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“The Coming of the Lord Draweth Nigh” — James 5:8

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Prevenient Grace

Distinctions in Grace. Because of the fact that all men do not hold the same relation to God and His grace, and because of the fact that the grace of God, therefore, does not always produce the same effect in all persons, therefore, a distinction in grace may be made. Many different distinctions have been made by theologians. But we prefer the following distinction: prevenient grace, operating grace, and indwelling grace. This distinction, of course, is not found in the Bible, but we make it for convenience sake.

(1) Prevenient or Preparatory Grace

By prevenient or preparatory grace, we understand the gracious operations of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of unregenerate men by which He gives them a knowledge of the contents of the Gospel; calls them to repentance; works upon their hearts to awaken them from their spiritual sleep so that they may see their lost condition, feel sorry for their sins, and realize their need of salvation; offers them the grace of God; and invites them to come to Christ; thus preparing their hearts for the acceptance of faith. Samples of the operation of prevenient grace may be found in the case of Nicodemus (John 3:1-21) and the men that were converted on the day of Pentecost, “they were pricked in their heart” (Acts 2:37).

(2) Operating Grace

By operating grace, we understand the gracious operation of the Holy Spirit by which He regenerates man, creates spiritual life in him, gives him saving faith, justifies him, forgives him his sins, and imputes to him Christ’s righteousness. Operating grace is, in short, that

grace of God by which a sinner is subjectively saved and by which he is transferred from the state of sin into the state of grace. “Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” (Rom. 3:24) “For by grace have you been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.” (Eph. 2:8)

(3) Indwelling Grace

By indwelling grace is understood the gracious operations of the Holy Spirit in believers by which He works in them everything that pertains to their Christian life, enlightening, chastising, comforting, renewing, strengthening, and preserving them. “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. (Rom. 8:14) “Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?” (I Cor. 3:16) “And there are diversities of workings, but the same God, who worketh all things in all. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit to profit withal.” (I Cor. 12:6-7) “But by the grace of God I am what I am ...” (I Cor. 15:10) “For it is God who worketh in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure.” (Phil. 2:13) “Who by the power of God are guarded through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” (I Pet. 1:5)

The common term used by theologians to designate this kind of gracious operation is “cooperating grace” or “cooperative grace” because regenerate man is active in his own sanctification but must continually be aided by the grace of God. But “indwelling grace” expresses the idea better because it is also one of the effects of grace

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that the believer can work together with God. As the above verses state, it is God who works in the believer both to will and to work, and it is only by the grace of God that the believer is what he is.

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Be Careful What You Say *(Little Ears Are Listening)*

I had always talked about my job a lot at home, and my young daughter had always expressed great interest. So I thought it would be a treat for her to spend the day with me at the office. Since I wanted it to be a surprise, I didn’t tell her where we were going, just that it would be fun. Although usually a bit shy, she seemed excited to meet each colleague I introduced. On the way home, however, she seemed somewhat down.

“Didn’t you have a nice time?” I asked.

“Well, it was okay,” she responded. “But I thought it would be more like a circus.”

Confused, I asked, “Whatever do you mean?”

She said, “Well, you’ve always said you work with a bunch of clowns, and I never got to see them!”

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GOD AND THE NATIONS

Moses recognized that God decides the destiny of the nations. Not of the Jews only, but all other nations as well. In Deut. 32:8 we find the following interesting verse: "When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the children of men, he set the bounds of the peoples according to the number of the children of Israel."

This would seem to indicate that the destiny of the nations is in some way bound up with the destiny of the children of Israel. If the children of Israel were right with God, if they accepted Jesus as the promised Messiah which He really is, what a blessing they would be to the world, as rivers of living water would flow out from that people. We think with gratitude of the many Jews who have had their eyes opened, the remnant in Israel which has seen that Jesus really is the Christ, the Son of God. These have been and are a great blessing to all mankind.

On the other hand, an impenitent Jerusalem is "a burdensome stone for all the peoples; all that burden themselves with it shall be sore wounded; and all the nations of the earth shall be gathered together against it" (Zech. 12:3). But we must not think that the unbelieving children of Israel are any worse than unbelievers of other races and nationalities. They are all just as bad. They are all under sin. They all bring a curse upon themselves and their fellowmen, whether they be Jews or Gentiles who reject Jesus Christ as their Savior, and who live in the stubbornness of their own sinful, willful ways.

Anti-Semitism is spreading. France has recently promulgated severe anti-Jewish laws. In America there are people who are deliberately seeking to light this fire and fan it into a blaze. Anti-Semitism is definitely from the devil. If he can induce us to blame the Jews for all our trouble, then we will see no need of repenting of our own sins. (Editor: History seems to be repeating.)

God is dealing with the nations today but most people do not at all realize it. God's purposes are stated by Paul in Acts 17:26, "He made of one every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed seasons, and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek God, if haply they might feel after him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us; for in him we live, and move, and have our being." And in verse 30, "The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked; but now he commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent: inasmuch as he hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath

raised him from the dead." God commands men that they should all everywhere repent. Nations bring judgment upon themselves when they live in sin and God forgetfulness. But if they repent and turn to God, He has promised that He will avert the evil of judgment which He has decided should come upon them, as He has plainly stated in Jer.18:7-10.

It is according to worldly wisdom and prudence that our government arms itself against hostile and threatening powers. But material armaments and physical force will never save us if God has decided that our evil and sinful ways have brought judgment upon us. We may sing "God Bless America," but if we continue to break and entirely disregard God's commandments, and refuse to repent and ask for mercy for Jesus' sake, God can only say, "You knew there was a God whose blessing you needed, but you refused to walk in the way of the blessed." "Now he commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent."

Dr. Samuel Miller, July 1941, *Bible Banner* (LBI)

MINCED SWEARING

At school I am about the only Christian in our class. The boys and girls swear a lot. I don't believe it is right for them to swear, because the children in the younger classes pick up the words and use them. Is it all right to use such words as "gee," "golly," "darn," etc., since they aren't swear words?

