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Welcome to August:

Greetings to you as we enter into the “dog days of summer”. This summer season has been very dry, very hot! Keep your flowers blooming, water and water!

And so it is with our theme for August’s BFC Discipleship Magazine:

Evangelism

“The spreading of the gospel by public preaching or personal witness”.

We will explore personal witness in this issue. Most importantly remember you are, to some around you, the message of the bible, or of Christ. And for some of you, your witness needs to be rekindled! Remember Christ’s message in Matthew Chapter 5 beginning with the 14th verse, “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp, and put it under a bushel basket, rather it is placed on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house”.

Therefore, let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven”.

So, in this issue let’s explore the theme of sharing the gospel. Share with others what Christ has done for you and what Christ is doing through you.

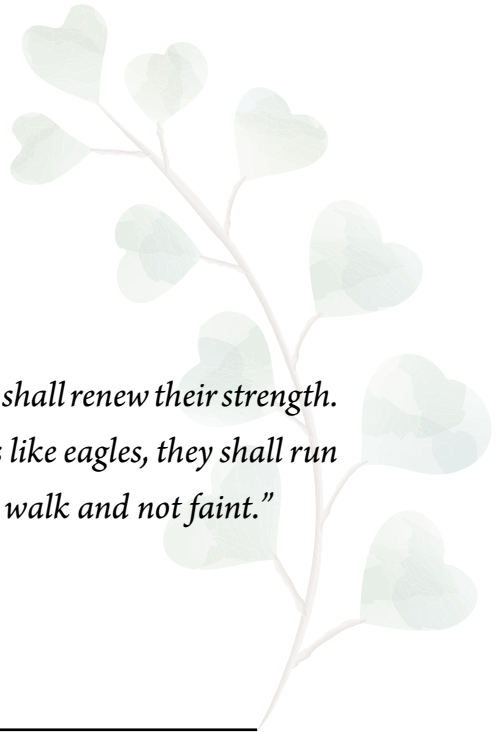
We will explore this theme in this issue through the RWB Sermon services, as well as in our messaging in Spurgeon’s Corner and in “A Daily Devotional” by the founder of the CM&A Church, A.B. Simpson.

Enjoy, and remember you became saved, converted, and born again to share Christ with those around you. His message is to love one another, have compassion for one another, forgive one another, and to “Love Thy Neighbor”.

In closing, ask you shall receive, knock and the door will open, seek and you shall find. For you have not because you ask not. Some will need to reexamine their walk with Christ, as the world has crept in and taken away their testimony. Still others have gathered disappointment, bitterness because life has been difficult, relationships broken. Whatever, your lot remember that in Evangelism you are spreading His message of coming back to Him the true source of all giving.

Continue to grow in your effectiveness in how you may serve, how you may let your light shine, and how to get out of self and to love others.

Be Blessed & Enjoy
Forever in Christ
The Writers for BFC



The 2022 Scripture:

*“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.
They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run
and not grow weary, they shall walk and not faint.”*

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The Sermons of Richard W. Braman



As many of you realize, RWB, Richard W. Braman is the founder of Braman Foundation of Charities. Richard, upon his conversion, in 1952 went on to ordination in the United Methodist Church. He became ordained, through the home study course, offered through the United Methodist Church.

Richard went on to serve in three congregations: Fultonham, New York, Geneva, Ohio, and Beechwood, Illinois.

His style of messaging was straightforward and to the point of what the Holy Spirit was pressing upon him. Weekly Richard would draw inspiration from the Holy Spirit, write out his sermon, and recite, and modify his message through the week.

And so we thank God for his inspiration that moved Richard to preach.

Enjoy this month's edition.

An Excerpt from RWB Sermons

God can be a personal friend to each one of us. What is a personal friend? A personal friend is someone we can talk with, someone we can talk over our personal problems, someone who will give us the kind of advice and guidance we need. Someone who will not tell others of our confidential business, someone we can trust and someone we can put our faith in. This is what a personal friend is and this what God is if we are willing to accept him as our personal friend.

What It Means To Be A Christian

If Jesus Christ was to walk in that door at this very moment, I wonder how many of us would recognize Him? Yet still, we call ourselves Christians and yet as Christians we know that Christ is with us always. We have only to ask Christ and He will respond to us.

The word “Christian” means a believer in Christ, a follower of His example or teachings. I’m sure that everyone here this morning believes in Jesus Christ or we wouldn’t be here. But how many of us really believe enough in Christ to follow His teachings? We all want to be considered Christians and be a part of, and associated with the Christian religion but not if we have to sacrifice too much. Not if we have to be concerned for other people or if we have to devote too much time to our church or if we have to read the Bible and ask God for forgiveness of our sins. We say this is carrying our religion too far. And after all, we are pretty good people. We come to church (when we feel like it, we give to our church (not as much as we should), but enough. Yes it is easy to be called a Christian, but difficult to be a Christian.

In the Gospel of Matthew chapter 5 Jesus says, “Let your light so shine before man, that they may see your good works and give glory to your father who is in Heaven.” As Christians we should set an example for other people in our every day living. We shouldn’t be setting this example just on Sunday morning for one hour, but every hour of every day every day of the week. Our Christian religion is not just for church and Sunday School, but should be

applied to every activity in our lives. When we do this, life has meaning and a purpose. If other people can see that our religion makes a difference in our lives and that we have something that they don’t have, then we are really witnessing for Christ. Witnessing is one of the things we should be doing as Christians. One of Christ’s disciples said to Him “Lord, let me first go and bury my father. Jesus said to him, “follow me and leave the dead to bury their own dead.” As Christians we cannot put off following Him. We have to follow Christ now. There isn’t any half way in between. We either follow Christ or we don’t. If we follow Him, the road ahead will not be easy, but it will be rewarding. If we don’t follow Him, there is no road ahead. In Christ, we find a faith that is unshakeable, one that cannot be destroyed.

In times of trouble, we can rely on a Christ that is with us and a Christ that will guide us through all troubles.

At the time of the death of a loved one, there seems to be no answer, no way to turn, but Christ is with us and when we ask, He will guide us and comfort us. At a time like this, we need all the faith that we have. So when the road ahead is rough and there seems to be no end, Christ walks with us.

In Matthew chapter 22 Jesus says, “the second greatest commandment is— you shall love your neighbor as yourself!” Christians should be concerned about other people. We should help other people in times of troubles. There are plenty of people here in our own community that

need our help. It is true that Christ will look after them in time of trouble, but working through us Christ can do a better job.

