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# Welcome

We thank God for the autumn colors, cooler weather, and the crisp morning dew. Friend, never before has the Lord sought his people, you, to learn to walk in forgiveness and turn the other cheek.

More than ever, we are drawn into worldliness through the various temptations of social media, technology, and materialism. Even our churches are touched by these worldly desires, and among these comes gossip, revenge, and a self reliance that is taught strongly through the American landscape.

Move from belief to dependence upon your creator. Perhaps the Holy Spirit has laid on your heart a particular calling and you sulk because of “what the world would think”. Perhaps you fear taking the leap of faith. Maybe your closest friends would think you are “crazy” to serve the Lord. What about your retirement or funds for your children’s college? Whatever your concern, remember if Christ is drawing you nearer and nearer then you must, through your faith, make the leap. It is always in the natural that we try to figure out God’s plan. And self-reliance will always fail us. Friend, learn to grow in dependence on Christ in all areas of your life. Exercise your faith, and watch how the Lord will use you to bless others into His kingdom.

Move forward, knowing the Lord is with you, true friends are praying for you and love and His light surround you.

Go in Peace and Love.

In this issue we explore true forgiveness. The power of truly letting go and allowing God to take the wheel and to let your light so shine!

Enjoy and know that no matter where you are, so is the Lord.

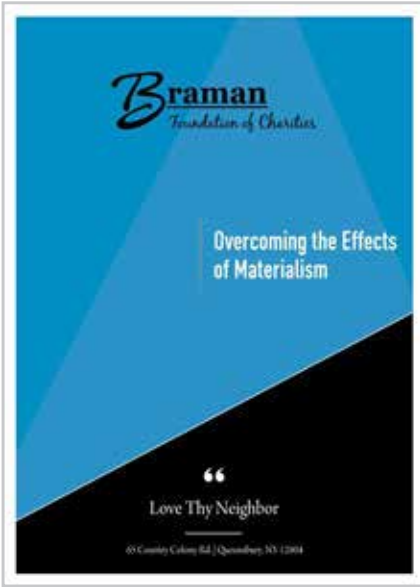
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This is a simple program that sheds some light on:

- » *Pluralism*
- » *Human secularism*
- » *Materialism*
- » *Pride*

Especially in the United States we are experiencing a growing worldliness in the church. We see the idea of “self reliance” as a way of life. And a philosophy that all paths lead to Christ!

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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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## How To Give

# Matthew 6:1-4

*“Be careful not to perform your righteous acts a before men to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give to the needy, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. Truly I tell you, they already have their full reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”*

Even as God humbly shrouds himself in utmost secrecy and anonymity while bestowing ceaseless munificence-sunlight, air, food, life, love, wisdom - so should His children learn from Him the gracious art of selfless, silent giving. Human beings, bound and body confining egotism, need to expand their “I-me-mine” consciousness into divinely inclusive love for all - it is a primary lesson to be mastered in the school of mortal life.

Almsgiving is a material expression of the extension of one’s feelings to others. But giving should be with pure motive. In this series of verses, Jesus decries the use of charity - or any other religious act - to bolster one’s pride. It is the spiritually degenerate individual, bereft of humais a bereft of humility, who prefers religious rights pretentiously in order

to impress others yet to impress others. Hypocrites, who feign religiosity to gain honor and human attention, form the bad habit of using spiritual rights to acquire mundane praise instead of divine recognition. Praise received for the performance of the praiseworthy deeds should serve as an impetus to perform greater spiritual deeds. Love of praise as an end in itself deviates the mind from God and centers it on the self satisfaction of the ego.

Ostentatious givers of alms delude themselves with a false sense of superiority arising from ignorance, that conceit of personal ownership. But no human being owns anything. For the brief interlude in which man is a guest on God’s earth, he is allowed the use of things, but always dependent upon

# WHY DOES FEAR RULE YOUR LIFE?

Learn to memorize the most powerful scriptures in dealing with fear.

*“For God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love, and self control.”*

2 Timothy 1:7

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*“Behold God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and song, and He has come my salvation.”*

Isaiah 12:2

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*“Do not fear, for I am with you, do not anxiously look ahead for I am your God, I will strengthen you.”*

Isaiah 41:10

heaven's bounty. His own free will initiated actions, earn his place in life; yet he could not get anything had God not anticipated man's needs and structured creation accordingly. It is by using the God-given gifts of intelligence, creative ability, and will power that man achieves his self-proclaimed wonders. In the final reckoning, all things are gifts of God.

