WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT EVERLASTING LIFE

Text: John 10:9, 10, 28-30.

Introduction: One of our basic beliefs as Missionary Baptists is the teaching of the security of the believer or everlasting life. So many religions and even some who claim to be Baptist, do not believe you have everlasting life. They believe you can be saved and through your actions or way of life, lose your salvation. The Scriptures plainly teach the Lord saves with an eternal salvation. Most people who can’t accept this Bible teaching probably believe you are saved by works or you are kept saved by works. We were saved by the grace of God and we are kept or sustained by His grace as well. The teaching of the Everlasting Life of the believer does not make me want to live a life that is sinful and wicked just because I know that I am going to heaven. This blessed teaching causes us to have humility and give God the praise and glory for our salvation. He saved us eternally or everlastinglly. Children are not born to their parents every time they mess up. Children are born one time into a family. God’s people may lose a lot of things, but they will not lose their salvation because it doesn’t depend upon them—it depends upon the Lord.

I. THE LANGUAGE.

A. Eternal.
2. Eternal means having infinite duration, continued without intermission; existing at all times.
3. Jesus imparts the same kind of life to us that He has and that is eternal life. This is to the praise of our glorious God.

B. Everlasting.

2. Everlasting means lasting or enduring through all time; continuing indefinitely.
3. Everlasting and eternal are words that basically mean the same thing. The Scriptures are full of these two words which describe the life that the Lord gives to those who repent of sin and believe in Him.
4. The Lord means what He says and says what He means.

C. Should not perish.
1. The believer will not be destroyed or die spiritually. We do know that we will die physically, John 3:15, 16.
2. Perishing is the contrast to eternal life. Those who are saved will not perish. Those who do not believe will perish eternally.
3. The Perishing has to do with the soul being doomed and lost eternally. Those who believe will not perish.

D. Not die.
1. In John 6:50 we are told that those who receive the bread of life will not die.
2. This death refers to a spiritual death. It doesn’t deal with a physical death. We know and the Bible teaches that physical death is an appointment from God, Hebrews 9:27.
3. Paul relates that the moment a saved person or a believer dies we go into the very presence of the Lord, II Corinthians 5:8, 9.

E. Shall live forever.
1. Those who receive Christ are the ones who partake of His sacrifice shall live forever.

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2. The believer will live from now on. This life is a spiritual life.
3. Jesus said of Lazarus who was dead, "Yet shall he live" and "Shall never die." John 11:25,26.
4. The christian concept and belief about death and the life to come is the very best belief and conviction a person can have.
5. Death in a simple definition means to be separated. The soul is separated from the body in physical death. Spiritual death is the soul being separated from the Lord. Those who are saved will not be separated from the Lord.

II: THE LIFE.
A. Jesus gives eternal life.
1. He is the author of life both physical and spiritual, Hebrews 12:2. The psalmist accredited the Lord with the gift of life each morning, Psalm 3:3.
2. Jesus plainly said that He gives eternal life to those who believe in Him, John 10:28. This lesson deals with the spiritual eternal life of the believer and we have a conviction that it is the gift of almighty God.
3. This life is not received by working or attaining unto it. Paul said it is not by works, Titus 3:5. Paul wrote Ephesians 2:8,9 where it is plainly stated that this life is not by works.
4. Jesus gives it to us as a gift. We repent of our sins and we trust Jesus to save us and He gives us this gift forever.

B. Jesus is Eternal life.
1. He is our life, Colossians 3:4. Jesus lives within our hearts. He abides in us and we have His life, John 17:23.
2. When Jesus resides in our hearts, we have the same life that He possesses.
4. Jesus’ eternal existence is declared in John 1:1 and John 17:5. Jesus tells us in plain and simple language that He has always existed.

C. Jesus has eternal life.
1. He is one with the Father, John 10:30. God, the Father, has always existed. He is the self existent one.
2. The only way Jesus could die is to take on a body and die in that body which He did for us.
3. The angel told the disciples that Jesus lived after His death, Luke 24:5,6. The world tried to say He was dead. Many modern day religions believe He is dead, but our Saviour is alive, Revelation 1:18.
4. In John 17 He was speaking with His Father and desiring His people be one with Him as He and the Father were one.