First of all, let me say that I feel that the three words you mentioned are swear words the same as a number of others that people use. If you will check "Webster's New World Dictionary," you will find that the word "gee" is simply a contraction of the word, "Jesus" and is classified as a slang expression. The word "darn," according to Webster, really means "damn," and is the pronunciation of a curse on someone. "Golly" is a term of speech for "God." We could go on and point out other such words which are really substitutes for God or the Lord Jesus and consequently, the same as taking the name of the Lord God in vain and breaking the commandment given in Exodus 20:7. Generally, the use of such words is the first step to the use of more vile language and swearing.

The fact that you are the only Christian in your class is all the more reason why you should be careful of what you say so that the other boys and girls will see that you are different. ...

Taken from *How Danny Orlis Would Answer* by The Good News Broadcasting Association.

Editorial

Wayne Almlie

The Dark Side of Haugeanism

*“Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it,
to him it is sin.”*

(James 4:17)

In Thomas E Jacobson’s book “A Pain in the Belly”, that I reviewed in the *Morning Glory* a couple months ago, Mr. Jacobson called the Haugean’s tendency toward legalism the dark side of Pietism. No doubt some have gone off the dark side of legalism. Ten times as many have gone off the dark side of antinomianism. (Against Law) We must beware of the ditch on both the right and left sides.

From “A Pain In The Belly” Jacobson writes. “Specific issues addressed are those related to sexual morality, abortion, and even gluttony. Surprisingly, criticism of the practice of dancing among Christians still finds a place in the HLIMF at present. It can be argued that this emphasis on law by the HLIMF demonstrates an affinity for the darker and more legalistic forms of Haugeanism discussed earlier.”

There are many verses of scripture that speak to the “separation” a Christian will have from the world. Heb 12:1 “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” ESV

This verse says two things will hinder us as Christians. The obvious one is sin. But there are also other things that weigh us down, slow us up, cause us to be less effective. These are things that are neither commanded nor forbidden by scripture. Theologians call them *Adiaphora*. But just because they are neither commanded nor forbidden does not mean they are healthy for your Christian life, and some of them can cause us to sin.

Dancing is not condemned in Scripture, but looking with lust is. Most dances are very provocative and very sexual by design. I dare say few in our over-sexualized society today can go to a dance and not sin.

Drinking is not condemned in scripture, but drunkenness is many times. It might not be a problem for some people, but for many, it is. Should something that has caused so much abuse and so many broken homes over the millennium be taken so lightly by

Christians? Plus we have to consider our weaker brother. Will our liberality cause a weaker brother to sin?

TV and movies preach a message of sin every day. Fornication, Adultery, and homosexuality are openly practiced and celebrated every day and in almost every TV show and movie. Social Media is addictive. Maybe not bad if used responsibly, but if you spend 6 hours on social media but say you don’t have time to read your Bible and pray, social media is weighing you down and affecting your Christian walk and you need to lay it aside.

Those who complain about legalism in the church are right. There is legalism in the church. The church is full of people who think they will be saved because of what they do. But there are also people in the church who take scripture and the words of Jesus seriously. How do you deal with this Jesus who says: “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.” (Luke 9:23 NKJV) Is it possible to live that life and not be called legalistic by the world and compromising Christians? One of my Bible School teachers at CLBS would say, “If you are on fire for the Lord, your greatest opposition will come from those who are compromising in the church.”

Read the next article and ask yourself, Is this legalism, or is it the life every Christian should aspire too?

Others May, You Cannot

by G. D. Watson (1845-1924)

(George Douglas Watson was a Wesleyan Methodist minister and evangelist based in Los Angeles. His evangelistic campaigns took him to England, the West Indies, New Zealand, Australia, Japan and Korea.)

If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny

himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. (Matthew 16:24-25)

If God has called you to be really like Jesus, He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility. God's call will put such demands of obedience on you that you will not be able to follow other people or measure yourself by other Christians. At times, He will let other people do things which He will not let you do.

Other Christians who seem very religious will push themselves, pull wires, and work schemes to carry out their plans. You cannot, and if you attempt it, you will meet with failure and rebuke from the Lord.

Others may boast of themselves, of their work, of their successes, but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do any such thing, and if you begin it, He will lead you to despise yourself and all your good works.

Others may be allowed to succeed in making money or may have a legacy left to them, but it is likely God will keep you poor. God wants you to have something far better than gold, namely, a helpless dependence upon Him, that He may demonstrate His faithful love for you in supplying your needs day by day.

God may let others be honored and put forward, and keep you hidden in obscurity in order to produce some fragrant fruit for His coming glory which can only be produced in the shade. He may let others be great, but keep you small. He may let others do a work for Him and get the credit for it now. The reward for your work is held in the hands of Jesus and you will not see it until He comes.

The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch over you with a jealous love. He will rebuke you for the little words and feelings or for wasting your time. So make up your mind that God is an infinite Sovereign, and has a right to do as He pleases with His own. He does not owe you an explanation of these mysteries. But if you give yourself to be His child, He will wrap you up in a jealous love, and give you the precious blessings for those who belong, heart and soul, to Him.

Settle it forever, then, that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit. It is His option to tie your tongue, or chain your hand, or close your eyes in ways that He does not seem to use with others. And when you are so possessed by the living God that your heart delights over this peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life, you will have found the vestibule of Heaven.

What is your only comfort in life and death? That I am not my own, but belong, body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and He has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven. In fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.—Heidelberg Catechism

“I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.”
—Philippians 3:8

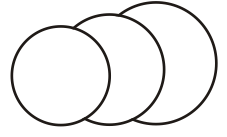
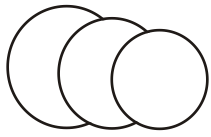
Today, It's Not Too Late

The Day is coming when every knee will bow, let me say that again, the day is coming when every knee will bow and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. (Philippians 2:10) The problem will be that for most of mankind it will be too late. That day will be Judgment Day. The great and the small, presidents, kings and garbage collectors will stand before God and He will separate the sheep from the goats, and there will be no arguments, there will be no lawyers, all will stand silent, for all will be convinced of their guilt, and Jesus will say “depart from me all you workers of iniquity, all you lawbreakers.” Their only response as they are sent to a Godless hell will be to confess that “Jesus is Lord”, only it will be too late.

