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SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.

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Seven hundred forty-one years before Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Isaiah prophesied that a Savior would be sent to Israel. He also foretold the manner of his birth, life, death and burial, which came to pass just as minutely as it had been prophesied. Isaiah also foretold Christ's second advent to the world, and since his first prophecy came true we have a right to believe that the second will also be fulfilled in due time. Jesus Himself said to his disciples: "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will came again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14: 3. According to this declaration, the fact that Jesus went away is proof positive that He will return.

When He went away it was a personal going, visible and glorious. Two angels informed the disciples that as He ascended so would He decend, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1: 11. He went away in person and the disciples saw Him ascend. He will also return in person and the saints shall see Him and behold His glory.

1. His coming will be unexpected by the world. "Behold I come as a thief." Rev. 16: 15. People are not expecting a thief and so are unprepared but the saints are not looking for Christ the "thief" but for Christ the Bridegroom. Hallelujah! "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." 1 Thess. 5: 4. A thief comes in the night, but there is no darkness about the "brethren," they are walking in the light, and will see their Beloved when He comes.

2. His coming will be sudden. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. 24: 27. There will be no time then to make confessions and restitutions; no time to pray and seek God for Salvation; no opportunity to get sanctified wholly. As quickly as the lightning flashes across the sky, just so suddenly will Jesus come and His bride away, and those unprepared will not go in with Him to the marriage, but but will perish in the devil's tribulation.

3. The world will not be converted when He comes. "For as the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark. And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. 24: 38-39. When the deluge came only eight persons were found sheltered in the ark, and Jesus has declared that when He comes the second time the world will be found in a sinful state and that the saved people will be "few." "Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded. But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destoyod them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed." Luke 17: 28-30.

4. The day and hour of His coming are unknown. "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." Matt. 24: 36. What fools people have been to set a day and declare that Christ was coming at a certain hour, when Jesus said. "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." Matt. 25: 13. Nevertheless their will be signs given whereby the saints may ascertain His near approach. "And there shall be signs in the sun and in the moon, and in the stars, and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking [illegible] on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. . . . And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own sevles that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the Kingdom of God is nigh at hand." Luke 21: 25, 26, 29-31. "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds." Mark 13: 26.27. Christ declared that His angels shall gather the "elect" together. Now, who are the elect? Saint Perer tells us, "Elect according to the fore-knowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, etc."

When you were converted God nominated you to the throne, but when He sanctifies you wholly, you will be elected to that honored and most glorious station. Do the holiness people believe in election? Certainly, they have been elected to sanctification through the sufferings of Christ. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." Heb. 13: 12.

When men are elected to an office in this world it is understood that it is "for life." or "during good behavior." Just so with God in His plan of salvation. When He elects (sanctifies) a soul it is to last forever, or uutil the soul compromises and forfeits his salvation. Brother, sister, if you fail to pray through and do not get sanctified wholly, you will never see Jesus. "Blessed are the pure in heart. for they shall see God." Matt. 5: 8. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" 1 Thess. 5: 22-24. Do what? Sanctify you wholly and keep you in that glorious experience until Jesus comes. Praise God for such a great salvation! Amen.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Quarterly meeting of district No. 2 convened with the church at the head of Millstream Tuesday, Sept. 24th. Rev. W. B. Wiggins led the opening service Tuesday evening, and gave a grand talk from John, 4th chapter, after which there was a grand testimony service. Wednesday evening Rev. M. S. Trafton preached from Isaiah, 12:3. At the close of the sermon a good number rose for prayer Thursday afternoon there was a grand praise service led by Licentiate Ira D. Long. Thursday evening Rev. W. B. Wiggins again preached a very tender and impressive sermon from Mark 1: 31, showing how Jesus drew near to us, in condescension, in sympathy, in mercy to help; also showing our duty in helping and ministering. A number rose for prayer. Rev. M. S. Trafton preached Friday evening from 1st Thess. 4:7-8, dwelling on God's call and our responsibility. The Lord used the message and fully half a dozen came forward and knelt seeking sanctification. Friday afternoon at 2 30 the business session was called to order by Pres. F. H. Grass with the secretary, Ira D. Long at the desk. The roll call of ministers found Revs. F. H. Grass, Z. B. Grass, M. S. Trafton, W. B. Wiggins and Licentiate Ira D. Long present. Following the reading of the minutes of last quarterly meeting the election of officers resulted in Rev. W. B. Wiggins being chosen as president; Rev. M. S. Trafton, secretary; Mrs. Alex. Hayes, treasurer, Brother A. Taylor, HIGHWAY agent. Then followed roll call of churches and delegates with report: Head of Millstream, Mrs. Alex. Hayes and Mr. O. Taylor, delegates. The delegates reported the church in fair standing. They felt they should thank God that He had led them to the organization of a Reformed Baptist church as they felt it to be best for the cause of holiness. They reported the Sunday school in good condition.

Upper Springfield reported by Mrs. Beals as delegate, also by letter. Mrs. Beals spoke encouragingly of the work and felt God was with them. Brother Hartley Kierstead, clerk, wrote very encouragingly. They had held a Sunday school picnic in union with Mercer Settlement at Millstream early in September. Two members, W. H. McCutcheon and wife had withdrawn. On September 12th Rev. Z. B. Grass began a few days of special services which were helpful.

Mercer Settlement reported by delegates and letter. Brother Douglas Hayes as delegate spoke very encouragingly of the work of the pastor, Rev. F. H. Grass. A goodly number are standing firm. A letter from the church through Brother Noah E. Hicks, clerk, says the pastor Rev. F. H. Grass has made a great blessing in bringing the messages of the gospel to them. The prayer meeting are seasons of refreshment, as they meet together and wait upon the Lord. The Sunday school is doing good work. Rev. Z. B. Grass was with them a few days and remained one Sabbath; the meetings were helpful.