A. The Father.
1. Jesus is the only begotten Son of God. He is the only one of His kind, John 1:14.
2. The saved are begotten not by blood, will of flesh, man, but of God, John 1:13.
4. Jesus imparts this kind of life to those that He saves. They have the same kind of life that He has.

B. The fruit.
1. We become the children of God by faith, Galatians 3:26. At the very moment we repented of sins and trusted the Lord we became the children of God.
2. John said we are the sons of God now, I John 3:1,2. We are not waiting to be, hoping to be, guessing to be, but we are now His children.
3. God is the Father and we are His offspring or children. We have the same life that He has because we are begotten of Him.

C. The favor.
1. As children of God we are like or we favor our Father. There is a family resemblance in us.
2. We have the same kind of life that He has. We are His children and He has shed His love abroad in our hearts.
3. We are made in his likeness. Jesus said His sheep hear His voice and they follow Him, V27.
4. We are spiritual people now because we have undergone a spiritual birth. We hear His voice. We can spiritually discern His voice and His communication to and with us.

IV. THE LEGALITY.
A. The promise of Jesus.
1. He has promised the believer eternal or everlasting life, John 3:16, 18. This is a legal binding promise that Jesus has made to us.
2. He has given His Word and He is bound by His Word, II Peter 3:9. He cannot lie, Hebrews 6:18.
3. His Word is a legal transaction. We may question the word of others, but you will never have a reason or cause to doubt the Word of our Lord. He is faithful and true to His Word and to us.
4. For Jesus to promise to give the believer eternal life and then take it away from him or not to be able to keep His promise is a lie. If anyone is lying it sure isn’t the Lord.

B. The character of Jesus.
1. He is the holy, sinless, and righteous Son of eternal God, II Corinthians 5:21, II Peter 3:18.
2. He is the eternal Son of God. He is eternal in character. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Hebs. 13:8.
3. God is eternal in character. God has always existed and will always exist.
4. As His children and begotten of Him in the new birth, we receive His character. We are His everlasting children.

C. The faithfulness of the Lord.
1. The Lord is faithful. He is the faithful God who keeps His covenant, Deut. 7:9. God is faithful to us when we are not faithful to Him.
2. He has promised to give us eternal life when we believe or trust His dear Son for salvation. Text.
3. Even when we are not acting, living, or doing right, God is still faithful to His Word.
4. You see, for us to lose what God has promised to give us, would be failure on God's part and He would lie to us. To say you can lose your salvation is to accuse the Lord of lying, which He cannot do.

V. THE LIBERALITY.
A. It is a gift.
1. Paul plainly stated that salvation is the gift of God, Ephesians 2:8,9.
2. Jesus invites all men to receive this precious gift of life, John 1:11,12.
3. You cannot earn it. You don't deserve it. You cannot attain unto it. Jesus said, "I give unto them eternal life."
4. You can receive this free gift by repenting of your sins and receiving Jesus as your Saviour.
5. All you have to do to get a real gift is to receive it. It is offered without charge or price. You just have to receive it. The Lord wants to give you something you can't buy and it cannot be evaluated.

B. It is by grace.
1. God's wonderful glorious marvelous grace is manifested in His saving lost, undone, wicked people, Ephesians 2:8.
2. Grace offers to man what He doesn't deserve. Grace offers it to all men alike. It is a whosoever salvation.
3. Jesus said He came to give life more abundantly to man. Text. The salvation of the Lord manifests His liberality.
4. Grace is God offering something to man that man doesn't deserve. God offers eternal life to all and very few will receive it.

C. It is to glory.
1. The believer will appear with Jesus in glory, Colossians 3:4.
2. The believer has the hope of glory, Colossians 1:27.
3. The believer is a partaker of Jesus' glory, I Peter 5:1.
4. The eternal and everlasting life of Jesus is glorious. Paul tells us that eye hasn't seen it, ear hasn't heard about it, and it hasn't entered man's heart what God has in store for those who love Him, I Corinthians 2:9.

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FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT - GOODNESS

Text: Galatians 5:22

Introduction:

A. The REVELATION - the fruits of the spirit deal with and embrace the following.
1. The character of Christ.
2. The conduct of the Christian.