Beethoven on his deathbed said “Too bad, too bad!

It's too late!” But it's not too late, as long as it's called today; it's not too late, for today is the day of mercy. Today is the day of grace. If you have never bowed your knee, if you have never had the mind of Christ to humble yourself, and the mind of Christ to empty yourself so that Christ can come in and be Lord of your life, why don't you do it today? Today is the day of salvation. Today when you hear his voice do not harden your heart. Have the mind of Christ and humble yourself, if you wait, you will be humbled by judgment. One day every knee will bow, since you're going to have to do it someday, you might as well do it today while grace abounds. For today we live in the day of grace.

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A Testimony From a Reader.

2nd part of the story – written by Carol Kleveland,
Forest City, Iowa

A couple of editions ago, the *Morning Glory* carried the testimony of how my Father and Mother, Edwin and Earla Thompson, came to Christ through the ministry of the Hauge Innermission many years ago.

I have been reminded to share the second chapter of my story. After I accepted Christ into my life in 1952, at age 13, I continued to travel with my parents to Hauge Meetings all over northern Iowa and southern Minnesota. My Mom encouraged me to sing and I began testifying and sharing music at many of the services. I was in the high school choir at school and was encouraged to perform for extra credit. Although I wasn't concerned about the extra credit, the music instructor found it quite unbelievable that over some weekends I had sung 3 or 4 solos.

During that time, I met Charles Kleveland, who had recently returned after serving in the Korean War. One week when we were both attending special services in Eagle Grove, Iowa, he asked to drive me home. Each night he did so and I soon found out he was a great guy, but was not a Christian. One evening as we sat in the car out in front of my parent's home, I asked where he stood with the Lord. He began to cry, told me he was not a Christian and said he was too bad to be saved. The Holy Spirit filled my mind and heart with Bible verses that seemed to contradict every thought that Satan brought to him. That night we prayed together, in the car, out in front of my home, and he received Jesus into his heart. I encouraged him to go home, to wake up his parents, and to tell them that he just accepted Jesus. The next and final evening of the meetings, his Dad, Elias Kleveland, who was usually quite timid, came up to me, gave me a hug and thanked me for leading Chuck to Christ.

We dated for a year, broke up for a year, dated 2 more years and then married in 1960. Over the next few years, we farmed near Joice and Fertile, Iowa and the Lord blessed us with 5 beautiful children. We joined Bethel Lutheran Brethren Church near Joice, Iowa and through the ministry of our home and church fellowship, all five of our children accepted Christ into their lives in their youth.

They are now married, have Christian spouses, and they and their families have ministries in Montana,

Idaho, Arizona, North Carolina, Minnesota and Iowa.

Chuck and I were married 53 years before he went home to be with the Lord, almost fourteen years ago. I look forward to seeing him in heaven. "To God be the glory, great things He has done."

Whether Evil Follows

I will first point to France where a lot of new things are happening. I know many people like to hear news, and from France new inventions have come, but also dance, games, comedies, splendor and all kinds of lasciviousness. This has since spread to England and a number of other countries. Now it has also come here. As soon as a master or gentleman shows up in fashionable clothes, the servants strive to be like him. Everyone searches for the most noticeable, and everything that is wonderful to look like the world. The result then is that when God in this way sees the great evil, in that there are almost no good virtues, or desire for God and his will, he can no longer stand it. That is why he strikes with fire, hunger and plague. This has happened in France and in several other countries with much destruction. By this time, we have had a long-lasting peace, but we have seen punishment's face by fires and a time of high prices. The latter is a great misfortune for the poor, while the rich have their storerooms full of food and clothing. Many are also plagued by diseases. All of this is the battle of God that will urge us for repentance. But there are so few who bear fruit. I must say with the prophet Jeremiah that not even when I punish you, will you improve. This is what God is grieving about, and now it is such that most people whorer with the great whore, which is all evil and wickedness. We can read what is said about this in Revelation 17. Therefore, I testify to all, that God stands with his sword, and in his long-suffering righteousness he is ready to strike. I ask everyone to kneel in humility before God, repent with all their heart, confess their sins, and account for them. For the sake of his dear son Jesus Christ, he is very gracious and merciful, so that the punishment is reduced both temporally and eternally. Amen.

Hauge, Hans Nielsen. *Consideration of the World's Folly* (1796): In modern and contemporary language (pp. 29-30). Media Forlag. Kindle Edition.

Believable...Yet Unbelievable

Woke Churches Continue To Spread Their Poison And Infect The Next Generation

In the book of Jeremiah, we are reminded of the dangers of people pretending to speak for God when, in fact, they are spreading lies.

Jeremiah 14:14: “The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I have not sent them or appointed them or spoken to them. They are prophesying to you false visions, divinations, idolatries, and the delusions of their own minds.”

One such recent example is Presbyterian Pastor Rebecca Todd Peters, who preached that if Jesus were giving his Sermon on the Mount today, he might add, “Blessed are those who end pregnancies, for they will be known for their loving kindness.”

Peters is on a mission to shift the Christian paradigm that abortion is not only not sinful but a good and moral thing to do. She of course serves on the Clergy Advocacy Board of Planned Parenthood and often wears her Planned Parenthood stole when giving sermons. Peters ironically serves as co-moderator of the Faith and Order study for the World Council of Churches on Moral Discernment in the Churches.

BY *Prophecy News Watch* STAFF JULY 09, 2024

California’s New Law Lets Schools Keep Secrets from Parents

Child predators follow a common playbook: target the victim, gain their trust, fill a need, and, crucially, isolate the child from her parents. For several years, this has also been standard California state protocol with regard to schoolchildren questioning their gender identities. On Monday, this scheme became law.