St. John—no delegate. Reported by letter through the clerk, Miss Susie E. Case. The letter reported the pastor doing faithful work and the interest in the work good, while the work in the church and Sunday school was hindered considerably during the summer by so many being absent. Now, as all are settled down again the Sunday school is increasing. Two men were baptized Sunday the 22nd and given the right hand of fellowship.

Lutz Mountain—No delegate. No letter. Rev. Z. B. Grass spoke of the work saying, while he had planned on leaving the church and had tendered his resignation, yet they so urgently requested him to remain that he finally decided to remain and give them service every third Sunday. The interest in the work was increasing, the officers of the Sunday school had been changed and the hour of meeting was 9 30. The interest had greatly increased. Sunday services were led during his absence by two of the younger brethren.

Amherst—No delegate. No report, as Rev. F. H. Grass had recently visited them. He reported the interest good, souls were frequently saved in the services, the little band is faithful and doing good work. Brother F. H. Locke as leader is a faithful and usetul man. We ought to pray for them at Amherst.

Westchester reported by letter. The clerk, Mrs. Minnie Teed, writes in part: There is nothing new to report, but the little band is still strong in faith and full of courage. They have two meetings during the week and hold Sabbath school regularly every Sabbath. The Sunday evening service is quite largely attended although there is no preacher. Rev. Z, B. Grass paid them a visit of a few days and was used of the Lord to help them. Also M. S. Trafton spent a few days with them and encouraged them in the faith.

Greys Mills.—This church being organized during the quarter, was received by unanimous vote into the Quarterly meeting. They reported by letter. No delegates were appointed but Brothers William and Horatio Beasley were present and spoke very encouragingly concerning the work and were strong in faith for the future. The clerk, Miss Lucy Bradley, gave an account of the organization following the Beulah camp meeting, which was duly performed by Revds. M. S. Trafton, G. B. Trafton, W. B. Wiggins, and P. J. Trafton. There were fourteen organized in the church. They have met some opposition since the doors of the United Baptist church being closed against them, especially against the preachers. They hold their meetings in the homes. They meet in prayer meeting Tuesday evening with the United Baptist; they also yet continue the Sabbath school in union. They hope soon to erect a house of worship. The church is strong in faith and are standing in the bonds of holy love.

A short letter was read from Brother A. F. Tanner, from West Pembroke. As he could not meet with us he sent christian greeting, and gave his testimony "saved, sanctified and kept by the pewer of God through the precious blood.

Moncton—No delegates. Reported by letter. Brother A. Good, clerk, reported the church has been enjoying the blessing of God. The meetings are increasing in interest and numbers. Rev. W. B. Wiggins has come to them as pastor. The power of his sermons is felt in deepening the saints in their experiences and in convincing men and women of their need of Christ. Sister Wiggins is exerting a strong influence for good and is a great help in song and testimony. They are strong in faith for greater things.

It being brought to the notice of the Quarterly meeting that Licentiate Ira D. Long was soon going to Oskalassa Holiness College to pursue a course of study in preparation for the work of the ministry, a motion was unanimously passed giving the good will and sympathy of the Quarterly meeting. Revds W. B Wiggins and M. S. Trafton spoke very encouragingly, dwelling on the importance of thorough preparation for the work, and wished Brother Long God's blessing during his course, and would look forward to the time when he would return and take up the work with us.

A vote of thanks to the members of the church and those of the community who so kindly entertained us, was unanimously passed.

The business session was then adjourned to meet with the church at Westchester the first Tuesday in December.

Rev. Z. B. Grass and Licentiate Ira D. Long remained with the pastor over Sunday to continue the services.

REV. M. S. TRAFTON,
Secretary.

NINETEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

The Woodstock church will celebrate the 19th anniversary of its organization by a three days meeting Nov. 1st. 2nd. and 3rd. Woodstock church was the first Reformed Baptist church that was organized. It is only one day younger than the denommation. It has an interesting history. It was born under trying circumstances and has passed through many testing periods, but through it all the church has always maintained a vigorous spiritual vitality. In the nineteen years fine pastors have laboured with the church the late Rev. G. W. MacDonald being the first from 1888 to 1891. Rev. J. H. Coy from 1891 to 1892. Rev. A. H. Trafton from 1892 to 1895 during which time Rev. M. S. Trafton assisted him for several months. In Febuary 1895. Rev. W. B. Wiggins B. A. became Pastor and continued until 1906 since then Rev. S. A. Baker the present pastor has been in charge. This church has sent out a large number of strong christian men and women who are scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific, who are active in the word of Christ wherever they are found. From its membership four have been ordained to the gospel ministry, and are now in active work, viz: Revd's W. B. Wiggins B. A. S. A. Baker M. S. Trafton and P. J. Trafton. Rev. A. Hartt was also ordained by this church. From a financial standpoint this church has accomplished much, beside meeting all the running expenses, it has given largely to missionary and evangelistic work, and built up a church property of about ten thousand dollars, the entire amount being voluntary contribution. While there is always room for improvement in spiritual life and work, it can be said that this church is a live church, both spiritual and progressive in every department of her work and as in the past, so in the present "God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early." This is our confidence, our foundation and our faith for the future. We are extending a cordial invitation to our brethren to spend three days in blessed fellowship, in commemoration of the founding of this grand work that we as a people have been called of God to do, in holding up the standard of scriptural holiness in this land. Last year we received rich blessing in our eighteenth anniversary, we are trusting for greater blessing in our coming meeting.

THE HIGHWAY.

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