We seem to be eager to criticize other people. We aren't willing to pitch in and help ourselves, but we are not satisfied with what other people do either. We all have an opportunity to do our part and this is what Christ expects of us. I feel that love and concern for other people is the greatest characteristic of a Christian. Without love for our neighbors, we cannot possibly walk with Christ.

We seem to delight in hurting other people by talking about them. Our mouths are the most vicious weapon of all time, if used for this purpose. I personally feel if we have anything to say about a person we should say it to his face rather than to other people. It isn't up to us to judge people but rather to help them.

Being a Christian is forgiving other people for the sins they have committed and asking God for forgiveness of the sins we have committed. Jesus says we are to forgive our brothers seventy times seven for sinning against us. None of us are perfect and therefore have no right to condemn other people for the sins they commit. A good example is forgiving the person who has committed a crime and has paid his debt to society. This type of person, when he comes back to society needs our help and assurance that we will accept him. Too often we are not willing to forgive and forget.

The alcoholic is another person we try to stay away from, condemning him instead of helping him. Even when he has found help and straightened out his life, we are reluctant to forgive and forget. Jesus did most of his associating with sinners not with people who were church goers. If we are to be effective in our witnessing, we have to associate with people who are committing these sins. We cannot forget about them.

As we become Christians, we realize that

we have someone to share our burdens with, someone to turn to in time of trouble. Before we were Christians, we felt that all things and all power was man made.

In some cases, the decisions that have to be made are too much and too big and these people just give up. As Christians, we realize that if we let Christ help us and guide us, the answers aren't always what we think they should be, but they are best for us and for others around us.

I believe that to really be a Christian, Christ's Holy Spirit must come to us.

We have to experience a change in our lives and really let Christ guide us. This experience doesn't come to us once, but several times during our lives, and without this experience we become too satisfied with ourselves, we try to judge other people and we set ourselves up higher than other people. As Christians we have to humble ourselves before Christ. We have to admit and confess our short comings and we have to strive to pattern our lives after our one example, Jesus Christ.

There are many other characteristics that go into making a person a real Christian. I Have just mentioned a very few of them.

We have talked about peace in the world for many years. We have prayed that peace will come to this earth. I believe that before peace can come to this world it has to come to each of us individually. When we have truly become reborn Christians, and let the Holy Spirit guide and direct our lives, then the feeling of peace will come to each of us and finally peace will come to the world.

As Christians, we have at least two tools that can help us and guide us. One is prayer. Prayer that will help us when we need help and prayer to thank Him who directs us. The other tool is the bible. Daily reading and studying of the scriptures will enrich our lives. It will give us a better understanding of why Christ died for our sins and what is expected of us as Christian.

Prayer

O' God our heavenly Father, we are thankful to thee for our many blessings. We are thankful for the church and all that it stands for.

Our Father, help us never to forget that only through Thee are all of these things possible.

We pray that thy Holy Spirit may be among us here and may enter each of our hearts and help make us each better Christians, more like Christ.

Our heavenly Father, help those that are sick. Comfort and guide them, be with all people that need thy help this day O' God. Give them the courage, the faith and the strength to carry them through all of the problems they have.

O' God, we pray that thy Spirit may be with the world leaders. We pray that they may turn to Thee for guidance in this time of world tension. May their actions truly reflect thy ways. We pray that through Thy Spirit and guidance, peace will come into each individuals heart and finally peace to the entire world.

We pray that Thou will guide us through the coming week and help each of us in our daily tasks. Help us to become better Christians and to fill our hearts with love and concern for other people.

O' God, we pray that Thou will forgive us for all the sins we have committed. Enlighten us as we read Thy Gospel and help us to become better witnesses for Thee.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior we pray.

Amen.

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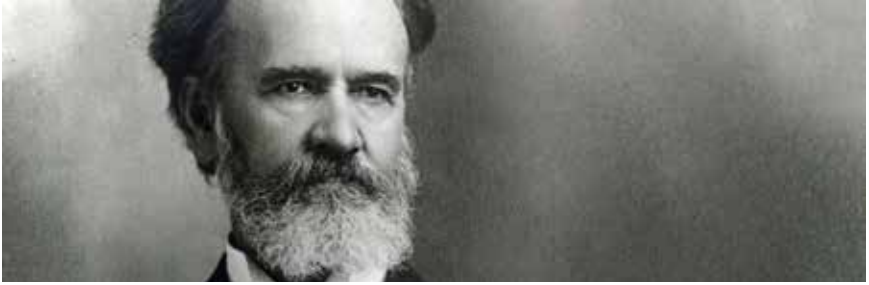
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A Daily Devotional

By A.B. Simpson, Founder of C and MA Church



“Ye are the light of the world”

- Matt. 5:14

We are called the lights of the world, light-bearers, reflectors, candlesticks, lamps. We are to be kindled ourselves, and then we will burn and give light to others. We are the only light the world has. The Lord might come down Himself and give light to the world, but He has chosen differently. He wants to send it through us, and if we don't give it the world will not have it. We should be giving light all the time to our neighbors. God does not put a meteor in the sky to tell us when to shine. We are to be giving light all the time wherever we are, at home, or in the social circle, or in our place in the church. We should feel always we may never have another opportunity for it, and so we should always be burning and shining for Him. Let our lamps be trimmed and burning and full of the oil of the Spirit. Above all, let us be a steady light to the lost ones.

Let me dwell in Timnath Serah,
Where the sun forever shines,
Where the night and darkness come not,
And the day no more declines.



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Discipleship

Every Tuesday, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

In the BFC Defined Discipleship Training literature, we examine the state of the church in America today. We spend time with the teachings of the great writings of: A.W Tozer, Thomas A Kempis, & A.B Simpson. There is time spent on the effects of Christ centered meditation, its scriptures and the significance of purifying the ego. We discuss regeneration, salvation, daily repentance and coming into a closer relationship with our creator. Finally we speak on a lifetime of devotion to God and Christ. Recommit your life as a Christ follower and continue your journey.

Worship Service (Temporarily Suspended)

Every Thursday, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Starting in September 2021, our worship service is a time to meet to praise, worship, pray to God and receive a teaching (sermon) based on the Bible along with a weekly communion.

Bible Study

Every Friday, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Joining a small group is the best way to experience the incredible community here at BFC.