B. The REVIEW - notice the specifics.
1. Love - agape love - spiritualistic love - Romans 5:5.
2. Joy - an attitude that is based on Biblical realities.
3. Peace - with God, of God with others.
4. Longsuffering - embraces anger & patience.

I. DISCERNING THE PRINCIPLE.

A. Man's concept of Goodness.
1. Webster's dictionary - good means having desirable or favorable qualities.
2. Good is the experience of pleasure.
3. Good is the absence of pain.
4. Good is doing to others what you would desire for them to do for you.

B. Biblical concept of good.
1. God is good - Psalm 100:5 "For the Lord is good: his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth to all generations."
2. What God does is good, Genesis 1:31. "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day."

3. What God says is good, Psalm 119:39: "Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgements are good."

4. What God wills is good, Romans 12:2: "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 9:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

5. 3-Fold concept that needs to be understood.
   a. Good works are connected with our reaction and response to God's goodness, Ephesians 2:10.
      1. The need to understand His goodness.
      2. Correct understanding will produce involvement.
   b. Good and evil still battle within the experience of the believer, Rom. 7:14-25.
   c. Goodness is the product of life in the Spirit, Romans 8:1-4.

II. DISCOVERING THE PROCESS.

A. DISCOVER what God says we should do, Romans 12:2: "And be not conformed to this world: But be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

B. DETERMINE that good shall be the top priority in your life.
   1. Romans 12:9, "Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil: Cleave to that which is good."
   2. Romans 12:21, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

C. DECIDE to do what the word of God says! Ephesians 2:10.

D. DEPEND upon the Lord through the ministry of the Holy Spirit to make this a reality and response in your life, Galatians 5:22.
   1. Illus. - Getting into the barrel that the man rolled across Niagara Falls on a tight wire.

E. DELIGHT in the ultimate triumph over evil, Ephesians 6:7,8. "With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free."

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HOW I FEEL ABOUT MY DAUGHTER'S DEATH AND EVERYTHING

My daughter, Velina, was 31 years old when she died. She was the oldest of six children. Velina was a happy child. She was quiet, she was a good girl and she was beautiful. She made good grades in school. She made me very proud to be her mother. She never dated or ran around at night. In the 11th or 12th grade, she was in a group of students that went to elementary schools to teach children to keep away from drugs.

She married the first boy she dated in 1979 on May 26th. She graduated from high school June 3, 1979. She was married 13 years in May of 1992. She had 3 boys: Michael - 11 years old, Wesley - 4 years old, and Timothy - 2 years old. She went through mental and physical abuse, but most of it she kept from me because she knew I was going through the same thing. I wish she would have told me some of it. I know she loved her family and she loved us, her mom and dad and brothers and sisters. She never told anyone about her hurt. I know she knew God and believed in God, but she never talked too much about it. She made sure Michael knew and he went to church.

In the last months before she died, she began to tell me a little of how she felt. She was too full of stress and depression. She didn't know if she could take it. I tried to get her to talk about it more and tell me what I could do to help her. Her mother-in-law and father-in-law didn't want the kids around and her husband was on the road sometimes for weeks at a time.

It was about that time she met the wrong people. Velina was too trusting of everyone and that is how she got messed up. The devil sure knew how to get her on drugs and hurt me at the same time. She was an easy mark for these people by being under so much stress and feeling left alone all the time. This is what I am very angry about and I ask God to forgive me for feeling angry at her husband and his parents. Also, the people that hurt her and let her die and refused to get her medical help. I am angry most of all at the devil. I am also very hurt deep inside at her for not asking for help. I am angry at the police department for not trying to find her the week she was missing. Her husband did try to find her even though the police would not help him. I was in Mississippi with no way of getting here, so I called them about a dozen times. They kept saying she was 31 years old and there was nothing they could do. They acted like they didn't care!
The autopsy report said she died accidently of cocaine poison complicated by severe pneumonia. She never killed herself, at least I know that. I just wished she would have had more faith in God, but who am I to talk—I should have had more faith myself—maybe that would have helped her. I am still very angry and hurt and I have to ask God every day to forgive me. It is still very hard to keep from falling apart. I think of the other 5 children and my 9 grandchildren. There will be 10 in April of 1993. I keep thinking they need me too. I sometimes find it hard to believe because I haven’t heard from them but one time each since September. My children are my life; they are what kept me alive all these years. Things got so bad at different times that I just kept praying "God please help me or send someone to help because without you I have no one." I have sat and cried so often and said this prayer. I have no one to turn to but God; even then, blowing my brains out sometimes crosses my mind.

