

The Christian Life.

THE WORLD'S CHRIST.

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He is risen—Christ our Saviour—
He is risen as he said,
Why seek ye the Living Spirit
'Mid the ashes of the dead?
He is risen, but no longer
Shall he be the Nazarene,
Hated, spurned, despised, forsaken
For wh'er the golden sheen
Of the Easter sunlight, driving
Back the shadows of the night,
Ushers in the golden beauty
Of a day of glorious light,
There the Christ is born in glory,
And no place can claim his birth,
For the ever-present Saviour
Lives and reigns in all the earth.
And where'er a soul in sorrow
Gropes its pathway toward the light,
There the Christ in loving service
Aids, supports, and by the might
Of divinity, incarnate
In our soul's divinest thought,
Lifts our hearts into the sunshine
Of the heaven Love hath bought.

—The Advance.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

Respect your individuality. It is a good thing to recall that we stand alone, that we are insulated from all our fellows, that each of us stands out distinctly before God as if there were not another being on the planet. Realize this constantly. Do not confound yourself with other people; do not lean upon other people; stand on your feet.

We saw an article the other day in which the writer insisted that roses ought to be grown on their own roots; he said such roses were stronger and safer, and that they thus came to the utmost perfection of their splendid nature. It is the same with men. Keep on defining your individuality, hold personal fellowship with God, grow on your own roots, grow for eternity.

Realize your responsibility. Never attempt to limit it or to escape it; it is your glory, it alone distinguishes you from things and brutes.

We may not put our burden on our brother, but we may lean on God. He knows us personally. He does not know the ocean only, but the drop; not the Milky Way, but the star; not the meadow, but the flower; not the mass, but the atom; not the millions, but the man. He knows you, and knows you altogether. And he can bear your burden. It would crush your neighbor, but it would not crush him. He can bear it as easily as the Atlantic bears a bubble, easily as Mont Blanc a snowflake. Cast "all your care upon him, for he careth for you."—*Canadian Baptist*.

"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN."

The visit of a "ruler of the Jews" and "master of Israel" to the "Teacher come from God" was a most interesting and instructive incident in the careers of both men. As an occasion eliciting the teaching of Jesus concerning entrance into his spiritual kingdom it was of the most profound significance. When Jesus said to his venerable and learned visitor, "Ye must be born again," he opened up before man a new era; he

introduced him into a new realm; he lodged in his mind a new thought; he challenged him to the realization of a new spiritual possibility.

These strange words fell from the lips of the Son of God and the Redeemer of man. Whether they be translated as "born from above," "born again," or "born of water and of the Spirit," the same thing is meant. In the three assertions made to Nicodemus by Jesus, what is meant is a mysterious influence by and through the Holy Spirit upon the nature of man. It is mysterious in its operation and in respect to the different experiences which that operation produces in different human souls. The plain declaration of Jesus, as well as the observations of men, proves that the effects of the operation and influence of the Holy Spirit are discernible. Jesus said to Nicodemus: "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is everyone that is born of the Spirit." He also declared that it signifies an extraordinary change in the nature of men, not using the word "nature" as a material thing or as relating to the body, but to that which for want of better words we call the spirit, or popularly the soul, when he said: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." It is for this reason that a man not born of God cannot enter into or see the kingdom of God.

If it be true, as some assert, that it is not now common to hear sermons on the new birth, the pulpit is ignoring its high calling, and the power of its message is a diminishing quantity. To preach mere culture, it matters not how enticing; or philosophy, it matters not how profound; or ethics, it matters not how exalted, instead of the gospel of the new birth as proclaimed by Jesus Christ, is to degrade the ancient and holy office of the pulpit, and to cast the imputation of hypocrisy upon the Saviour of men. When the doctrine of the new birth is preached by men who thoroughly believe in it because they thoroughly know it by personal experience, the pulpit rises to its rightful and exalted place; the minds of sinful men are stricken; their hearts are touched, and they give evidence of the need of spiritual regeneration through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit by crying out, "Men and brethren, what must we do to be saved?"