Meditation and Prayer Service

Every Sunday, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Meditation, correctly practiced is the simple process of removing attention from conditions and circumstances which, when cognized and overly identified with fragment and cloud our perceptions. Meditation simply is concentration on an object of contemplation. We meditate in Christ which we know is the absolute realm of perfection. We meditate to commune in Christ. This Christ communion is an ideal state in which we can naturally unfold in. Learn to use this as your most meaningful time to experience God and in time you will walk continuously in God's presence.

AA Meetings

12 Step Women's Group Every Wednesday, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Big Book Step Study Every Thursday, 7:30pm - 9:00pm

The purpose of this meeting is to help alcoholics fully recover by the studying, discussing, and practicing of the twelve steps as they are laid out in the Big Book. It has been our hard-learned experience that other methods did not work with us. Some of us have tried other methods and our results were disastrous, until we looked at the basic and simple approach the Big Book offers.

Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, who is above all things, we thank Thee for our many blessings for the air we breathe, for our food and shelter, for our families, and for life itself. We pray that thy Holy Spirit is among us here as we worship Thee and that Thy Holy Spirit may touch each of our hearts.

Our Father, we pray that Thou will help us to become better Christians and to live our lives as Christians should. Lord, help us to love God and one another. We pray that Christ will always be first in our lives and that we will consider Christ first in all our everyday affairs. O' God, we know that we are sinners, but we pray that Thou will help us to be more like Christ each day.

We thank Thee for Thy Holy Word and we pray that thy Spirit will give us more understanding as we read it.

We know that all things are possible through Christ-centered prayer, reading the bible, and love will give us faith so we will be able to withstand any trial.

Lord Jesus, we pray that peace may come upon this earth and that the leaders of the various nations throughout the world will consider Christ in all affairs.

Our Father, we pray that thou will be with those that are not present here this morning. Bless and help them. Be with those that are sick and help to heal them.

We ask for these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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August 1, 2022

Monday

BE DETERMINED TO OVERCOME

"For the Lord helps me, Therefore, I am not disgraced; Therefore, I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed."

– Isaiah 50:7

"Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, do not be far from me!"

– Psalm 38:21

As you strike a match look at how hard that surface is that ignites the match. And so, your determination ought to be to overcome self. For you know that the Lord Thy God is with you as you have invited the Lord to be with you. Now is the time to take seriously your salvation to overcome sin. There is an effort on your part to overcome, press in and be free to be greatly used in kingdom building. Remember the words of Jesus: "I tell you unless you are converted and become like children you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven." Think of the innocence of a small child: Without a sense of self or ego. My friends go deeper and dissolve that sense of self and be free. You can do this with the Grace of God. You are an overcomer. Strive, strive, strive and then one day you have arrived. Praise to the Lord the almighty of Heaven.



August 2, 2022

Tuesday

LIFT ALL YOUR REQUESTS ON HIGH

“Be anxious of nothing, but in everything through prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

– Philippians 4:6

Lift up all your requests to God. God simply is, was and shall always be. Why do you believe that through self you can manage your own life better than the Lord? You have sought the Lord, yet you continue to ignore the still small voice that is trying to speak to you, to guide you and protect you. The voice that says for you to Love the Lord Thy God with all your heart and with all your mind and your soul. The voice that also says to love your neighbor as yourself. This is your great God that is saying I hear your requests be not anxious, yet do you listen? Are you with me. I walk with you and talk with you, yet you do not follow me. Your life is a living testimony of that fact. Stop following your old nature, your self and follow me your new man the God with in you!

August 3, 2022

Wednesday

THE LORD WORKS WITHIN YOU

“The Lord will accomplish what concerns me; Thy loving kindness, O Lord, is everlasting; Do not forsake the works of Thy hands.”

– Psalm 138:8

“For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

– Philippians 1:6

The Lord is at work in you, changing you opening doors and closing doors. The Lord is on your side. The Lord is your great protector. The Lord is your redeemer. You have been saved and have asked the Lord into your life. As such He is at work within you asking you to yield to your selfish ways. Therefore, let not your heart be troubled for through His Grace redemption is at hand. Your effort is needed to stay on this path, however the Lord is at work in you through the blessing of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, rejoice in the Lord and be ever confident in the Lord Thy God. He is on your side working to perfect you and complete you in Him.



August 4, 2022

Thursday

PUT ON YOUR NEW NATURE

"If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things above, not of the things of this earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God."

– Colossians 3:1-3

My friends you have made a conscious decision to follow Christ. You have renounced self and the things of this world. Now you have His Grace and Mercy to bring you into your True Nature in Christ. You now must continue to repent from your old ways. Get on your knees and ask the Lord: "Reveal to me the sin nature in which I must renounce?" Then listen and repent and say: "O Lord more of Thee and less of me." Do this as often as possible late at night before you retire for rest. The Lord is waiting for you to acknowledge Him in ALL you do. Stop being lukewarm for it is time for you to step up and claim your true Victory in Christ. Then you will be used in kingdom Building. Stop wasting time and get on with your salvation. Take your eyes off the things of this world.

August 5, 2022

Friday

THE FULLNESS OF GOD

"For in Him all the fullness of the Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority."

– Colossians 2:9-10

All the attributes are in God as Christ the Son. For God is all in all: Omnipotence, omnipresent, omniscience, immutable and infallible. God is!!! As an individual made in His image you are made complete in Him through your salvation: Your regeneration began when you turned toward the light and acknowledge the truth that Christ is your redeemer, raised from the death and you confessed. Now you are in this family of the saved, the redeemed, his protection, His care, His redeeming Love, you are in the joy of the Lord, the apple of His eye, the jewel of the crown of Majesty, his justice od security, the comfort of the Holy Presence and His mercy that shows no end. And so, rejoice and praise the one that is above and in us all!!



August 6, 2022

Saturday

BE IMITATORS OF CHRIST

“The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walks.”

– 1 John 2:6

Let us be imitators of Christ. Walk as he walked. Love as He loved. Pray as he prayed. Not to think we cannot be like Christ, but to know He that is in me, is greater than he that is in this world. Each of us is made in a divine image of God Himself. This is the true nature of who we are in God. Our fallen nature is what we have taken on from the fall of man. We are to put on the new self through regeneration in Christ. Remember while you are saved through Grace there must be effort on your part to be like Christ. Repent, pray, meditate on His matchless word, fast, serve others and grow in the power of the Holy Spirit. Do not stop but repent of your fallen nature and seek Christ more and more. Renounce self and put on Christ’s nature. Your truth!!