The “SAFETY Act,” AB 1955, signed by California Democratic governor Gavin Newsom, legally forbids schools from adopting any policy that would force them to disclose “any information related to a pupil’s sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression to any other person without the pupil’s consent.” Schools may not, as a matter of policy, inform parents of a child’s new gender identity unless the child volunteers their approval. The law also prohibits schools from punishing any school employee found to have “supported a pupil” hurtling down a path toward risky and irreversible hormones and surgeries.

By Abigail Shrier, *The Free Press*, July 18, 2024

Editor: Satan has declared war on children and the family, he hates mankind. We are created in the image of God, whenever he looks at us he sees a reflection of the divine. He is for causing as much pain and suffering as he can, and if he can destroy the family, the cornerstone of civilization and source of human flourishing, it pleases him. Through abortion, we have murdered at least 3 billion worldwide in the last half-century. Now in the last couple of decades through the LGBTQIA2S+ movement we are having fewer children and the ones that we are having are being groomed in our Government schools to be gay or transexuals and to have irreversible meatball surgeries ruining their lives. As a nation, we don’t yet understand the pain and despair that this current generation will experience as they age and start to see the total trainwreck that their lives have become. I believe we will be looking at a mental health emergency unlike any seen to date. The Church needs to be ready to reach out and give them hope. “Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one’s youth.” (Ps 127:3-4, NASB)

“Created to Be Free”

On day three of the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering, Lutheran young people explored freedom—the freedom to be their full selves, loved by a God who created them just as they are; the freedom work of highlighting the dignity of all people; and the freedom to accompany others, putting God’s love into action.

From the *Living Lutheran*, 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering: Day 3; By John Potter July 19, 2024

Editor: Don’t Follow your Heart. I was baptized, confirmed, always went to Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Luther League, I was a member in the church in good standing, but I was lost and I knew I was lost.

When I was 16, I didn’t need to be told to be my full self. My full self was pretty wicked. I was a liar, a cheat, a thief, a blasphemer, working on being an alcoholic, a fornicator at heart, my authentic self was not good. I knew it was not good, and the guilt of my sin haunted me. I feared death, because I knew death meant hell.

I’m glad there were adults, pastors, evangelists, and even classmates who told me there was a higher self I could experience and enjoy. I’m glad they preached Law and Gospel, and that I could come to Jesus and have my sins forgiven and experience newness of life.

Follow your Heart? Are we sure this is the message our

youth need in this confused culture, where people don't even know what a woman is?

Jer 17:9 – “The heart is more deceitful than all else, and is desperately sick; Who can understand it?”

Matt 15:19 – “For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders.”

A Summary of Saving Truth

1. There is one only true God in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. This Triune God created the whole world, even as He still upholds and governs it.

3. All the angels were created by God good and holy; but some by disobedience fell away from God, and these are called devils.

4. Man, also, was created by God without sin after the image of God, that he might serve Him.

5. This image of God consisted in likeness to God and in harmony with Him, or in true wisdom, righteousness, holiness, peace and joy.

6. In this state of innocence man was blessed and happy, inasmuch as he lived in union and fellowship with God which is the highest good and the greatest happiness.

7. But our first parents, Adam and Eve, allowed themselves to be deceived by the devil – inwardly to turn their hearts away from God, and outwardly to eat of the fruit of the forbidden tree.

8. Thereby they lost the image of God, and instead thereof came the image of the devil, or a likeness to the enemy of God: The understanding became darkened, the will was perverted and became dead to what is good, but inclined to, and apt in, all that is evil, and the peace of conscience was disturbed and ruined.

9. By the fall they also lost their blessed fellowship with God, fell under God's wrath, and became guilty of death: temporal, spiritual and eternal.

10. As these our first parents, Adam and Eve, are the source from which all men have their origin, so they bore children after their own image, and together with the human nature, transmitted sin and death to all their descendants.

11. Hence all men are by nature destitute of the image of God and its original wisdom and holiness, and in its stead they are born with original sin, blind, unholy and rebellious.

12. From this inborn, original sin spring all actual sins in thoughts, desires, words and deeds.

13. In this woeful and unhappy state of sin, therefore,

all men are by nature under the wrath of God, deserving all punishment, temporal, spiritual and eternal.

14. From such everlasting misery no creature could deliver us.

15. But God, who from eternity saw the very deepest misery and need of mankind, and being moved through unmerited love to a tender compassion, determined to send His Only Begotten Son as a Savior unto all people.

16. This Savior whose name is Jesus Christ, was promised to the world immediately after the fall, and His bitter and bloody death was set forth and typified in the Old Testament by the sacrifice of many thousand animals.

17. Finally, in the fulness of time this Eternal Son of God was, by the over-shadowing of the Holy Ghost, conceived and born into the world, without sin, by His Mother, the Virgin Mary.

18. This our Blessed Redeemer has, therefore, in one Person two natures, the divine and the human so that He is both God and man.

19. According to His office He is the only Mediator between God and man, our High Priest, Prophet and King, in a twofold state: that of humiliation and that of exaltation.

20. By His holy life and perfect obedience He has fulfilled the law in our stead; by His bitter suffering He endured our punishment, and in His soul and body tasted and experienced the course of the law, suffering, temporal and eternal death for our sins, which in God's judgment were imputed to Him.

21. By His obedience and suffering He satisfied the righteousness of God, reconciled us to God, obtained for us deliverance from sin and all evil, together with the right and privilege of union with God and all the blessedness flowing therefrom; and thus did He entirely finish the great work of redemption.

22. After His death Jesus did not remain in the grave longer than the third day, when the Father awakened Him, and He Himself, with a mighty power of victory over His and our enemies, arose from the dead, showing that He had paid the wages of sin for us to the uttermost farthing.

23. After the resurrection Christ ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, where He prays for us, and sends us His Holy Spirit, that we may enjoy the benefit of the salvation which He has purchased for us. (To be continued.)

