

## THE NEW CREATURE.

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To know God as our Father because we are born of him are begotten of God, is a marvelous transaction, so much so that men in their natural state cannot comprehend it, or begin to fathom it from any natural viewpoint, so that when Jesus said to his night visitor, ye must be born again, he immediately asked How? And to the multitudes today the same statement is just as big, and the natural man is still trying to get inside the supernatural and spiritual significance of Jesus words and is still trying to figure out by natural processes. How?

That God intended to make or himself a peculiar people that would reflect his own greatness is revealed in the words, Ye must be born again, for we immediately get the impression of a change of condition in the future of our lives.

That the glory and praise should all belong to God, the wonderful work of the souls new creation has been hidden from the natural man, and only revealed to his satisfaction when he is born "not of blood nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God," and then Jesus whence the wind cometh and whither it goeth, just as impossible as it is to tell how so great a transaction is brought about as the souls new birth, through his wonderful grace he allows that as many as receive him to them he gives power to become the sons of God, and right here transpires that wonderful change when old things pass away and all things become new. Oh that we might see the power of God displayed in the regeneration of thousands of souls after God's own all wise plan.

That too many souls are not born after his fashion, is evidenced among the professors of salvation, and the masses of church membership of today in the stubborn fact that the all-important change has not taken place which transforms the life and changes its course but they still follow up the pleasures of the world, and much or all the condition of the former life still exists, is a sorry but true revelation that if they ever thought they were converted they were greatly deceived, and when they sang at the baptismal waters, I rise to walk in heaven's own light, above the world and sin they hardly realized what they sang, and the first person they met with who advanced the idea of a life lived without sin and freedom from condemnation, and the joyous possession of a heart made clean and holy, the very idea is scouted, both because the soul is not heaven born, and because of unbelief through environment, and because the thing is to them a natural impossibility and their faith is not in the power of God but in the wisdom of men who like themselves have not known God in his supernatural almightiness and until there has been the working of his mighty power which he wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead performed in the heart and life there will always be doubt and uncertainty that will be the soul's final undoing no matter what organization we belong to or how much of natural or acquired works we may do or engage ourselves in and the soul be continually conscious of that inward unrest and dissatisfaction that only the Spirit of God can bring and bear witness to and where it is not a question as to whether someone agrees with me or not, but as John conclusively puts it, we know we know, and also the spirit beareth witness with our spirit, and our faith is anchored to the eternal Rock of Ages and we can say personally I know whom I have believed.

Paul says the eye hath not seen, nor the ear heard, neither hath the heart imagined from a natural viewpoint the things that God hath prepared for them that love him, but God has and does reveal them to his own by his spirit, and the spiritual revelations and glories that the harvest revels in while walking in holy communion with God so far surpasses the fleeting vanities of this world which men call realities, as the light and sunshine of a glorious summer day do the gloom of night.

No wonder people who prefer to have salva-

tion fight holiness and purity, they don't know God if they ever did, and with all charity we do not believe a single soul has fought that teaching and experience which would mean their better equipment for fighting the devil and being conquerors over all kinds of circumstances and to enjoy salvation, if they were born of God, for their origin is of a holy atmosphere and place and it seems a ridiculous contradiction. How unreasonable that a child would hate and fight its own parent in the will of the parent for the child's welfare and best and highest good.

The word declares that which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit, and if there is any sense in the comparison we must believe the flesh will resemble the flesh and so will the man or woman born of the Spirit of God resemble the holiness of that spirit, and will have a likeness to him whom they propose to belong to, and when we see they who profess to belong to God looking for their pleasures and satisfaction from the world and patronizing the creations of the Devil's kingdom we have serious concern as to the legitimacy of their birth.

Hear what John in his emphatic way says, Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, and if any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him, for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world; and we hear Jesus as he prayed for his disciples who were partakers of the same salvation and through the same atonement, they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world and could we imagine those disciples at the theater and the moving pictures, or the races, or any of those things that so many followers resort to for their inspiration and satisfaction? No, the possibility is beyond our imagination.