I grew up in church and feared God, but I also loved God. When I was 14, I was raped by a guy that was a member of my church. Ever since, I did not feel like being part of any church. I read the Bible to my children and talked to them about God. My husband was a drinker and took too many prescription drugs. He taught me a lot about the Bible spiritually, but I never understood why he drank like he did and said it was not wrong. I am still a mental and physical mess, but I know God is with me and day by day is how I take it. It is very hard to forgive people for all the hurt they have caused me.

My husband said he wanted a divorce so I could get on SSI and pay my own way. He didn’t want to pay for anything for me. He wanted us to live together. I couldn’t do this. When our daughter died, he would not come to Texas with us. All he did was drink and take pills. Everything piled up on me and if not for the grace of God, I would be six feet under. All during the time of preparing my daughter’s funeral and afterwards, I kept asking God to give me strength. He came to me and said, "keep faith." That is what got me through and is still getting me through one day at a time, one moment at a time.

I stayed in Texas and my husband got the divorce. He stole all my belongings, well almost all of them. I have no money at all. I am thankful I have God who provides a shelter and food for me and clothes to wear from my sister, whom I love very much. My youngest son and his wife stayed here in Texas with me and that helps me, also.

I am trying with my sister and her husband, and my son and daughter-in-law to show Velina’s husband about God and to trust in Him for everything. I have to do this myself. I just keep having trouble accepting the fact that my Velina is gone. I think sometimes that I am and was not good enough. I know she is with God and that helps me. I know I can trust God to help me, but it is still very, very hard when a child is gone.

This is just a touch of the things I went through, but as low as I got, God was there and He is why I am still here. I never knew the devil could really cause death to my loved ones, but now I know. I just wonder, why Velina, she never hurt anyone or she was not mean to anyone. She kept to herself and kept things inside when she should have talked to someone. There were times she said that no one here was trustworthy. I always told her she could trust me with anything. I still have trouble forgiving her husband because she never messed with anything like drugs until she met and married him. There is so much hurt I sometimes don’t think I can bear it. I hear Velina’s voice and see her face all the time in my mind. There is not only one crisis, but three I am dealing with, but I know with God’s help I’ll get through.

This is in loving memory,

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INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE

Text: Romans 14:11,12.
Introduction:

A. "Passing the buck (blame)" is as old as the first family.

1. Adam to God,
   "...the woman whom thou gavest to be with me, SHE GAVE ME OF THE TREE, and I did eat." Genesis 3:12.
   a. If someone offered you a coal of fire would you take it in your hand?
   b. If someone offered you cyanide in a drink would you knowingly drink it?
   c. If someone offered you stolen merchandise would you receive it?

3. King Saul to the prophet Samuel, "But the PEOPLE took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in Gilgal." I Samuel 15:21.
   a. He was told, "Behold, TO OBEY IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE, and to hearken than the fat of rams. I Samuel 15:23. "Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king." I Samuel 15:23.
   b. It was at this point that he made AN HONEST CONFESSION...saying, "I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice." I Samuel 15:24.

B. From these cases we learn there are various MOTIVATING INFLUENCES to lead us away from the Word and Way and Will of the Lord.
   1. Satanic temptations.
   2. Sensual desires.
   4. Selfish Ambitions.
   5. Relatives.
   6. Pressures from the populace.

C. HELP has always been available!
   1. Instruction II Timothy 3:16; Psalm 119:130.
   2. Warnings have been given.
   3. Spiritual strength has been available.

D. God holds one and all personally RESPONSIBLE for our attitudes, attention, and actions. My dictionary defines RESPONSIBLE as legally or ethically ACCOUNTABLE, ANSWERABLE, LIABLE.

I. INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR SINS.

A. What sin IS.
   2. Good left undone, James 4:17.

B. God has always had a WORD, A MESSAGE for us.
   1. God personally instructed Adam.
   2. God's prophet had informed King Saul.
   3. God has spoken to mankind in general THROUGH HIS SON, Hebrews 1:1,2.
   4. God has given to us the WRITTEN WORD, II Timothy 3:16.
   5. God's Holy Spirit is present to TEACH, LEAD, AND CONVICT of sin.
      a. Why do you think Adam and His Wife seek to hide from the Lord?
      b. Why do you think King Saul tried to LIE AND COVER UP HIS ACTIONS?
      c. Why is it said of King David, "And David's HEART SMOTE HIM after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the Lord, I Have SINNED GREATLY in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O Lord, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very Foolishly."

6. For the last two thousand years GOD'S HOUSE, HIS CHURCH, HAS STOOD AS "THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, A CITY THAT CANNOT BE HID" SOUNDING OUT THE WORD OF GOD.

C. Sin is against knowledge.


II. INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR STEPS WE MAKE.

A. The Bible has much to say about one's WALK, Psalm 37:23, Genesis 17:1, Micah 6:8.

B. Much instruction has been given concerning HOW TO WALK BEFORE GOD.
   1. Walk in faith.
   2. Walk worthy of the Lord.
   3. Walk worthy of your calling.
   5. Walk in the Light of Jesus.
   7. Walk in the Spirit.
   8. Walk in NEWNESS OF LIFE.
   10. Walk Circumspectly.
   11. Walk in love.

C. A PERFECT EXAMPLE has been left us, John 8:12, I Peter 2:21.

D. Blessings have been pronounced, Psalm 1:1.

III. INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR SEED SOWN.

A. Day by day living is likened unto Sowing, Galatians 6:7,8.

B. One is personally responsible for the KIND of seed sown.

C. One is responsible for the AMOUNT OF SEED SOWN, II Corinthians 9:6.

D. ACCOUNTING IS ON THE WAY, Matthew 12:35-37.


IV. INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PERSONAL STEWARDSHIP.

A. We each have been ENTRUSTED WITH THE SOUL MANAGEMENT of:
   2. For abilities (natural or acquired).
   3. Accountable for USE OF BLESSINGS ENTRUSTED, Matthew 25.

B. Requirements:
   1. Faithfulness, I Corinthians 4:2.
   2. Use or investment of that entrusted to us, Matthew 25.

C. Reckoning day ahead Luke 16:2; I Corinthians 5:12.

V. INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ETERNAL DESTINY OF OUR SOUL.
   A. Man is a triune being.
   B. God has made provisions for each.
      1. Body - Isaiah 5:10; Matthew 5:45.

C. At death the SOUL and BODY separate, Ecclesiastes 12:7.
   1. The body of the believer rests in the grave unto the day of redemption or resurrection.
   2. The soul of the saved sleeps in Jesus.
   3. The body of the unsaved waits in the grave for the SECOND DEATH, Revelation 20:13, 14.


E. We choose our eternal destiny.

THE WORK OF THE TRINITY IN OUR SALVATION

By Julius Copeland

Text: Hebrews 10:7-17.

Introduction:
A. Who is responsible for our salvation?
   1. God the Father.
   2. God the Son.
   4. All of the above is correct.

B. The writer of Hebrews establishes this fact.
   1. These people were Jewish believers.
   2. Due to intense persecution, many were reverting back to Judaism.
   3. The writer reminds them of what the Triune God had done for them.

C. Further, he shows the weakness of the first covenant.
   1. Christ came to fulfill it.
   2. He came to establish the second covenant.

3. Both were according to God's will.


A. The will of the Father concerning Christ V7-9.

1. His will performed by Jesus. V7, 9.
   a. The will of the Father for Christ was prophesied in the Old Testament.
   b. "volume of the Book" speaks of the fact that in the Old Testament are written instructions concerning the Divine will for the Messiah.
   c. Christ came to fulfill what was written in the Scriptures.
   d. "Will" active volition, wish, desire.
   e. Here, the will of the Father for the Son is to assume a body and come into the world for the purpose of dying. V5.
   f. V9 The will of the Father for the Son is to "take" away the first covenant and "establish" the second covenant.