(We should keep and know by heart at least in its sum and substance this great document of Saving Truth handed down to us from our fathers in Christ.

By Erik Pontoppidan, *Morning Glory*
Feb 18, 1943 – Part I

Turn The Other Cheek

Our text before us is very short, but it is one of the most misunderstood of all texts. What a great contradiction to the words of Christ has been declared during the past months by Khrushchev, when he declared, "If someone should strike me on the cheek, I would not turn the cheek, but I would hit him so hard that his head would fall off."

In the days of Augustine, these words of Jesus were considered as contrary to the ethics of the state.

How are we today to understand and apply such words, which are meant as a basic directive for all human conduct?

Did not Christ resist evil on many occasions? Did He not turn the other cheek when struck by the Roman soldier?

We find that Jesus was speaking to His disciples when He cited these examples of the sort of treatment they would encounter in their walk of life.

Smiting on the face was a common form of insult in the East. A fine of 200 denari was imposed for the offense; and if the aggressor inflicted another blow with his other hand, the fine was doubled. The injury was insignificant, but the indignity was extreme.

Nevertheless, Jesus says, "Turn the other cheek; be willing to be made fun of for my sake." This isn't so far removed from our day. We have experienced this in the service of our country, or working in a plant or office where the ungodly have the majority.

The second half of the text reveals another custom. It was legal for a creditor to take his debtor's raiment in pledge; but the ancient law provided that the poor man's cloak, which served also as his blanket, should be restored to him at sunset, lest he should have no covering while he slept.

Jesus again says, "Though thy coat may be legally retained, forego this right, cheerfully submitting to illegal practice."

One more custom was referred to, the practice that prevailed throughout the Roman Empire, a system of forced service which empowered soldiers to employ both men and beasts as their baggage bearers. Should a Jew be confronted with a Roman soldier and his luggage, he was required to pick up the luggage and carry it for one mile. You remember that the Jews were in subjection to the Roman officials and so this outrage was bitterly resented, and not the least by the proud Jews.

But listen again to the words of Jesus, "Do not resent it, but submit cheerfully." "Whosoever shall compel thee to go one mile, go with him two." And then Jesus crowns

these strange injunctions with another, the strangest of all, "To him that asketh of thee, give; and from him that would borrow of thee, turn not away," Notice, it doesn't say give all.

In the course of history, some have taken these admonitions to mean that Jesus condemns the existing order of society. Some have insisted that Jesus requires nonresistance, and that defense is contrary to the plan of God.

How do we read it? Jesus did not require the Centurian of Capernaum to abandon the military profession. He granted his prayer and upheld his faith. The Apostles were loyal to the existing order of society. The Apostle Peter bade his readers to "submit themselves to every ordinance of men for the Lord's sake." (I Peter 2:13)

St Paul required that prayers, supplications, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men... and all that are in authority (I Tim. 2:1). Again, we ask the question, What does Jesus mean by these words? Our difficulty vanishes the moment we recognize that these admonitions were not addressed to a general audience, but to the Apostles and to all who would be disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Paul acted on these principles when he said that certain things were lawful for him as a Christian but were not expedient for him as an Apostle, "All things are lawful for me, but all things edify not" (I Cor. 10:23). A disciple of the Lord must not strive, but what [things] were lawful for him as a Christian but were not expedient for him as an Apostle. "All things are lawful for me, but all things edify not." (I Cor. 10:23)

A disciple of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle toward all. Why? Because he wants to win others to his Lord and Savior.

Oh, it's the natural thing to fight back and declare you will get even with the brother who offends you, but fire is not quenched with fire, but with water. The law of retaliation is to be carried out, but not on the individual level. Every government has as one of its chief functions the execution of this law of justice.

The Levitical law of retaliation is a sound principle for the authorities to perform, but the scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' day applied the right to take revenge toward his neighbor. However, Paul says in Romans 12:19, "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

He who confesses Christ as his Savior has great responsibility. The heathen love those who love them. Should the Christian follow this too, and not set the example? Our heavenly Father should be our example. He loved the world so much "that he gave his only begotten

Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). He loved the world that was entirely opposed to Him.

Therefore, the Christian needs to show compassion and the love of Christ even as Stephen the first martyr did when he cried out, “Lay not this sin to their charge” (Acts 7:60).

How will the unsaved know of anything better unless we show them the love of God which has taken root in our hearts?

Even the most rebellious ones might be gained if they were sought in patience and persevering love.

We use so many expressions in our Christian life. “Walking with our Lord,” what does that mean? Being pious, having our hands folded? No!

If we are walking with our Lord, will we blow up when something goes wrong; will we curse and swear and denounce right back at someone who has offended us? No!

You and I need to see that we cannot by ourselves do these things that are pleasing unto God unless we yield our contrary nature over to Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith.

This is a high calling, brethren – To be a Christian!

It enters into every avenue of our life; not just on Sunday, not just when things are dark and we sense that we need some help, not just when we are among other Christians, but our whole life needs to depict Christ in us.

We are told that Michelangelo carried a lighted candle in the front of his cap when he was at work on his matchless pieces of sculpture in order that his work might not be hindered even by his own shadow. Have we the true light pieces of sculpture in order that his work might not be hindered even by his own shadow? Have we the true light bearing down upon our work?

In closing, there is another thought which Jesus passes on to His disciples, and also to us today. “Remember,” He says, “your own faults, and you will look with kinder eyes on those of others and find it easier to make allowance for them.”

May God grant that each one of us may become empowered by the Holy Spirit for this Christian calling, not to be ministered unto, but to minister even as our Lord has set the example. Amen.