August 7, 2022

Sunday

GOD IS THE SUPPLIER

“Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.”

– 1 Timothy 6:17

Even though you may be greatly blessed in this world, have no and little attachment to the “things” of this world. For as you know all things of this world are changing, not permanent. This world, in which we live may seem so real yet ask the one that was here today and has moved on to heaven. We try to hold unto the things that are not real but ever-changing in hopes that we can somehow control what we have, the relationships in which we live and the communities in which we enjoy. My friends even your spouse will someday be gone from you, your children and all the you believe you own. Not one thing is yours. Therefore, get acquainted with God. Know God!! Seek yea first the Kingdom of the Lord and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. This world in which you believe to be so real will one day be gone and then where will you be?



August 8, 2022

Monday

CHRIST IS FOREVER WITH YOU

"Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

– Matthew 28:20

Trust in the Master's word. I will never leave you nor forsake you even until the end of the age. There is no other relationship more important and more intimate than one you have with Christ. For God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost is one in the same and if you are a follower of Christ you too are His disciple. My friends even your spouse will leave you one day. There is no way to overcome this drama of Fallen man. Yet Jesus's Promise is Yes and Amen!!! This is forever, as you are made in His image and through regeneration you activated the mystery of this truth, so be it!!!! Tell others and bring others into the truth: That as we accept Christ as our personal savior and confess our sin while believing that Christ rose from the dead we are indeed saved. We are now part of this Royal Priesthood, protected redeemed and sanctified. The regeneration of the old self dying and putting on the new man begins!!!! Go forward knowing you are secure in Christ.

August 9, 2022

Tuesday

THE NEW SELF

"You lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind and put on the new self."

– Ephesians 4:22-24

This new self is your regenerated nature, as we have been born a new you have turned inward and you are reborn. You have made this conscious decision and the Spirit has come upon you. Not just any spirit, but the Holy Spirit the King of Kings. Now there is effort, for the "old man" will not just go away. Daily seek yea first the Kingdom of God and his Righteousness and all these things shall be added unto Thee. Do not stop go deeper and abide more, serve more and seek the Lord in all you do. Finally spend more time in repentance and watch as the old self dies and your regenerated self appears. Praise God!!! For I did not do what I did and I am putting in my true, new nature as I lose self. O praise to the Lord of Lords!!!



August 10, 2022

Wednesday

EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ...”

– Ephesians 1:3

This verse does not imply some spiritual blessing but every spiritual blessing. His providence insures our protection here and into heaven. Our Lord has come to set us free from the bondage of those tendencies that bind us to this world. He is our witness to the truth of the perfection of God. That in Him we are saved, born a new, regenerated into a life that is secure, blessed and is destined for all eternity. The blessings of Christ flow over into our work, our families and our communities. His sacrifice is for all generations that we are were and shall always be part of the highest of the high, the Royal Priesthood, the Lord of Lords. As you have made your decision to renounce sin, to overcome this world and to be in Christ you have made the decision to complete emancipation. Praise be to God who is Lord over us all! Amen!

August 11, 2022

Thursday

ABUNDANT FAVOR

“Now to Him who able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.”

– Ephesians 3:20-21

Now who would not, NOT want such favor in their lives? We struggle and work and toil in this life, yet as followers/disciples of Christ we are given such abundance! Did you NOT know this? Therefore, abide in Christ more, repent of your fallen nature and allow yourself to be transformed into the likeness in Christ Jesus. There is greater peace, greater joy that Jesus wants to give to you, but you must seek, go deeper and abide. As you abide your old nature withers and dies and your nature in Christ, your true self-made in His image shines forth in abundant Love of God, others and your life. This is truly living the abundant life. Have a blessed life as you press in more and more! Do not stop!



August 12, 2022

Friday

SUBMIT

*“Search me O God and know my heart;
Try me and know my thoughts; And see if
there be any hurtful way in me; And lead
me in your everlasting way.”*

– Psalm 139:23

When you lift up this verse truly from your heart be prepared to repent. Be ready for the test. Throughout our salvation through sanctification the Lord is seeking for us to abide in Him. This process can only be accomplished through removal of the sin nature within us that keeps us from unification or oneness in Christ. Remember when you made this decision to follow Christ it is above any worldly relationship currently in your life: Your children, your spouse, an elderly parent. The Lord wants all of you. We must learn to eliminate those comforts that draw us away from God; that bind us to this world. For we are not of this world we only live in it as we are in a strange land that is not our home. Wear this life, your body, this realm like a loose glove. Be ready to move on anytime.

August 13, 2022

Saturday

MY PEOPLE

*“I will dwell in them and walk among
them; and I will be their God, and they
shall be my people.”*

– 2 Corinthians 6:16

*“For you are a holy people to the Lord
your God; and the Lord has chosen you to
be a people for His own possession out of
all the Peoples who are on the face of the
earth.”*

– Deuteronomy 14:2

This of course is speaking of the nation of Israel. As a follower of Christ, you are of course, as a matter of fact, adopted. You are part of His royal Priesthood. You are one of His people. You are especially chosen as His own possession. He has bought you with His blood. He has brought them nigh unto Himself. He has set His great heart upon them. He has loved them with an everlasting love!!! My friends can you just go the depths of understanding how protected you are as one of His people. Shout for joy!!! Carry this message to others that you know struggle as they are not part of this family. Bring them into this fold!!! The Lord is asking you to build his Kingdom. Will you answer His call?



August 14, 2022

Sunday

THY WILL BE DONE

“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up on wings as eagles; they shall run and not grow weary and walk and they shall not faint.”

– Isaiah 40:31

The Lord’s work is unending and forever enduring. Work in which you never “Burn Out”. Allow yourself to be used by the Holy Spirit, to be a conduit in which the Holy Spirit can count on and you will be ever used in Kingdom building. Remember not to lean on your own understanding, always trusting in the Lord and He will make straight your ways. Your energy comes from the Holy Spirit for you are not responsible for the outcome of the work. You are used to accomplish His purposes. Surrender my friends and you will soar.

August 15, 2022

Monday

THERE WILL BE STRUGGLES

“In this world you will have tribulation.”

– John 16:33

On this side of heaven my friends **DO NOT** think you will not have trouble because you are a believer. Know there are forces at work against you as you come closer in Christ. Pray more and more of Thee and less and less of me. Then you have your own inner struggle with self. Sin still abounds and through your regeneration you must go deeper in your repentance and spend more time with the Lord. Finally, you have this world and all its distractions. Yes, this world and all its illusions that delude you into thinking there is lasting happiness here. Remember my friends: The Kingdom of Heaven is within you. You are, were, and shall always be made in the Divine Image of He that created it all. Remember Christ: “Follow me for I have overcome. I am the way the truth.”