The doctrine of the new birth is not worn out; it cannot be discarded; it has vitality and potency in it; the propagation of the faith once delivered to the saints depends upon it; the establishment of the divine kingdom in the hearts of men throughout the world is contingent upon it. The church that desires to hold itself steadfast to the divine ideals and to prosecute its mission in accordance with God's purposes for the regeneration of men, will magnify the doctrine, believe it, experience it, sing it, and live in harmony with it; while from its pulpits men of consecration, baptized by the Holy Spirit, and unwearied in a holy purpose to lead their fellows out of darkness into light, out of bondage into freedom, out of sin into righteousness, will point them to the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world, and declare, "Ye must be born again!"—*Christian Advocate*.

PREACH! PREACH.

A minister lay on a sick bed. His work was done. To a brother in the ministry, by his side, he said, with an earnestness which long impressed his mind, "Preach! Preach! you will be shut up soon enough!"

He had learned, as he was hastening to the close of life, what an unspeakable privilege it was to preach the gospel of God. Some have not yet learned it, but when the opportunity is past, the voice is hushed, and the privilege of preaching is gone, perhaps some one will more clearly understand the value of the precious privilege of proclaiming, among the Gentiles, the unsearchable riches of Christ.

The man who would not rather be God's ambassador than a crowned king, may have good reason to doubt whether he is called to this work of the ministry. The man who knows that he is appointed and anointed "to preach good tidings unto the meek," to "proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord," need not envy monarchs or princes or potentates their honors, wealth or fame. He may rejoice with joy unspeakable in the privilege that has been granted to him, knowing that though he now may sow in tears, ere long he shall reap in joy; and that the highest of earth's honors, and the purest of earth's joys, will be poor and mean compared with the joy unspeakable and full of glory, which shall crown the labors of the minister of the Lord, when the righteous Judge shall come to reward his people. I charge thee in the sight of God, and of Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom, preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and teaching."—*H. L. H., in Common People*.

KEEPING THE FAITH.

Blessed is the man who keeps the faith. There is not in all the world a finer sight than the home where a man keeps his courage and his honor through youth and manhood and age, bearing all burdens in hope because of the trust that centres in him. The wife will not let him reproach himself for any of the failures he is conscious of, for she knows that he has won the real victories of life. His children defend his name against all attacks, for they know that he has kept his honor where other men have surrendered; and for such successes as he has achieved they are all proud, glad, jubilant, for the prize has been honestly earned. If the world applauds, they are delighted, for the best of them like recognition. If the world withholds its praise, and the neighbors think of the man as a failure, the people who believe in him are sometimes amusingly aggressive in their resentment. The worker himself takes it all quietly, and has his hours of misgiving, but the unwavering faith of these who love him is his strength.

What a different world it would be if we all believed in one another as long as we could! How many weak ones would be kept on the main travelled road if they had such support, instead of the doubts and suspicions that tend to draw them aside! If a man seems to falter in a difficult task, and is almost ready to give it up for something easier, why not give him a bit of praise, even if it be not altogether warranted? "Go ahead; you are doing finely, and we are all banking on you." With all our fine

phrases about the brotherhood of man, how often do most of us go out of our way to show a struggling brother what the family expects of him?—*Christianity*.

THE NEED OF CHRIST'S FELLOWSHIP.

You will want Christ in the evening of life, for evening is a lonely time without company. You will look for Jesus when the shadows gather and your earthly friends are gone. You may not see any need of having the Master at life's high noon, or early in the afternoon when the sun is still shining, when friends are many and life is gay and roseate with promise; but when evening comes there will be a change, and in that hour you will recognize your need of the friendship of Jesus. To know the sweetness of his fellowship to-day and within its silent blessedness to walk toward heaven, is to fill both the day and evening of life with joy untold.

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