Jordan T. Jacobson, Eagle Grove IA
Morning Glory, August 1960

The Law Can't Bring us into the Land

By Pastor Rob Edwards,

When we look at Israel's history leading up to entry into the Promised Land, we see a picture of the experiences of the soul prior to conversion. In Exodus, as the Israelites were enslaved in Egypt, we see the natural self in bondage to sin and Satan. In Leviticus, as Moses detailed the required offerings, sacrifices, and cleansing rituals, we see God speaking, making known His holy requirements. In Numbers, which is the record of the Israelites' wanderings, the people of God are in a vast wilderness, which is how the world appears to one who has been awakened by the Spirit. Then the book of Deuteronomy teaches the strictness and spirituality of the Law, which cuts into pieces all self-righteousness and reveals that someone other than Moses must become the Captain of one's salvation if ever he is to enter into all that God has promised.

The people could not enter the land of Canaan until Moses was dead. Moses represented the Law. Neither can we enter into the life God has promised to us merely by Law keeping. Even our best efforts could never be good enough. “For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin” (Romans 3:20). We need someone else to take us beyond recognition of our guilt before God. We need a Joshua. “For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ” (John 1:17).

Joshua, rather than Moses, led the Israelites into Canaan. He led them to victory, driving out their enemies; he was their advocate in time of defeat. He allotted them their inheritance within the Promised Land. And so it is Jesus, our Joshua, who leads us into the rest of salvation. He alone perfectly kept the Law's demands. We cling to His merits, His perfect living out of the Law that He imputes to us—and that alone enables us to enter in. He empowers us to gain victory and advocates for us before the Father. He gives us our inheritance that has been purchased with His own blood.

Paul wrote, “For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh” (Romans 8:3). The Law simply couldn't bring us into the life God has for us. So He sent us His Joshua to lead the way.

Submitted by Paul Peterson, Kenyon MN

Keep on Praying

Read Matt 15 21-28

In the case of the Syrophenician mother, we find one who kept on praying in spite of severe testings of her faith. This mother came to Jesus desperately concerned about her daughter who was grievously vexed with a devil. She had most likely tried everything that medical science had to offer in her day and was told that nothing could be done. One day she heard of one by the name of Jesus who was healing all manner of sicknesses and was driving out demons and even raised the dead. She began to inquire where Jesus could be found and was overjoyed to hear that He was coming toward her country. Without any hesitation she went to meet Him. And just as Jesus was coming into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, this woman was coming out of the same coasts. How her heart must have thrilled at the sight of Him; for she said to herself, "Now will my daughter be healed." And so when she had come within hearing distance she cried unto Him saying, "Have mercy on me oh Lord, Thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil." But oh what a letdown, for we read, "But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and besought Him saying, Send her away for she crieth after us.

When Jesus did finally answer her, His words were anything but encouraging, for He said, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." This would have been enough to discourage most people, but not this mother, for we read, "Then came she and worshipped Him, saying, Lord help me. But then Jesus says something that would not only discourage most people but would also make them downright angry. "It is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to dogs." But instead of getting angry she uses the word of Jesus for her own advantage, and says, "Truth Lord: yet the dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their master's table." In other words she says, "I do not ask to be included among your children, but I only ask to be treated like a dog is treated. The dogs eat the crumbs and no one would find fault with that. And so, Lord, if it is your plan that I should be a dog, let me be treated as a dog: I do not ask for the children's bread but only for the crumbs that fall from the Master's table."

Jesus was now satisfied that the woman's faith was genuine and so He says to her, "Oh woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt." And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

KEEP ON PRAYING

I. Perseverance in prayer will bring results.

A. James 4:2 "Ye have not because ye ask not."

Luke 18:1 "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." Prayer is not only a privilege but an obligation: an inescapable duty.

B. How different things might have been for all of us if we had only prayed more. A young man had committed a crime and his mother said, "I am to blame for my son's downfall, for it would not have happened if I had been more faithful in prayer."

II. God often delays in answering prayers to test our faith. Gal. 6:9 "In due season we shall reap if we faint not."

A. When we are tempted to think that it is no use to pray, for we see no results, let us remember the mother in our text and pray on.

B. Do you have unsaved children? Keep praying for them.

1. Maybe you will have to wait for years to see your prayers answered.

2. Maybe they will not be answered until after your death.

3. There is no time that is so well spent as the time that you spend on your knees in prayer. "O for a faith that will not shrink, Though pressed by many a foe, That will not tremble at the brink of any earthly woe."

Pastor JF Masted, *Morning Glory*, Feb 1959

A Religion of Four Letters!

R. A Torrey

A friend of mine once said to another who was seeking peace by doing, "You have a religion of two letters. My religion is a religion of four letter."

"How is that?" asked the other.

"Your religion is *do*. My religion is **done**. You are trying to rest in what you do. I am resting in what Christ has done."

A Two-Edged Sword

"The same sun that brings fragrance from a flower, makes the dung hill more noisome."

Matt. Henry speaking of the works of the law – respond and flee to Christ or reject and remain under the condemnation of the law.

Christ Lives In Me!

THE great theme for Christ's farewell message was the promise of coming again to remain with His own. By the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, their Lord and Master, shall in a real sense be transformed into the life of the disciples. As Jesus came to earth Christmas night, so the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost. As Jesus was born into the race Christmas night, so the Holy Spirit by a miracle of grace shall transform Jesus Christ into all believers' lives.

The Apostle Paul says in I Thess. 5:10, "who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him." The whole purpose of Christ's death was to remake the communion, yes, the very life between Jesus and His disciples. This is what was broken in the fall. Therefore, God must become man and, as our Substitute, keep the law in our stead and thus redeem us to God.

Now this great salvation is offered gratis. And he who will open up for Christ and His salvation is born again and thereby grafted in as a new creature in communion with Jesus. Paul is witnessing of this life in Gal. 2:20, "Christ liveth in me and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

This life with His own is the daily miracle. We stand trembling and thankful for this wonderful gift; yes, because the Giver, himself, has descended and now is our life. Phil. 1:21. This communion reaches deep down into our subconsciousness. It is transmitted to children as well as to the aged, to wise as well as to the foolish. "Christ lives in me!" That defies the intellect and includes the whole personality. We have now open access life in God, life together with Jesus Christ. This is our blessing and our grace. Yes, it is eternal life to know Jesus. John 17:3. Paul rejoices over this life, but is conscious of the fact that his knowledge of it is not complete. He is stretching out after more of the Lord Jesus.

