

Who of Us Know?

BY S. C. ALLEN. Who of us know The heartaches of the men we meet Each day in passing on the busy street...

have been saying this for generations. They have asserted again and again that after a few years no intelligent person would be found to believe the doctrines of Jesus.

The Christian may confess Christ in many ways. "With the mouth confession is made unto salvation." It is vain to say that the heart is all right if we never speak a word in honor of our Lord...

Confession of Christ is one of the surest and safest tests of conversion. There is always doubt about the conversion of one who is afraid to confess Christ before men.

Necessity of Regeneration.

That was no arbitrary law laid down by our Lord when he said to Nicodemus: "Ye must be born again." It was the logical outcome of man's moral and spiritual condition...

How, then, can man be brought back into moral harmony with God, so that he and God may dwell together in blissful accord? By regeneration—by having a new nature implanted, a new heart given—alone.

The kind of fruit produced can only be changed by changing the nature of the tree. Severing branches here and there will not do it.

Man can only be fitted to dwell with God in fellowship here and yonder by having a new nature—a nature like unto that of God—imparted.

Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. Jesus has gone into the heavens to "prepare a place" for his followers.

The joy of heaven consists not in its crowns and harps of gold; its robes of whiteness; in the gold-paved streets, its jasper walls; its gates of carbuncle...

like as the artesian waters rise up from the heart of the earth.

Surroundings do not make happiness, nor do they create misery. It comes by a law of its own, even as the sunlight from heaven comes.

I have betimes entered a magnificent home in some one of the great cities. On the lawn were bronze figures, wrought with exquisite skill; flowers of rich beauty were bursting into brilliant bloom.

I have gone into the humble cottage with its thatched roof; its uncarpeted floors; its scant and broken furniture; its bare walls; its evidences of poverty all about.

My bondage here will end. Bye and bye, bye and bye.

Why are they happy? Because the fountain of happiness is unsealed within. The darkness is gone, for Jesus is the light.

"I entered once a home of care; For want and penury were there, Yet joy and peace withal, I asked the mother whence Her helpless widowhood's defense, She told me, 'Christ is all.'

"I stood beside a dying bed Where lay a child with aching head Waiting for Jesus' call, I marked his smile—'twas sweet as May, And as his spirit passed away He whispered 'Christ is all.'

No, no; it is not the splendor of the upper courts, it is not the effulgence of the glory that falls about the throne, that constitutes the happiness of heaven. It is found in man's fitness for heaven—his moral harmony with God.

Asking and Seeking.

Some have imagined that the promises of the Bible are unconditional. They seem to think that, according to the Holy Scriptures, anyone a warranted in asking for anything at any time and in any way, and in expecting that he shall receive.

One condition of prevailing prayer is that we shall be right with God. I is the prayer of the righteous that availeth much. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."

Another condition is that we ask for what is right and good. It is the son that asks bread that shall receive from his father what he desires.

Another condition is that we shall seek as well as ask. "Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find." To ask is merely to put up a petition.

If we should ask God for our daily bread, and not put for an effort to earn our daily bread, our prayer would be in vain. If we should ask God to lead us not into temptation, and take no pains to avoid the evil way, our prayer would not avail.

A certain father prayed fervently for the salvation of his children, and then, going to church, sat in the front pew listening reverently to the word of God and worshipping devoutly, while his sons sat in the rear pew making a mock of their father's religion.

What is Divine Service?

People are perpetually squabbling about what will be the best to do, or easiest to do, or advisable to do, or profitable to do; but they never, so far as I hear them talk, ever ask what it is just to do.

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We never regret the kind words we have spoken or the retort we have left unsaid; but bitterly we recall sharp words spoken angrily, and unkind actions that may have caused tears to come to eyes that will never shed them any more.

When duty is severe, we must be more reverently dutiful. If love brings sorrow, we must love more and better. When thought chills us with doubt and fear, we must think again with fuller soul and deeper trust.

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