The evolution of even the most materially dynamic man is inconsiderable so long as he remains high bound and self-centered concerns. Selfishness is a clamshell existence, tightly enclosing a soul in one body in one personality. Some people are so limited to their physical form and its sensations that they are little, if ever, aware of the feelings of others. Unselfishness and generosity make a person cognizant of the souls of others and the tremors of their consciousness. To serve others-by identifying their necessities as one's own and providing whatever one can in the way of material needs, psychological succor, or spiritual enlightenment-is wondrously expansive, uniting one's consciousness with the lives and hearts of others.

During the bestowal of gifts, the devotee should feel that he is serving the Indwelling Lord in the body temples of others. Whatever God-gifted bounty he has received should be shared with God's needy children as an offering to the Father of all. Thus is God served as the extended Self in the selves of others.

It is the silent giver, presenting gifts to his brother and in secret, who receives

the heavenly reward of feeling God's omnipresence and other hearts. Anyone who gives alms or words of wisdom to another In brags about it destroys the sanctity of his charitable act. To boast, "I gave." or "I helped to redeem..." is not sanctity but sanctimony. A person who broadcasts his "piety" may receive material reward by gaining some indiscriminate admirers and some followers, but glorifying oneself will keep away wise friends and the all wise God. The Heavenly Law does not give the reward of revelation to braggart's; the prating ego here's nothing of truth.

The braggadocio, with his desire for publicity, reap some beneficial results from the good done to others by his bestowal of gifts; he is at least better than the miser. But the prideful giver remains limited in egotism, satisfied with its evanescent reward of the insincere applause of man. He thus denies himself the reward of Heaven, blessed expansion of self in the hearts of others. But gifts given in quiet humility joyously unite the heart of the giver with the hearts of the benefited, and with the omnipresence of the spirit of God.

The Lord is the supreme philanthropist, Bestower of all things on His mortal children - and to His good children He has given Himself. Those liberated sons of God, one with the Infinite Giver, likewise offer whatever is available to make Him happy in the bodies of others. Everyone should embrace that example, sharing each day their kindness and at least something of their earthly good fortune with worthy needy persons and on a broader scale supporting the needs



of others.

Most people are willing to offer advice and sympathy; but when it comes to sharing their hard-earned money with others, they feel compelled to be “tightwads” with closed purse strings, believing only in family happiness- “us four and no more.” A person of means who is worried about losing a hundred thousand dollars on the stock market may not stop to think of the many people who possess little or nothing at all. Some people never hesitate when it comes to buying a yacht or a new luxury car, but are miserly when it comes to giving to a legitimate needy cause. There they economize and feel righteous when donating a token sum.

As one lovingly, naturally, joyously, remorselessly gives the best gifts to himself, without seeking publicity, so should one give to others without ostentation. Giving freely and quietly to others, one finds the divine law of supply secretly working in his life: When attachment to God is more than God-given possessions, automatically a channel is opened through which His abundance flows.

When giving to others with the right hand or the right spirit, let not the left hand, or egotism, be conscious of it. Those who think of open-handedly that they are hardly aware of their benevolence. If one has concern for others as he regards himself, the Spirit will reward him with the perception of Omnipresence-God’s all-pervasive love and bliss sent openly into his heart.



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## Turn The Other Cheek

# Matthew 5:38-42

*“You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also. If you are sued in court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too. If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles. Give to those who ask, and don’t turn away from those who want to borrow.”*

Parallel reference:

*“And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not to take thy coat also. Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again.”*

*-Luke 6:29-30*

The Mosaic law of “an eye for an eye and a tooth for tooth” was to serve not only as a punishment, but also as a deterrent to other would-be criminals by making the punishment match the crime. A literal reading may have been justified in the time when people, in the words of Moses, “have corrupted themselves... they are a perverse and

crooked generation... neither is there any understanding in them. O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!” Spiritual laws are eternally true, but their application as inscribed in judgments governing a society may in different climes and ages require more or less modification according to the nature of the environment in which they are enacted. Though no social system can survive without an orderly code of justice to restrain wrongdoers and uphold a standard of human dignity, laws best fulfill their purpose when they protect the innocent and encourage reformation of the guilty.