2. His will could not be performed by Old Testament sacrifices. V8.
   a. "Above" refers to verse 5.
   b. The animal sacrifices were incompetent to satisfy the will of God.
   c. The Old Testament system was divinely inspired but preliminary.
   d. The sacrifices were not God's final will or His answer to the sin problem.

B. The will of the Father for believers V10.

1. The "which will" refers to the will of God which the Messiah came to do, namely:
   a. Assuming flesh and dying.
   b. Abolishing the first covenant.

2. The will was the sanctification of men, this could not be accomplished by means of the Old Testament sacrifices.
   a. "Sanctify" to set apart for God.
   b. Here it refers to placing the believing sinner into the status of a saved person.

3. The means of this sanctification is, "The offering of the body of Jesus Christ..."
   a. "Offering" that which is offered, a gift, a present.
   b. A sacrifice is the idea.
   c. The will of God was that the body of Jesus be sacrificed, offered, given.

4. The offering of the body of Jesus was, "once for all."
   a. This statement is emphatic.
   b. This offering avails for all people of all times.
   c. This contrasts sharply with the Old Testament sacrifices.


A. To offer a sacrifice for sin V11-12.

1. The inability of the old system V11.
a. "Standeth daily" this was the position and posture of the priests because their work was never completed.
b. Contrast this with the seated position of Jesus. V12.
c. While the priests stood daily, they could never take care of the sin problem.
d. "Which can never take away sin."

2. The ability of the Son V12.
   a. "This man" refers to Jesus Christ, referred to as a man because of verse 5.
   b. "Offered one sacrifice" emphatically one sacrifice.
   c. "Forever" is true of His offering and His sitting.
   d. "Sat down" pictures a finished work.
   e. His offering on the cross has never ending results. It needs no repetition.
   f. To be seated at the "right hand of God" is to be in the place of highest honor.

B. To conquer His enemies V13.
   1. "From henceforth" from that time offering no more sacrifice, but waiting.
   2. "Expecting" to look for, expect, wait for.
   3. This is a quote from Psalm 110:1.
   4. The enemies are not here defined.
   5. 'Footstool' figurative of to make one subject, to reduce under one's power.
   6. This day IS coming!

C. To perfect the sanctified V14.
   1. Emphasis is made again to the one time offering of Jesus.
   2. "Perfected" to bring to a state of completion.
      a. The completeness of the state of salvation is in view here.
      b. This is not a temporary condition, but a lasting one, "For ever."

A. The testimony V15.
   1. Not only is the sacrificial death of Jesus a historical fact, but is affirmed by the testimony of the Holy Spirit.
   2. "Witness" to testify, affirm.
      a. "The Holy Spirit affirms it to us."
      b. He endorses this truth for us.

B. The covenant V16.
   1. "Covenant" agreement, will, testament.
   2. Quotes from Jeremiah.
   3. He places the Jewish readers in a position where they will either accept their prophet and the New Testament or reject Him and the New Testament.
   4. Under the first Testament God wrote His laws on stone, whereas under the New Testament He writes them upon the heart.

C. The remembrance V17.
   1. God remembers sin no more.

2. "Remember" to think much of a thing, to call to one's mind, begin to remember, remind.
3. The constant Old Testament sacrifices demonstrated that the sin question was not settled.
4. The "once for all" offering of the Messiah shows that sin is paid for and put away.

In His Steps

"The road is too rough," I said, "Dear Lord, there are stones that hurt me so."
And He said, "Dear child, I understand, I walked it long ago."

"But there's a cool green path," I said;
"Let me walk there for a time."

"No child," He gently answered me,
"The green path does not climb"

"My burden," I said, "is far too great,
How can I bear it so?"

"My child," He said, "I remember the weight;
I carried My cross, you know."

But I said, "I wish there were friends with me
Who would make my way their own."

"Oh yes," He said, "Gethsemane
Was hard to bear alone."

And so I climb the stony path,
Content at last to know
That where my Master had not gone,
I would not need to go.

And strangely then I found new friends,
The burden grew less sore;
And I remember -- long ago
He went that way before.

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