August 16, 2022

Tuesday

THE LORD WILL NEVER FORSAKE YOU

“Return unto me so that I may return unto you.”

– Zechariah 1:3

There may be times in our life that we believe that the lord is not with us. Perhaps prayer is not answered. Family members are struggling. A child takes a wrong path in life. Our life does not have the peace it once had a time ago. All of us experience this “feeling “of separateness. It is most important that a deep understanding be rooted within you: That God is was and shall always be, that God is Omnipresent and He is always with us. It is the fallen nature of sin in which we exist in this idea that we are separated from God. We must repent more and ask God to reveal to us those iniquities that are causing this illusion of separation. The fact is that you are where and shall always be made in the Divine image of God. This illusion that you are separated must be smashed. You also must live a totally Grace given life to stop the sowing and reaping through your sin nature. Therefore, go deeper, spend more time with the Lord and ask and He will answer. God never leaves us. We either lose God through our sin nature and are blinded from his attributes or we were never born again in the first place. Whatever the problem seek and you shall find ask and He will answer. Do not stop seeking until you are one with in Christ. **YOU WILL KNOW WHEN YOU WILL KNOW.**

August 17, 2022

Wednesday

IN YOUR DARKEST DAYS

“You are my refuge in my darkest days.”

– Jeremiah 17:17

As a new believer you may be soaring on a pink cloud and all is glorious, peaceful and joy filled. The Lord guards us when we are new to the spiritual path as we are new, weak, lack biblical strength. However there comes a time in every believers walk when the “storm of life” picks up. Always remember that God will never give you more than you can handle. Though life seems dreary, dark and difficult He is the nearer of the near. The Lord is always in all situations. Call upon the Lord and continue to repent of your wicked ways. To think that you are not wicked is an illusion, or to believe you have no sin is a delusion. You have not because you ask not, and you lack power because your consciousness is seared in sin. remember you are not to conform to this world, but to be transformed through the renewing of your mind. Therefore, do not look around and compare your life to those around you, rather go within and ask the Lord to reveal the sin nature that blocks off the sun light of His spirit. **DO NOT STOP MY FRIENDS GO DEEPER.**



August 18, 2022

Thursday

IS THERE MORE THAN THE EYE CAN SEE?

“For what does a man profit if he gains the whole world yet loses his soul?”

– Matthew 16:26

My friends, many of us struggle our lives in our education, our careers to live what we believe is the “American Dream.” A life, filled with nice and comfortable things and a lifestyle of a level of luxury, yet our lives are empty. We seek this idea that at a certain age we retire and can relax yet what are we enjoying. The emptiness you feel, the void in your life can not be filled by greater vacations, a nicer second home, another newer car or a higher better education for your children. We brag to our family and loved ones how well we are doing yet we ignore the inner call to Love our neighbors. We live in an emptiness and never have real intimacy with one another. We live in contempt of the Spirit and say to ourselves and those who we know will agree with us: “This is my life. I will live it as I please. No one will tell me to believe in a God.” O fools if you only knew what awaits your demise!! Remember the command: “To love the lord Thy God with all your heart, your mind and your soul, and to love Thy neighbor as you love yourself.” Where will you be when asked: “What did you do to further my Kingdom?” And yet some of you will never even be asked. O may God have mercy upon you.

August 19, 2022

Friday

LET US NOT FORGET OUR LORD

“This do in remembrance of me.”

– 1 Corinthians 11:24

Is it possible that we forget Christ? The one that shed His blood for us all, Jesus. The one that walked among us, took on our condition to save us. The perfected Christ who loves us without condition. The Christ that shall always be, yet we do for get Jesus. We become distracted through self. We forget God and are compelled through self to think, to talk and act contrary to His command: To Love. We live in a fallen world that continues to pull us away from the one true God. This world in which you live is ever-changing and can give no real peace, joy or happiness. Come home to the truth and be anchored in the unchanging word of God, be in love with the Lord of us all. Repent of your waywardness and do not accept your current level of development. For you are made in the divine image of our great God. You must go deeper within and go deeper in Christ. Submit yourself to the undeniable truth: That He lives, that He is forever in you as you have committed your all in Him. Come home my friends and dwell in the bosom of His Love, peace and unending joy.



August 20, 2022

Saturday

GOD PROMISES

“For all the promises of God in him are yes and in him. Amen.”

– 2 Corinthians 1:20

The promises of God are vast and hold true: He is our protector, our shield, our rock. God promises us a long and prosperous life. God promises us relief over fear, Anxiety, and worry. Freedom from addictions, deliverance from evil, financial provision, overcoming depression, deliverance from sin. Hope for the lost, and hurting families and friends, recovering marriage. Healing is a great promise in God and there are many others. These promises are just some of the gifts from God to those who claim and call on God. To the level that you abide in Christ is the extent that these promises will manifest in your life. Have you asked the Holy Spirit into your life? Have you been repenting from your self? Have you asked God to be more and more of you and less and less of self? If you find your life lacking, then commit more and more in Christ. Go deeper my friends and know that God does not lie!

August 21, 2022

Sunday

MY REDEEMER LIVETH

“I know my Redeemer liveth.”

– Job 19:25

Charles H. Spurgeon: “Yes, I cast myself upon a Living Lord; and He is mine. A living Redeemer, truly mine, is joy unspeakable.” O to truly walk with the Lord!!! The Lord knows all your cares, your burdens. You only need to believe and surrender into that Grace. The Lord is there for you always and forever. Read about Job and understand His struggles and what He lost, but God was there and is there for you. Therefore, cast all your cares upon Him and rest in His peace. The world knoweth Him not yet you are the apple of His eye, part of His Royal Priesthood. You may rest under His wing knowing He ever goes before you making your paths straight. Yield and spend time with the Lord. Get to know the only true Savior that awaits your communion. This world will never satisfy you.



August 22, 2022

Monday

FOR GOD IS LOVE

“There is no fear in Love; but perfect love casts out all fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because He first loved us.”