The “eye of an eye” law serves only the purpose of punishment for the sake of revenge. It does not teach right actions to the wrong-doer, but may well make

him more hateful. To wreak vengeance does not stop the recurrence of an evil act; rather, it is more likely to foster evil thoughts and further acts of retaliation. Therefore, Jesus again, as in the principle of nonkilling, speaks the ideal of noninjury to any human being—in

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### *Applying the principle of nonviolence*

word, thought, speech, or action. It enjoins freedom from the desire for revenge and not resisting evil with evil methods. Jesus advises man to conquer evil by the infinitely powerful virtue of turning the other cheek to illustrate the influence of goodness over inimical behavior. If anybody vents his anger with a slap and receives a slap in return, it only increases his anger and desire to deliver stronger blow—and maybe a kick or a bullet! A calm response, on the other hand, is quite disconcerting and disarming. With a resentful second blow his physical wrath is quite likely to be spent. Wrath is increased by wrath as fire increases by fire, but as fire is extinguished by water, so also, wrath is subdued by kindness”

One whose immunity of calmness and love can resist the hatred from an angry brother thereby prevents that virus of disquieting emotion from entering within himself.

The ideal of nonretaliation does not justify supine surrender to wrongdoing or tacit approval of evil. To turn the

other cheek is not calculated to make a person into a mental or moral weakling, or to suggest enduring an abusive or violent personal relationship, but to instill the strength of self-control gained by overcoming the impulse to act under the influence of revenge. It is an easy reflex to retaliate, but it requires great mental strength not to strike back. It takes a highly principled person of strong spiritual character to resist evil with virtue. Otherwise, it would seem ridiculous to allow a second blow after receiving one hard knock. Even if the aggressor does not admit it, he will be inwardly overpowered by the person of noble behavior and will know in his heart that that person was in the right.

While it is better to have courage to fight an enemy than to “forgive” him and run away through fear, if one can courageously face down an erring brother with love, that is to possess a mighty spiritual power—the transforming, healing power of divine love. A person perfected in nonviolence lets no one steal his inner peace. When by spiritual example and adamant determination he can maintain his ideal personality in spite of any robbers of disquietude, he becomes a towering example of truth in the eyes of others.

The early Christians were considered fools for their nonviolent resistance against Roman tyranny, but the kingdom of Jesus’ teaching endured and flourished while the Roman empire deteriorated into oblivion.

A spiritual man of high order feels no

grievous loss when he is parted from any of his material possessions, for whatever reason—be it from court judgments or for someone in need. His

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*The soul qualities of  
openhearted generosity and  
sympathy for all*

heartfelt generosity of spirit gives with an open hand. The spiritual man sees God not only in his own body but in the bodies of others. In oneness with God, he sees himself as the Self of all, and finds equal enjoyment whether he himself dons his “cloak” or takes it off from his one body and puts it on another one of his bodies.

The spiritual ideal in these words of Jesus is to be selflessly generous and open hearted, and willing to go that extra mile in helping others.

One should practice the virtue of giving to deserving people what one can afford to give without causing himself or those dependent upon him for their needs an enforced hardship. One should not “rob Peter to pay Paul.”

God throbs in all hearts, suffering in the afflicted, rejoicing in those that are whole.

To lend money with the assurance of a returned favor, or the gain of a favorable interest, is ordinary business. But to lend to the needy who may or may not be able to repay—to help

others without the desire for material reward; to give something without the hope of getting something better in return—is divine. Those who give with an open heart, just for the pleasure of giving pleasure to others, receive their repayment with a dividend of divine love.

It is delusional for one to think that his material possessions belong to him exclusively and in perpetuity. Man owns nothing on this earth; he is only given the use of things from its cosmic store.

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We are pleased to offer to you a "Daily Reflection" for every day of the year. It is vital to use a strong, spiritual based, Christ centered reading to help start your devotion or to end your devotion.



## Favorite Scripture & Prayers

Braman Foundation of Charities has collected and discovered Promises and Commands from our Lord through scripture for decades. Additionally, we know there are prayers that have been written throughout the bible to give us both guidance and comfort. This collection, when reflected on will give deep direction, comfort, and joy.



## Understanding the Holy Spirit

Growing in understanding of the Holy Spirit is so important in one's faith because the Holy Spirit is your constant companion. Thanks to God through Christ the Holy Spirit has been given to us for various reasons. This body of work has been written to support this fact. One's faith must continue to grow in order to better serve the Lord in all our endeavors.

