the praying, teaching, and Bible reading.
C. Be faithful to God.
   1. Live a faithful life for God before your companion.
   2. Unfaithfulness has never brought the unsaved to Christ or the backslidden back to God’s service.

III. IS IT WELL WITH THY CHILDREN?
A. Children are a gift from the Lord.
B. They are a trust from God to their parents for just a short time at the most.
C. In the short time I have been preaching I have seen children treated every way—some over protected and some left to do as they pleased.
D. We should be concerned more about their soul salvation and their life of service.
E. We are concerned when it comes to the physical well being—good education, clothes, etc., but many flunk the test when it comes to their soul welfare.
F. It is tragic when parents don’t care enough about the souls of their children to:
   1. Live a Christian life before them.
   2. Teach them the Word of God.
   3. Carry them to God’s house.
G. Paul told Timothy “FROM A CHILD THOU HAST KNOWN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, WHICH ARE ABLE TO MAKE THEE WISE UNTO SALVATION THROUGH CHRIST.”

Our Reserved Inheritance

TEXT: I Pet. 1:4-7

I. THE RESERVATION. V 4
A. An Incorruptible Inheritance.
B. An Undeified Inheritance.
C. A Fadeth Not Away Inheritance.
D. A Reserved Inheritance.

II. THE REVELATION. V 5
A. Kept.
B. The Keeper.
   C. The Key.
   D. The Knowledge.

III. THE REJOICING. V 6
A. The Triumph.
B. The Temporary.
C. The Temptations.

IV. THE REFINEMENT. V 7
A. Trial.
B. Treasure.
C. Truth.
D. True.

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Ye call Me Just and fear Me not.

Giving thanks always
FOR ALL THINGS. Eph. 5:20
WHO
THE LORD IS

Glen Tropp

SUBJECT: An alphabetical Presentation Using the Letter "H"

SCtsripture: John 5:39

Introduction:
A. real reasoning about the Lord will cause things to happen with mankind.
   1. Repentance.
   2. Regeneration.
   3. Revival.
   4. Rejuvenation.
B. Rejection - Rebellion & Refusal in reference to contemplation of Christ is of diabolical motivations.

I. He's The Heavenly One!
A. Scriptures which substantiate the principle - His pre-existence. John 1:1-2, 14; John 8:58; John 17:5; Rev. 22:13
B. Statements
   1. His birth was not His beginning but rather it was merely an experience in His existence because He has always been.
   2. II Cor. 8:9

II. He's The Holy One!
A. His Person was holy.
   1. He was and is holy.
   2. The total make-up of the Lord throughout was one of holiness.
B. His Presence always exemplified holiness.
   1. After the most thorough examinations of His life and lifestyle man had to declare "I FIND NO FAULT IN HIM."
   2. This is why people did not like Him - Because He made them feel uneasy - especially those who thought they were so righteous and religious.
C. His proclamations exemplified holiness.

III. He's The Humble One!
A. The Announcement concerning this characteristic. Phil. 2:5-11
B. The Amazement of this is seen when you realize who He was!
   1. Notice His riches - and yet His willingness to become poor.
   2. Notice His total submission to the Father.

IV. He's The Helping One!
A. Through His spirit He helps us to realize our true condition.

B. Through His spirit He encourages us to trust Him as our Saviour.
C. Through His Spirit He converts us.
D. Through His Spirit He empowers us.
   1. For service.
   2. For soldiering.
   3. For stickability.

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Making Oneself Fit for Revival

Text: James 4:8-10

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I. Draw Nigh to God.
A. Command to begin drawing nigh to God.
B. When this happens, one is more perceptive to God's Will.
C. When we begin to draw near to God, we find He has already assumed His position of being close to us.

II. Cleanse Your Hands. (Step #1)
A. Hands symbolize the work of a man.
B. Make your work build up God.
C. Cease from doing sinful works.
D. This is addressed to sinners.

III. Purify Your Hearts. (Step #2)
A. The heart is the center of man's being.
B. From the heart comes the true things inside of a man.
C. A man is to rid himself of all moral impurity.
D. Double-minded describes one who says one thing, yet lives another; He is unstable in all his ways.

IV. Realize Man's True Standing in the Sight of God. (Step #3)
A. Man is wretched, more evil than any other creature.
B. We must see this not only of ourselves, but of the lost world around us.
C. When we realize this, we will become miserable, mourn, and weep.
D. This puts us in a state of humility, being humble.

V. Humble Yourselves in the Sight of the Lord. (Step #4)
A. Each of us must come to this point ourselves by following the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
B. When we confess our sins to God, He will give us His grace and strength.
C. This lifts us up by showing us that we are important to God.
D. This is His promise to revive us.
E. I John 1:9