– 1 John 4:18-19

Love is the essence of God. When we are deep within and have turned to the Lord there is a presence unspeakable, a wholeness that cannot be found in this world. In his presence is perfected love. Love that transcends any earthly encounter. Beyond feeling, beyond longing only being, fulfilled of an inner joy that wells up within. Knowledge that He that is in you is greater than he that is in this world. Therefore, let us love one another as God loves us. Let us not identify with this temporary world, rather go to Thorne of true permanence: God.

August 23, 2022

Tuesday

SERVE THOSE AROUND YOU

*“His mother said to his servants,
‘Whatever He says for you to do, do it.’”*
– John 2:5

“Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you have received so therefore freely give.”
– Matthew 10:8

The Lord was given to us freely. There is no greater gift than a life grounded in Christ. Yet where is your works in service to your fellows? Did not James write: Faith without works is dead!! Is not faith the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of the unseen? Action is needed my friends. Step into your God-given future and claim your birthright!!! Christ has asked you to serve therefore, let your life be a life of rendered service. His command to “Love Thy Neighbor” is needed now as much as then perhaps more. Ask and you will be led to your works. Yet how can you hear if you do not have ears to hear? Are you abiding in the Holy Spirit? If not change your ways and go within and REPENT!!!!



August 24, 2022

Wednesday

THE LORD IS COMING

“Behold, I am going to send my messenger, and He will clear the way before Me. And the Lord whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of His covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming, says the Lord of Hosts.”

– Malachi 3:1

Malachi was written some 400 years before the coming of Jesus upon this earth. The last prophet to share the coming of the Lord. We are then given John the Baptist living proclamation of Christ 400 years later. In fact, throughout the old testament it is prophesied over 36 times the coming of the Savior. The question is: Do you believe? If so are you truly free in Christ? Are you telling others of your freedom in Christ? If not please inquire: Am I truly free and have I truly repented of my sin nature. “Shout for Joy, O my people of Zion.” The Lord is coming indeed, and the Lord shall die and rise again!!!! Shout for joy!!! The King has come!!!!

August 25, 2022

Thursday

LOVE OF CHRIST HIS SHED BLOOD

“Drink of it all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is being poured out for the many for the forgiveness of sins.”

– Matthew 26:27-28

This is Christ’s last supper in which He declares to His closest disciples that He is the new covenant and that His shed blood is poured out for the forgiveness of all our sins. Christ appeared at that point of time for all of humankind regardless of Religious Creed, Economic status, Ethnicity, or family of origin, or gender, Christ was predicted to appear for the purpose of Saving the World. It matters little whether Jewish, atheists, Muslim or any religion. Christ is NOT a religion. Christ is the way to everlasting life. As He appeared then He is as significant today. Allow your life to surrender to Jesus and understand the significance of His life. Make your decision to follow the way of love, peace and joy. While many claim to be filled without Christ, they will never be able to experience the freedom in Christ. Celebrate His Victory. Death where is your sting?



August 26, 2022

Friday

THE LORD'S SUFFERING

"I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, and they have pierced my hand and feet. I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing."

– Psalm 22:14-18

Our Lord describes His crucifixion. Oh Lord help our unbelief. This is written about 1,000 years B.C. Oh Lord how you suffered for the many. As you live through this Holy week think of, meditate on the life of Christ. His triumphant entrance on Psalm Sunday to His Crucifixion and resurrection. Allow your old self, your old nature to die and be crucified also. Repent and go deeper, feel the agony of Jesus who shed blood is for all of your sin nature. And know that Christ is alive waiting for you to acknowledge Him in all you do. Reflect on His life and pour out yourself on the altar of the living Christ and be renewed, reborn and forever free in Thee!!!!

August 27, 2022

Saturday

ASK IN CHRIST'S NAME

"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him."

– 1 John 5:13-15

Again, and again: Always are our prayers answered? Do we truly know Christ? Are your prayers answered? Are we abiding in Christ? There is a point in one's salvation in which one becomes sick and tired of self. That what may be good to the world is NOT God's best. There deeper work begins in repentance of this world. My friends learn to hate that which is not of Heaven. Learn to despise yourself and allow yourself to be taken over through the Power of the Holy Spirit. There Christ shall meet you, angels shall surround you and the power that comes on High will use you to reform not only yourself but those around you. In the end your life will be a reformation of bringing hundreds and thousands to the Kingdom of God. My friends go deeper, Renounce your life and yourself!!!!



August 28, 2022

Sunday

ABIDE IN CHRIST AND ASK IN HIS NAME

"If you abide in me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

– John 15:7

And here is the testimony and command of Jesus: He will grant your prayers however are you abiding in Him? How many times were your prayers NOT answered? Ask yourself these questions: Is Christ the Love of my life? Have I completely surrendered in Christ? If so am I walking with Christ in deepening relationship daily day after day after day? Is the Holy Spirit more and more and more in me and am I as self-less? One way to measure this is: Do I love others more? Am I concerned with me and my life less? So honestly ask this and judge for yourself if you are abiding. For if you are not it is very likely that your prayers are unanswered, and you continue to live for self. Grow in your relationship in Christ through asking you to be removed from your life and replaced by Him. Say Oh Lord more and more of Thee and less and less of me and pour your heart out and weep on your knees. Love the Lord with all Thine heart, mind and soul. And never stop.

August 29, 2022

Monday

SING A NEW SONG

"But let all who take refuge in Thee be glad; Let them ever sing for joy; and may You shelter them, that those who love your name may exult you."

– Psalm 5:11

Be forever Happy regardless of your earthly circumstances. You are part of The Royal Priesthood. Rejoice in this truth for there is no other commitment that is greater in your life. So, SHOUT FOR JOY!!!! Raise your hands to the heavens and be blessed!!!! Your commitment to follow the Lord and to grow into this relationship is the single most LOVE you will encounter. There is nothing greater. So, REJOICE!!!! now show others the way!!!! This is the path of everlasting joy!!!!



August 30, 2022

Tuesday

BRING LOVE TO YOUR NEIGHBORS

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring the good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners...”

– Isaiah 61

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us all!!! This verse is meant for you. You have been chosen at this appointed time to serve the Lord. You are to heal the sick. To love your neighbor and to speak to the prisoners and proclaim: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Today is the day my friends!! Today allow the Holy Spirit to move in you; to use you to build His Kingdom!!!! If you have confessed that Jesus is your Lord and confessed your sins to Him and have believed that He rose from the dead, then you do belong to Christ!!! Get up and shout to the Lord!!!!!!

August 31, 2022

Wednesday

THE LORD KNOWS

“The Lord said, ‘I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and I am concerned about their trouble because of their taskmasters, I am aware of their sufferings.’”