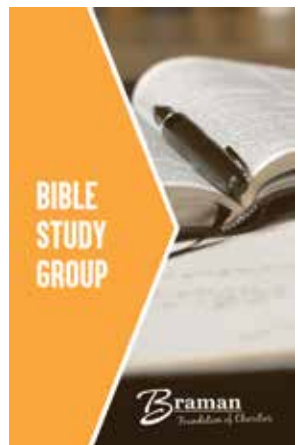
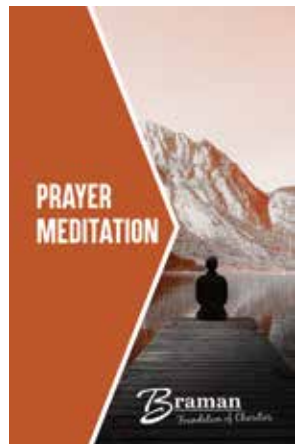
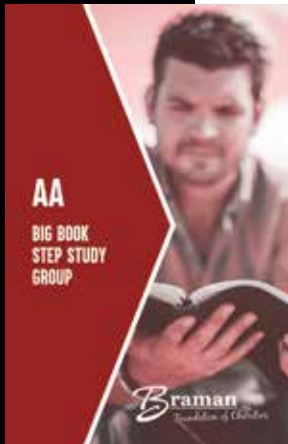


## An Understanding of Devotion, Confession, Self Reflection & Repentance

This short essay is to help the believer with tools to bring him or her into a deeper relationship with Christ. Simply, to the point, and to testify in truth and the word of God. Progress into a relationship with Christ that is the single most important relationship in your life. He will never leave you, nor forsake you.

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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.

# NEW Meditation and Prayer Service (coming soon)

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.



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October 1, 2022

Saturday

## THE FULLNESS OF GOD

*“For in Him all the fullness of the Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made com”*

– 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 of 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!!!!!!





October 2, 2022

Sunday

## 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

**L**et 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!!

October 3, 2022

Monday

## 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

**E**ven 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?



October 4, 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

**T**his 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 ye 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!!!

October 5, 2022

Wednesday

## CHRIST IS FOREVER WITH YOU

*“Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

– Matthew 28:20

**T**rust 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.



October 6, 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

**N**ow 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!!!

October 7, 2022

Friday

## 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

**T**his 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!!!



October 8, 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

**T**his 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?

October 9, 2022

Sunday

## 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

**W**hen 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.



October 10, 2022

Monday

## THERE WILL BE STRUGGLES

*“In this world you will have tribulation.”*  
– John 16:33

**O**n 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.”

October 11, 2022

Tuesday

## 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

**T**he 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.



October 12, 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.**

October 13, 2022

Thursday

## 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.**



October 14, 2022

Friday

## 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

**T**his 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?

October 15, 2022

Saturday

## LET US NOT FORGET OUR LORD

*“This do in remembrance of me.”*

– 1 Corinthians 11:24

**I**s 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.



October 16, 2022

Sunday

## 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

**M**y 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.

October 17, 2022

Monday

## MY REDEEMER LIVETH

*"I know my Redeemer liveth."*

– Job 19:25

**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.





October 18, 2022

Tuesday

## 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

**M**alachi 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!!!

October 19, 2022

Wednesday

## AN ANTI-CHRIST SPIRIT

*“Don’t you believe that I am in the father, and that the father is in me? The words I say are not my own but He that dwelleth within me... I tell you the truth he who believes in me greater works than I shall He do.”*

– John 14:10

**I**n America today, throughout the church, we often hear the phrase: “Get it done” OR we tend to agree in our meetings in a direction that while good may not be God best. As the result we have programs that while good are not of a movement of the Holy Spirit and are not bringing our fellowship into a deeper Holiness. We have seemed to apply business principles rooted in self and not the Holy Spirit. While you may not think this is a problem look at our society at a large. The church really is not making a difference in changing lives. Our church members are NOT deepening their walk in Christ evidenced through our decaying Christian Society.



October 20, 2022

Thursday

## THE WAY TO EVERLASTING LIFE

*“And I if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me.”*

– John 12:32

**A**lways remember it is only through the Cross that we are saved. Remember this the next time you are speaking with an unbeliever. There is no higher calling than to talk to others about the good news of the death of Christ. Otherwise, there is no reason for the death of Christ. Christ is not speaking of a select class but all of mankind. Therefore, the devil is on the prowl to seek and destroy Christians. There is no other way than with Christ. You may have sympathy for an unbeliever as he or she speaks of their difficulties but wait for the open door and share the good news. You may be revolted by an Atheist rooted in his pride. But wait the Holy Spirit will give you the open door. Once you have become part of the Kingdom you are to spread this news wherever you go. There can be no higher calling. Otherwise there is no reason for the crucifixion.