This is our blessedness! Here lies our gift, our responsibility, or assignment. In our communion with the Lord Jesus Christ, we experience sanctification. Here we experience the glorious, both the grace of justification and the power of possibility of redemption, yes, reality. Therefore, with boldness we admonish unsaved sinners to come into this life in God.

If these lines should reach one who is yet outside, I would cry out to you: "Come, for all things are ready. It is gratis. It is waiting for you."

Tormed Vaagen, Oslo, Norway, April 1959 *Morning Glory*, (Translated from Norse by Rev P. Ljostveit)

O Eternity!

*My soul is immortal—it can never cease to be.
It is destined by the immutable decree of God, to
exist eternally.*

*O eternity! Who can conceive your dimensions!
Forever! Who can grasp the mighty idea!
To exist forever! Solemn consideration!*

*Millions of ages as numerous . . .
as the stars in the skies,
as the sands on the sea-shore,
as blades of grass on the surface of the globe,
as leaves which fall from the trees in autumn,
—are as nothing in comparison with eternity!*

But where shall I exist?

How will I spend eternity?

In happiness—or in torment?

*That will entirely depend upon the character, the
state, the condition—in which I live and die.*

*If I live in sin, if I serve self and Satan, if I die
accursed—then I must suffer the due desert of my
deeds.*

*But if I savingly believe in Jesus, if I live unto
God, if I die under His saving grace—then I shall
possess and enjoy glory, honor and eternal life,
and these forever!*

*Let the solemn fact that you are immortal, deeply
impress your mind.*

Try to realize the overwhelming thought:

"I must live forever!

*I must live forever in unspeakable happiness—or
inconceivable misery!*

My eternal state depends on my present state.

*If I live unconverted, then I must die accursed. I
am lost—and once lost, lost forever!"*

*O eternity! Tremendous sound! Incomprehensible
idea!*

*"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but
the righteous to eternal life." (Matthew 25:46)*

James Smith, (1802-1862) "The Way of Salvation Set
Forth" from Gracegems.com

Be Still and Know

What a Word for today's world in Psalms 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God." "Peace, be still" the disciples heard Him speak one night long ago as they were being tossed to and fro on a raging sea. You and I who are traveling homeward aboard the Ship of Grace often find that this world through which we're traveling is turbulent and rough. Thus we need to heed this message of the Psalmist, "Be still, and know that I am God." In the midst of a tense and troublesome generation, we who know the Lord need not be caught in the current of panic and fear. You who just now may be restless and anxious because of conditions in the world or circumstances about you, pause in your anxiety, worry and care long enough to hear God's whisper, "Be still, and know that I am God." Reckon with Him, place your trust and confidence in Him, give Him a chance in your life Who is a master in every situation. "Great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee." (Isaiah 12:6)

"KNOW THAT I AM GOD"... The alarming trend among the people of the world today can best be summed up in these words, "Forgetting God". The Apostle Paul writes of a people "who would not retain God in their knowledge," therefore, God gave them up. (Romans 1:28)

My friend, have you forgotten God? As we face this fact among the people of the world, can it be that this same trend has made serious inroads among our Christian people and the Church today? Modern Christianity is fast becoming weak, powerless and faithless. The reality of Godliness and experienced Christianity is being exchanged for the mere "form of Godliness" which the apostle declares is a sign of the end time. Forgetting God, we retain the form only and the external appearance of Christianity. My Christian friend, wherever you are, "It is high time to awake," be not overcome by this dangerous and deadly "form of Godliness" that lacks life and power. Permit God to reveal Himself to you anew, speak to you anew as He did when first you knew Him. Let that blessed peace of God which passeth understanding flood your soul anew, turn your eyes upon Him until all earthly troubles fade away in the light of His Glory and Grace. Look unto Jesus, who came to reveal God to man. As you behold His nail prints, wounds and scars, you too will confess with Thomas, "My Lord."

A GOD OF REFUGE... In the storms of life I can flee as a bird to the rock. When the enemy assails and hurls his fiery darts, God is my refuge. When my own heart condemns me and tells me all is wrong, God is greater than the heart. When troubles mount high and I am filled

with fear, then too, God is near. We never know how near God can be until we do experience trouble. But if troubles bring God nearer, they are blessed troubles. Be not dismayed when God sends them, but "Be still, and know that He is God."

A MIGHTY FORTRESS... As Luther translated the message of this Psalm into his memorable hymn, he had learned the blessed secret of reckoning with a mighty God. "Stood we alone in our own might, our striving would be losing." Fully conscious of his own weakness, he placed his confidence in God and fearlessly went forth to face the foe, "For us the One True Man doth fight, the Man of God's own choosing." Let us who bear his name today become more intimately acquainted with God. We need Him, a mighty fortress, in a trembling, shaking world. Take time to "Be still, and know that He is God."

Jay G. Erickson, *Morning Glory*, Dec 1951
from Psalm 46:10

Jesus Wept

Right before Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, scripture says "Jesus wept." (John 11:35) Why did Jesus weep, some say it was because of how much He loved Lazarus, and all the sadness and despair he saw all around him. And I suppose that could be true. But Jesus already knew what he was going to do, he already knew He was going to raise Lazarus. He purposely delayed his trip so that Lazarus would be four days dead, so there would be no misunderstanding about what happened. Is it possible that Jesus just got caught up in the emotions of the moment?

Here's what I believe. I believe that the reason Jesus wept was because He knew the hearts of those there. He knew what he was going to do. He was going to perform one of the greatest miracles the world had ever seen, and the world would still not believe. He saw the hardness of their hearts. Jesus wept not because of the death of Lazarus, but because of the people's lack of faith; because the people would see, and refuse to believe.