– Exodus 3:7

Our great God knows of your struggles. Our great God is Omnipresent. All in all. There no thing He is not aware of and He knows the difficulties of His people. Confess to God your sorrows. Turn your life over in God And thank God that He listens and press in and know YOU ARE LOVED. Our God is an awesome God that will comfort you and give you peace. Press in my friends and He will answer. There is great opposition in our world but OH how sweet the Lord His for He has overcome this world and conquered it!!!! So, Praise God in your affliction and thank God as you go deeper and deeper in Him.



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A Big Offer

“To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.”

- *Ephesians 3:8*

The president of a great university in a public address criticized his pastor. There was nothing acid in the criticism. It was constructive. I feel sure that the eminent gentlemen would have made it to his pastor face to face. He said, “in his preaching he never makes a big enough offer. He doesn’t promise enough. His promises are too small.”

A minister called a phone number to invite a family to attend the church that he served.

He was thrown off balance by a woman’s blunt inquiry, “what do you have to offer?”

Well, what do we have to offer? The church, this church, of itself has nothing to offer. We can offer only what has been given to us. And that is a very big offer!

First of all, we offer God as a personal friend. We offer Him in his greatness. We offer him in his nearness. He is a friend who is close to a person and closest to him in his time of need and crisis. All in all, we offer God to you. We offer God as a personal friend who will not invade your personality. For friendship a man must give a response. That is your great privilege. Yes, we offer God as a personal friend.

God can be a personal friend to each one of us. What is a personal friend? A personal friend is someone we can talk with, someone we can talk over our

personal problems, someone who will give us the kind of advice and guidance we need. Someone who will not tell others of our confidential business, someone we can trust and someone we can put our faith. This is what a personal friend is and this what God is if we are willing to accept him as our personal friend.

Secondly, we offer Jesus Christ as a Divine Redeemer.

This is an offer of God’s ultimate friendship. “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” God’s friendship was revealed in Jesus Christ. Jesus revealed it. Through the reading of the Gospels we can see that Jesus was a friend to all those who believed, to all those who truly repented of their sins. Jesus taught that you cannot live by the law alone, that something additional is needed, faith and trust in God.

The scribes and Pharisees were living according to the law but they didn’t have the love of God in their hearts. This Jesus revealed the love and friendship of God to us. Maybe some of us think the Bible cannot be applied to our times but I’m sure if you read and study the Bible you will be convinced that it can and that the teachings of Jesus are as good today as they were nearly 2000 years ago.

As a friend, God discovers us as we are. He discovers us, as we ourselves know

ourselves to be. We are sinful. When we truly admit that we are not perfect and that we are sinful, then God can really start to help us. God doesn't deny these facts. Yet, he doesn't swat us as through we were undesirable flies. He is not a sentimentalist who would cover up a bad smell with rose water. Instead, he redeems us at a cost. We cannot expect to obtain anything worthwhile for nothing. A life devoted to God costs us in personal sacrifice.

Jesus Christ gives his blood for us. We should not react with a negative attitude to the word blood. It is, we admit, often used unworthily, sentimentally and obnoxiously. But remember that it is used nobly too. Men do give their blood for their country, for the cure of disease, for the blood bank. Christ died for us, for the forgiveness of our sins. By Christ's own deed and his own offer the church offers Christ as your Divine Redeemer.

We offer the Holy Spirit as a creative power. Now you can see that we have offered the Trinity. We should not be perplexed about this but we should accept the offer as it has been given; we offer God as your personal friend, Jesus Christ as your Divine Redeemer and the Holy Spirit as a creative power in you. We need God's power. We need his power to make something new out of us. As we are, we are too animal; we are too human. We need to become as children. We need to be born again. We need regeneration. Life has to have a purpose. We have to have a reason for our lives. God gives us this reason, this purpose, through the promise of eternal life in his kingdom.

We need to be put into process. We need to have a good work begun in us, which will be carried on to completion. It doesn't yet appear what we shall be. A man must always be exceeding himself.

It is that, that while Dr. J.H. Jewett was ministering in England, he once decided to preach on the text, "the wind bloweth where it listeth." Upon studying the text he realized that he knew nothing about the wind. He decided to consult a sailor about the actions of the wind. When

he went to the harbor he approached a sailor and asked the question, "Can you tell me something about the wind?" The sailor looked as if he thought the man was demented and said "no". He pressed the question and said, "But you have been sailing the seas all your life, you must know something about the wind." "I repeat sir that I do not know anything about the wind. All I know is that when I feel the wind blowing I raise my sails and I am wafted to my post." Dr. Jewett hurried back to his study – he had his sermon.

We need God's truth. The Holy Spirit is a Spirit of Truth. Jesus said, "you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." All advance is advance in freedom.

We need God's comfort. We need one to be alongside us to help. The Holy Spirit is the Comforter. We have many decisions to make in our lives; decision that are important.

Many tragic incidents happen in our lives and we need comfort. We need someone to guide and direct us. The Holy Spirit provides these things that are important and that each of us needs. And so we offer the Holy Spirit as creative power.

We offer faith as a means of victory. In 1 John 4:5 we read, "this is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith."

The victory over fear: "Fear imprisons, faith liberates; fear paralyzes, faith empowers; fear disheartens, faith encourages; fear sickens, faith heals; fear make useless, faith makes serviceable; fear puts hopelessness in the heart of life, faith rejoices in God."

Dr. Jung once said to a patient, "You are suffering from loss of faith in God and a future life." "But Dr. Jung," said the patient, "do you believe these doctrines are true?" Dr. Jung replied, "That is no business of mine. I am a doctor not a priest. I can only tell you that if you recover your faith, you will get well. If you do not, you won't."

The object of faith is God as a personal friend; Christ as a Divine Redeemer, the Holy Spirit as Creative Power.

We offer service as a way of abundant living. Jesus said, "Faith without works is dead."

This is no negative life we offer, no neutral life. This is life in gear.

All life is to be geared into human need and service. Thereby all vocations are glorified.

Regardless of what we do for a living, from digging ditch to the highest professional job, it should be for the glory of God. All talent is to be consecrated to God. There is much talent going to waste because we have not discovered the God given talents we have.

Much talent is misused and not for God's purpose. All time is to be redeemed by good works. How much time is wasted on useless things that are unimportant and much of our time could be spent in helping to build God's kingdom. All wealth is to be held in stewardship. How much of our money and material possessions could be used to help those who are in need. The big offer includes the offer of tremendous tasks.