October 21, 2022

Friday

## PROTECTED

*“Who are being guarded by the power of God through their faith...”*

– 1 Peter 1:5

**A**s a believer you are given the opportunity to live an abundant life securely knowing that you are part of a Royal family. You know that you are an eternal being working and presiding through a physical body yet this NOT your home. We know that in the lessons of this incarnation there is a greater beyond in our heavenly body. And so, we enjoy that freedom. We are secure in our faith as truth. And all we really desire is to bring others into this truth, this faith, this Kingdom. Praise God!! We are protected!!!



October 22, 2022

Saturday

## JESUS CHRIST REVEALED

*“For the Servant of God grew up before Him like a tender plant, and like a root out of the dry ground; He has no form or comeliness, no pomp, no royalty, that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire of Him. He was despised and forsaken and rejected by men, and man of sorrows and pains, and acquainted with grief and sickness; and like one whom men hide their faces He is despised, and we did not appreciate His worth or have any esteem for Him. Surely, He borne our griefs and carried our sorrows and pains of punishment, yet we considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement of peace and wellbeing for us was upon Him. And by His stripes that wounded Him we are healed and set free, made whole.”*

– Isaiah 53:2-5

October 23, 2022

Sunday

## 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

**O**ur 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!!!!



October 24, 2022

Monday

## 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

**A**gain, 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!!!!

October 25, 2022

Tuesday

## 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

**A**nd 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.



October 26, 2022

Wednesday

## 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

**B**e 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!!!!

October 27, 2022

Thursday

## 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

**T**he 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!!!!



October 28, 2022

Friday

## 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

**O**ur 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.

October 29, 2022

Saturday

## THE POWER OF GOD

*“Both riches and honor come from Thee, and Thou dost rule over all, and in Thy hand is power and might; and it lies in Thy hand to make great, and to Strengthened everyone.*

– 1 Chronicles 29:12

**T**he majestic power of God is available to all those who call upon the Lord through the forgiveness of sin through the Lord Jesus Christ. Through the awesome power of God nothing is impossible. Are you called to perform a certain task which in the natural seems impossible? Think of David, think of Paul, think of Moses. All these men were murderers. All these men were used mightily by God. Is what you are tasks to do seem too much for you to complete in the natural? If it is deemed by God, it shall be completed by you or God will use someone else. Asapalli, a village of Hope, in Assam India was started by one woman from Schoharie Co. NY. The West Fulton region. At age 16 Julia Rose answered the call of Christ to travel to the region in Assam, India. Do you think she thought this impossible? She obeyed and today thousands have given their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord will accomplish His will through us. We must step up and answer the call!!! You do not want to come up short at the end of this life and say: I should have done this, or I should have done that. What you want to hear is: Good and faithful Servant you have followed my will.

Thank You!!!!



October 30, 2022

Sunday

## MORE AND MORE OF THEE

*"He must increase, but I must decrease."*

– John 3:30

In this verse in the gospel of John we read John the Baptist testimony. He is the forerunner for Christ. He was given this task to announce the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He completed his work and is now stating that Jesus must now increase, and he must be in the back ground. WOW!!!! If John, the Baptist did this then we too ought to renounce ourselves and ask Christ to be more and more in our lives. More and more of Thee, Oh Lord, and less and less of me. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you where you are coming up short in life. If your conscience bears witness to this defective nature then renounce the behavior, the thought that is dominating your life. If Christ is not remaining the essence of who you are then you must go deeper. Repent my friend repent!!!!

October 31, 2022

Monday

## WHEN WILL YOU BE FREE?

*"For you are still carnal. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not carnal, and are you not walking like mere men?"*

– Colossians 3:1-3

*"But I say walk by the spirit and you will not carry out the desires of the flesh."*

– Galatians 5:16

Do you have difficulties with others in your church or work place? Are you not free yet from this bondage? Do you claim to follow Christ, yet your life is filled with these human difficulties? Do you act, walk and talk as unbelievers do? Are you set apart and dwell peacefully no matter how busy you may be? When reading scripture does malice arise in your spirit? If so, then you are still walking in the flesh. Paul is not condemning you but simply pointing out that this needs to be "weeded" out. This can be overcome. Ask God to reveal these difficulties to you and then repent deeply. These are carnal characteristics rooted in sin. Surrender these and go deeper in your meditations and your study of the Bible. You will know when you will know for there is freedom that cannot be bought by the riches of this world. There are Christians among you that have overcome these difficulties. It is true!! Go deeper my friends and always remember you cannot measure your spirituality by the "things" of this world but by the deep love you have for others, yourself and God.