Jesus towards the end of His ministry said: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you would not!" (Matt 23:37)

In Jesus' words, we can sense the heart of God. Oh, how he wants to gather the whole world up, and love and comfort us. But Jesus said: "You would not." That's the hardened heart of rebellion, that's what breaks God's heart, that's what causes Him to cry. He's done it all. He's paid the price. The Father has put salvation on dis-

play through Jesus Christ, and people “Will not,” which breaks His heart.

We need to draw near to the Heart of God. For some out there it might be for the first time. You have had that rebellious spirit, that has pushed against the spirit of God, and you “would not.” If that is you, Let today be the day of salvation. We are dealing with eternal destinies here. The stakes are too high and the price paid for our redemption too great, for you and me to neglect such a great salvation.

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THE BENEFITS OF BAPTISM

1. By this means we are received into covenant relations with God and become the objects of His grace.
2. We are adopted into the family of our heavenly Father.
3. We become members (living limbs) in the Body of which Christ is the Head.
4. We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
5. Through our sponsors we “renounce the devil and all his works” and receive the sign of the cross.
6. Forgiveness is sealed to us. The guilt which we share in common with all men is removed.
7. Faith is kindled and spiritual life is begotten in our hearts.
8. We are made citizens in the kingdom of heaven.

Summing it up, we are saved. “Which (water) also after a true likeness (antitype) doth now save you, even baptism” (I Pet. 3:21). All the treasures of the Kingdom of God are at our disposal and faith is the hand with which we accept them.

In the story of Naaman the leper (2 Kings 5) it was not the water of the Jordan that cured Naaman, but he could not have been cured without the water, because the promise was connected with its use. When he believed the promise and used the water, he was healed. So with the water of Baptism, in obedience to God’s command and by faith in His promise, we are cleansed from the leprosy of sin.

Baptism is not to be repeated. God has signed the contract (Covenant) and He never erases His name. We sign it later on when we consciously and voluntarily accept Christ as our own personal Saviour. If we turn our backs on Him and wander away into a life of sin, He remains faithful to His promise. Such a disobedient and rebellious person parts company with his Saviour and loses the heavenly inheritance which was his and would

have continued to be his if he had remained faithful. But if he repents and returns to God, the Baptism he once received stands, and his heavenly Father is ready to forgive him and to accept him again into His covenant of saving Grace.

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No Escape

“Let not one of them escape.” (I Kings 18:40)

When the prophet Elijah had received the answer to his prayer, and the fire from heaven had consumed the sacrifice in the presence of all the people, he called upon the assembled Israelites to take the priests of Baal, and sternly cried, “Let not one of them escape.” He took them all down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there. So must it be with our sins—they are all doomed, not one must be preserved. Our darling sin must die. Spare it not for its much crying. Strike, though it be as dear as an Isaac. Strike, for God struck at sin when it was laid upon His own Son. With stern unflinching purpose must you condemn to death that sin which was once the idol of your heart.

Do you ask how you are to accomplish this? Jesus will be your power. You have grace to overcome sin given you in the covenant of grace; you have strength to win the victory in the crusade against inward lusts, because Christ Jesus has promised to be with you even unto the end. If you would triumph over darkness, set yourself in the presence of the Sun of Righteousness. There is no place so well adapted for the discovery of sin, and recovery from its power and guilt, as the immediate presence of God. Job never knew how to get rid of sin half so well as he did when his eye of faith rested upon God, and then he abhorred himself, and repented in dust and ashes. The fine gold of the Christian is oft becoming dim. We need the sacred fire to consume the dross.

Let us fly to our God, He is a consuming fire; He will not consume our spirit, but our sins. Let the goodness of God excite us to a sacred jealousy, and to a holy revenge against those iniquities which are hateful in His sight. Go forth to battle with Amalek in His strength, and utterly destroy the accursed crew: let not one of them escape.

Spurgeon’s *Morning and Evening Devotions*

JESUS

Jesus' life shows us what God is like for "He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of His nature." (Hebrews 1:3) by Jonathan Lindell

God indeed, yet true man. Mightier than man in word and deed. Has all authority in heaven and earth; commands physical elements, sees through darkness, multiplies food, walks on water, heals all manner of illness, not limited by distance, raises the dead. Overcomes Satan and evil spirits, casting them out of people. Though tempted does not sin, is sinless, fulfilling all righteousness. Does not respect man's false traditions of caste or holiness, and is not defiled by what comes to him from without. Knows what people think or say in secret. Has a steadfast interest in individuals, in children equally with adults. This interest comes from love compassion, pity, and concern for their wellbeing. This gives him a self-willed purpose to save mankind.

To this end He seeks out people in towns, villages, and country, in house and street, among every class of society. Does not want people living in ignorance, but in truth and light, hence teaches essential truths about Himself and man, the way of living, and the meaning of life. Forgives the sins of repentant sinners and receives them into the family of His sons and daughters. Calls on men to follow Him, live like Him, and work for the spread of His kingdom. Seeks faith in people toward Himself, and His Word, discerns such faith, encourages it, and honors it. Gives the Holy Spirit to dwell in and with His followers. Ordains the sacraments. Commands a worldwide program for the extension of His kingdom. Spends His life in a going out and a giving out for men's good, in interest, energy, and finally giving His life as a ransom for redeeming men from their sins. Resurrected, living now, and coming again to consummate all things in the great Day of the Lord. — Lutheran Colportage Service

Shall We Gather At The River?

Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Dr. Robert Lowry wrote this "Hymn of the Hereafter" as a result of a raging epidemic, July 1864 in Brooklyn, New York. He had just accepted a call to the Baptist Church of Brooklyn. It was an unusually hot and humid summer. When the epidemic struck, hundreds were left dead and dying in its wake. Everywhere Lowry went comforting his people, he heard the words, "Pastor, we have parted at the river of death; shall we meet again at the river of life?" Filled with this thought, Lowry wrote down the words: *Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod; With its crystal tide forever, Flowing by the throne of God.*

Stories of the Christian Hymns by Helen Salem Rizk

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3:30 – Fellowship and Refreshments
7:00 p.m. – Dr. Craig Jennings

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