We offer a fellowship that is heartwarming joy. When a church strikes the distinctive note that a church ought to strike, how could the fellowship be other than heartwarming?

Judge by the offer. The offer must be in some small measure also the experience of the church. If this is our experience we have a heartwarming joy. Don't judge our offer by the nominal member of the church. Don't judge us by the neutral member. Judge us by the inner circle, large or small, of men and women who have the burning heart. Judge us by the love and compassion of him who set human hearts afire.

We offer everlasting life as a glorious adventure. Eternity is set in our hearts and we can't deny it. "If a man die, shall he live again?"-the old and great perpetual

question. We answer in Christ's name. "He shall." Earthly riches can be searched into and found out exactly. The riches of Christ are incalculable. The unsearchable riches of Christ are his love, his pardon, his comfort, his truth, his hope, his joy.

Accept our previous offers and you will have to accept this one: It is the offer of God as your personal friend; it is the offer of Jesus Christ as your Divine Redeemer; it is the offer of the Holy Spirit as creative power; it is the climax of victorious faith; it is the ultimate meaning of service as a way of abundant living; it is a natural outcome of our fellowship with one in Christ.

We offer everlasting life as a glorious adventure.

This is but a grain of the Christian gospel. Just a grain. As a grain of what is to be the great wheat crop of America, so what we have offered is to the unsearchable riches of Christ. A big offer. It is Christ's offer. Will you accept it?

Prayer

O' God, we know that all things come of Thee. Help us to share our blessings and we pray that these gifts will be used to spread Christian love throughout the world. In Jesus name we pray.

Amen.

SPURGEON'S CORNER

“Ye are the light of the world”

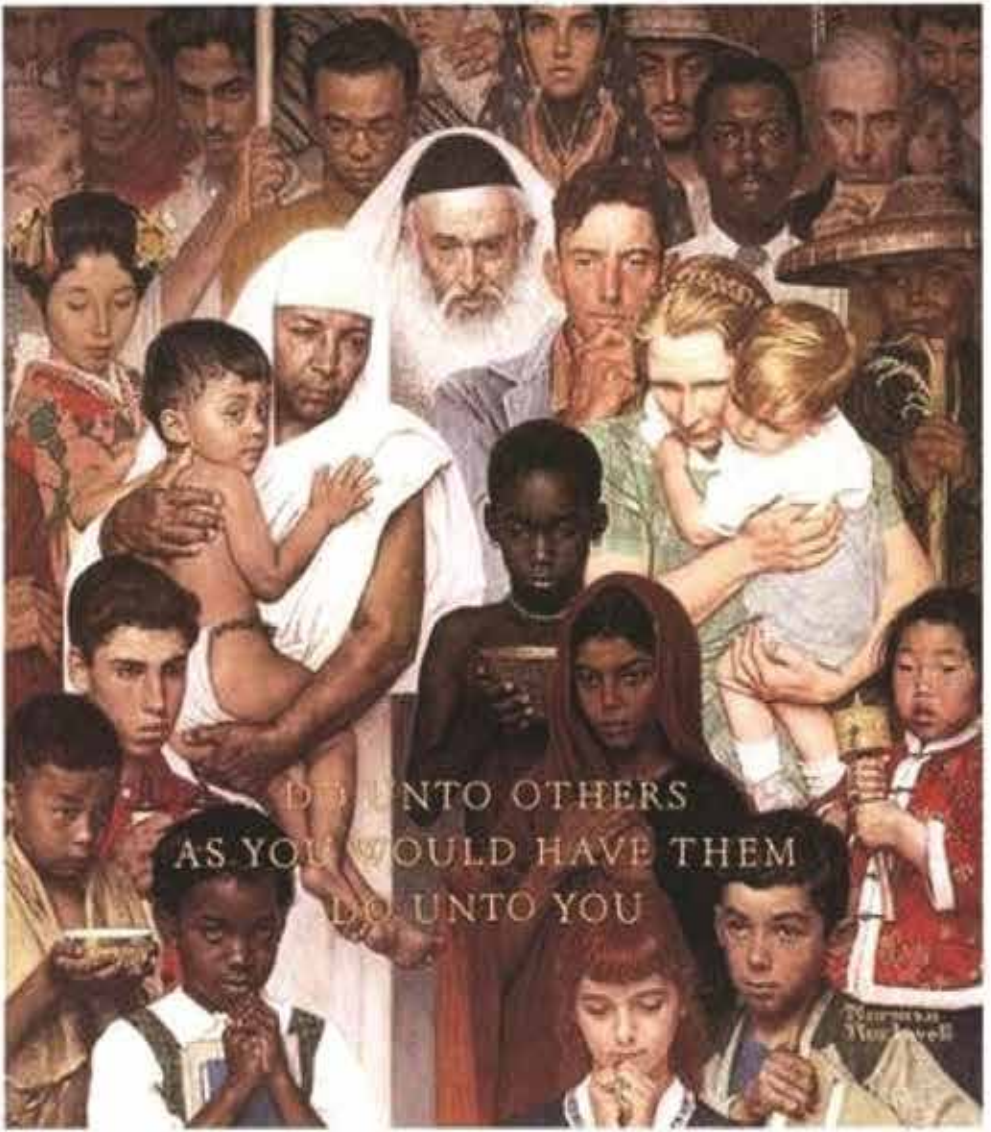
Matt. 5:14



“Ye are the light of the world;” the fact being, that wherever there is faith in Christ there is light, for our Lord has said “I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth in me should not walk in darkness.”

“The entrance of thy word giveth light.” Genuine faith in Christ turns a man from darkness to marvellous light, and transforms him into “light in the Lord”; his aims and objects, his desires, his speech, his actions, become full of divine light, which illuminates all the chambers of his soul, and then pours forth from the windows so as to be seen of men. The believer is appointed to be a lighthouse to others, a cheering lamp, a guiding star. It is true that his light will be increased as he learns more of Christ, he will be able to impart more instruction to others when he has received more, but even while he is yet a beginner, his faith in Jesus is in itself a light; men see his good works even before they discover his knowledge.

The man of faith who aims at holiness is a light of the world, even though his knowledge may be very limited, and his experience that of a babe. I mention this at the outset in order that every Christian may see the application of the text to himself. It is not spoken to the apostles, or to ministers exclusively, but to the entire body of the faithful— “Ye are the light of the world.”



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