# *Forgive & Overcome Resentment and Anger*

## *Matthew 5:23-24*

*“So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.”*

Though God does not take up into Himself from the temple altar the material objects that are presented to Him, He does receive the devotion of the heart that actuates those offerings. No one can really present to God a gift from the bounty of His creation, because all things belong to Him; but to give unto God the gifts that are given by Him shows an appreciative heart. Most of all, God loves the gifts of love, peace, and devotion offered in the temple of one's own heart or through the temples of the hearts of others.

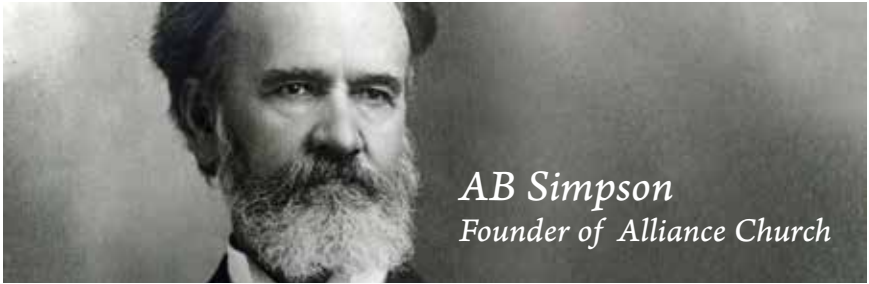
Therefore, Jesus stressed that one's heart must be made pure if one's gift to God is to be a worthy offering. Ill will toward an estranged brother is a defilement of the inner temple of harmony. To “agree with thine adversary” does not mean to condone or cooperate with his evil, but to cleanse oneself of malice and rancor. To seek reconciliation in forgiveness of wrongs is to please God in the forgiver and the forgiven.

\*Cf. Mark 11:25-26, Discourse 35. The latter part of the above verses is parallel in Luke 12:58-59, and is commented on in that context in Discourse 56.

In harmony, resulting from enmity, is the judge and the officer which casts one into prison of inner disturbance. Verily, no one can come out of the prison of inharmony unless he loses that last farthing of anger, resentment, and vengefulness from within himself. To behold anyone as an enemy is to eclipse the presence of God residing in that person's soul. A wise man does not lose the consciousness of the omnipresence of God by being unable to see Him in everyone, even when He is hidden behind the smoke screen of hatred with which an enemy brother surrounds his heart.



# *A Daily Devotional*



*Cast out the beam out of thine own eye*

- Matthew 7:5

Greater than the fault we condemn and criticize is the sin of criticism and condemnation. There is no time that demands such grace as when we deal with an erring one.

A lady once called on me on her way to give an erring sister a piece of her mind. I advised her to wait until she could love the woman a little more. Only Jesus, who loved sinners well enough to die for them, can deal with the erring. We can never see all the heart. He does, and He can convict without condemning and reprove without discouraging.

Oh, for more of the heart of Christ! Take care how you speak of another's fault. Some day soon you may be in the same or deeper condemnation. Very significantly does the Master say that the man who sees a mote in his brother's eye usually has a rafter in his own.

Give me a heart like Thine,  
Give me a heart like Thine.  
By Thy wonderful power,  
By Thy grace every hour,  
Give me a heart like Thine.

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*Let Your Light So Shine*

# Matthew 5:13-16

*“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

Jesus’ metaphorical comparison of his disciples to the salt of the earth was particularly appropriate in his time when salt was considered a valuable item. Oriental people who had to travel in extreme heat of the desert used to carry large pieces of rock salt, which they licked in order to lessen their thirst due to dehydration. If anyone shared that life-giving salt with another, it was said that the latter has “eaten his salt.” or shared his highest confidence. It was to require this all-important commodity that the first trading routes were established in ancient civilizations.

*Spiritual persons are “the salt of the earth” and “light of the world”*

In some areas a measure of salt was valued as fair trade for an equal weight of gold. Roman legionnaires were allotted a *salarium*, or disbursement of salt - from which comes the modern term “salary”.

In addition to its life-saving qualities, salt gives pleasurable flavor to food; without it, meals would be tasteless to most human beings. So, just as salt is an important commodity worldwide, similarly, man himself is the “salt of the earth,” for among all creatures the human being has the highest capacity for doing good to others.