We believe the work of soul-saving is seriously hindered these days because the church is so in harmony with some of the elements of the world, that the dividing line is hard to find and the world no longer hates the church because of its peculiar position as a separate body called out from the world and distinguished from its God likeness, hence God is displeased and the supernatural display of God's convicting power and confirmation on the truth preached as in the days of old is not so often seen as it used to be, and we have to be satisfied with a show of accessories to the church roll, and many of the so-called converts still roll on in the old paths without any knowledge of God, and the conviction that causes the wicked to forsake her way and the unrighteous man his thoughts is not in evidence, consequently the sinner does not take back tracks, clean up and forsake the devil's soup houses and the froth and tinsel of the world and make start on the straight line for glory, his sins which were many are all blotted out and his soul conscious of the fact that something has happened that had its inception up on high, and he says no longer I'm fettered, the Lord hath control, the clear light of heaven breaks in on my soul! Oh that such might (not happen) but take place,

God has a high standard for his people and he still bids us come up to it, although many are doubting the possibility or are carelessly ignoring it and give it little or no consideration, but in spite of ourselves we are counted in the catalogue of sin or righteousness according to Gal. 5 where are enumerated the works of the flesh which lines up the sinner and also the fruit of the Spirit which smiles on the saint and right here we have the contrast in the two conditions, that of righteousness and that wherein in time past we walked according to the course of the world, at that time we were without Christ, strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world, but listen to the good news that he wants to accomplish his salvation in us, and then we are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God, and are built upon the sure foundation, Jesus himself being the chief corner stone, and all who are truly born of God through the spirit, and Paul says they might know

that Christ was dwelling in their hearts by faith rooted and grounded in love and through the wonderful experience of soul cleaning to know the love of God which passeth knowledge and be filled with all the fulness of God.

To live in the same old way (less an empty profession) first our pleasure in worldly amusement, dress like those of the world, indulge the habits of a sinful life (except the more awful sins which we would not mention) and the one thousand and one things which we would not think of doing if we walked as he, Jesus walked, and who is our example, is to flatly contradict all that is holy in religion and to put the standard so low that it means practically nothing, and if salvation means anything, it means to be saved or delivered from something, and that something is SIN, and the power that saves men from that sin is the power of the indwelling Christ who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth and if we ever see Jesus we must be saved from the power and guilt and infamy of sin so that when he appears we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is.

## THE POOL ROOM.

Pool rooms have been challenged by fathers and mothers as places where their sons learn to drink. The pool room is a place also to idle away precious time, say nothing of the associations, and some fairly good people question the pool and billiard tables helpfulness to boys under the best conditions, and should not have a place in the Y. M. C. A. Some men have passed through this line of pastime, and know something about them, and these men don't want their sons to learn these games. Every town don't have a Y. M. C. A. if they have pool rooms and the boys resort to them just for the game. Get into the associations found there.

## MISSIONARY MEETING.

Our monthly missionary meeting for April was held on the 8th inst., the President, Mrs. C. O. Mutch in the chair. After the usual opening and devotional exercises, the pastor, Rev. W. B. Wiggins gave a most excellent address on our African Mission, illustrating with maps and blackboard lessons. As he has made a thorough study of the subject and has always kept closely in touch with our missionaries he was fully prepared to give us an interesting, instructive and helpful talk. Most of his hearers were surprised when they realized how little they really knew about our mission station, geographically at least. The routes travelled by our different missionaries, beginning with Dr. and Mrs. Sanders' first voyage plainly pointed out. Then a careful and detailed description of Balmoral Farm, and all pertaining to it was given. The clever blackboard studies helped to make everything seem real to us, and we felt that our pastor had certainly spared no pains in helping us to get better acquainted with our missionaries, their home life and their work.

Yours in the work,  
MRS. O. R. ESTEY,  
Cor. Secretary.

A corruption of morals usually follows a profanation of the Sabbath.—Blackstone.

# RIVERSIDE CAMP MEETING

August 12th to 21st, 1921.