Jesus says that if salt loses its savor, it is useless for seasoning, nor can its quality be revived; it must therefore be thrown away. Similarly, if human beings, who

are made in the image of God, desecrate that image through ignorant living, they lose the essential soul qualities and thus cease to be the most serviceable beings on earth. Persons who live unspiritual lives allow themselves to be trodden under foot by uselessness and death.

“Ye are the light of the world” signifies that human beings make this earth luminously meaningful by their presence. If the stars and the moon shone on this earth and the bleak mountains kept themselves decorated with silver peaks, they would nevertheless be in perpetual oblivion if no man lived to appreciate them. If blossoms with their alluring fragrance tarried and then faded without the gaze of souls ever entering their petal-doors, who would know the mystic beauty of flowers? Not the hard-hearted mountains nor the brainless skies nor burgeoning flora, but only souls, by the light of their consciousness, reveal the wondrous presence of Nature and God. without the light of human consciousness, the star- and moon-decked night, and the ocean, the scenery, and the sun-decked day, would live in the womb of dark aeons.

Hence. Man is the light of the world. No other living creature, only human consciousness, is endowed with the all-revealing lamp of a potentially limitless intelligence.

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*“A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house”*

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*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”*

*(Matthew 5:14-16)*

Just as lighted candles are not meant to be covered by bushel baskets but put on candlesticks to shed their light, so also, souls are lighted with the inherent presence of God, not to be enshrouded by ignorance, uselessness, materiality, and death, but that they may, with the illumination of wisdom and goodness, enlighten spiritually darkened lives. Evil eclipses the light of the soul. As the flame of a candle is extinguished by lack of oxygen, so a soul loses its outer radiance without the vitality of goodness. Good persons should not hide their enlivened soul qualities, as expressed in Gray’s “Elegy”: “Full many a flower is born to blush unseen, and waste its sweetness on the desert air.” they ought to engage in good actions among men, so that human darkness

may be illuminated.

No saint likes to perform miracles or display his divine powers to prove himself to disbelievers; no true devotee likes flattery or acclaim for his goodness. But when the candle of wisdom has been lighted within the devotee, he doesn't secret it in the back of his mind nor hide it under the bushel of indifference. He sets it on the candlestick of open and sincere living, that truth-seekers may see and profit by that light.

Awakened souls shine with the light of God; they make the invisible light of His goodness visible in their hearts and actions. Their enlightenment declares the presence of God and serves as a spiritual beacon to guide others out of the paths of darkness.

The transcendent Father, hidden behind the etheric walls of heaven, cloistered in Cosmic Consciousness, comes out of His secret place only to grace the altars of devotion templed in illuminated souls. In their words, demeanor, and actions, the light within these advanced souls makes manifest the glory of the hidden Father, Creator of all goodness, man's sole Originator and supreme Benefactor.



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## SPURGEON'S CORNER

*'Ask, and it shall be given you'*

*Matthew 7:7*



We know of a place in England still existing, where a dole of bread is served to every passerby who chooses to ask for it. Whoever the traveler may be, he has but to knock at the door of St. Cross Hospital, and there is the dole of bread for him. Jesus Christ so loveth sinners that He has built a St. Cross Hospital, so that whenever a sinner is hungry, he has but to knock and have his wants supplied. Nay, He has done better; He has attached to this Hospital of the Cross a bath; and whenever a soul is black and filthy, it has but to go there and be washed. The fountain is always full, always efficacious. No sinner ever went into it and found that it could not wash away his stains. Sins which were scarlet and crimson have all disappeared, and the sinner has been whiter than snow. As if this were not enough, there is attached to this Hospital of the Cross a wardrobe, and a sinner making application simply as a sinner, may be clothed from head to foot; and if he wishes to be a soldier, he may not merely have a garment for ordinary wear, but armour which shall cover him from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. If he asks for a sword, he shall have that given to him, and a shield too. Nothing that is good for him shall be denied him. He shall have spending-money so long as he lives, and he shall have an eternal heritage of glorious treasure when he enters into the joy of his Lord.

If all these things are to be had by merely knocking at mercy's door, O my soul, knock hard this morning, and ask large things of thy generous Lord. Leave not the throne of grace till all thy wants have been spread before the Lord, and until by faith thou hast a comfortable prospect that they shall be all supplied. No bashfulness need retard when Jesus invites. No unbelief should hinder when Jesus promises. No cold-heartedness should restrain when such blessings are to be obtained.

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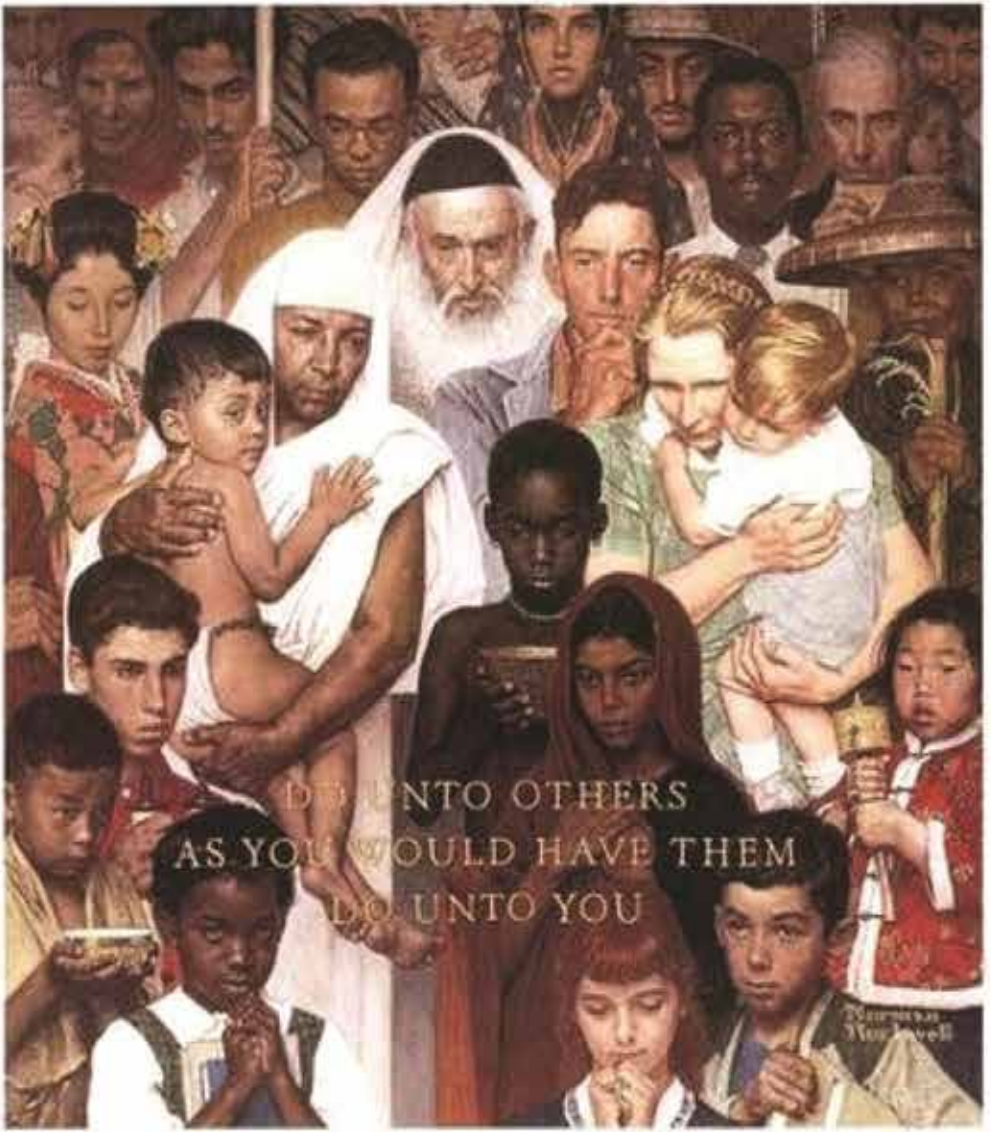
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The screenshot shows the content of the Inspire newsletter. At the top, it features the Braman Foundation of Charities logo and the word 'Inspire'. The main content includes a Thanksgiving greeting, a quote from 1 Corinthians 13:12, a reflection on the parable of the speck and the log, and a quote from Psalm 92:1. There are also sections for 'Thankful', 'Thankfulness Leads to Witnessing', and 'Philippians 4:6-7'. The newsletter includes several images, including a Thanksgiving card, a quote card, and a group of people. At the bottom, there is an inspirational quote from Colossians 3:17 and social media icons.

“And whatever you do in words and deeds do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks and a grateful heart to God”

Colossians 6:17



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