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VICARIOUS SUFFERING OF THE SAINTS

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At his conversion, Paul received the key to this mystery of suffering. The voice from heaven answered "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest," thereby showing Christ, suffering in the persons of his elect. This vision remained with him. When Paul was persecuted, he saw that his tormentors were persecuting Christ. In fact, all his suffering he looked upon in this light. Therefore he could say "I rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind in the afflictions Christ in my flesh, for his body's sake, which is the Church."

Repeatedly we hear Paul and the other Apostles rejoicing in their "afflictions," "trials" and "sufferings," and they all tell us to do the same. To do so, it will be helpful to get their point of view, which is, all the suffering is "for his body's sake, which is the church."

Suppose we take from our New Testament all the writings of the Apostle Paul? It would be to rob the church of much of her richest legacy. No wonder then when we read, "I obtained mercy that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all long suffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on Him, to life everlasting." Here is one benefit then, to the body of Christ from the suffering of Paul and all the saints who stand the tests: they are a pattern to others. Think not, tried one, that it is a small thing before God that you hold true amid the "the light afflictions" of daily life. You need to be "strengthened with all might according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long suffering with joyfulness." Yes, you need and may have, not only the Spirit's "glorious power," but also

a vision of the good your suffering is accomplishing for oGd. A greater than Paul "endured the cross, despising the shame," all "for the joy that was set before him"—a two fold joy. First, "My meat and my drink, is to do the will of him that sent me." Second, "Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." A two-fold joy is also set before us. We too, suffer that we may be a pattern to others, and "in as much" as we do this for his body, the church, we do it for the Christ, whom we love above all else.

We may have power to comfort others in their troubles, only when we have passed through like trials, upheld by "the everlasting arms" and comforted "by the God of all comfort." Therefore we may and will rejoice, as did the apostles, when fierce trials assail, knowing that 'tis for his body, the church.

Let's bear in mind that we are compassed about by a "great cloud of witnesses," the tried and true of all ages, who "endured as seeing Him who is invisible." They of both worlds are interested as to how trials effect the saints of God. Christ intercedes for us, while the Spirit's armour will enable us to be "strong in the power of his might," so that we may "stand and having done all to stand."

Instead of "going to pieces" or being discouraged, we shall have "peace that passeth understanding" and "joy unspeakable and full of glory." Amid the flames of our furnace, the onlookers will behold "One like the Son of God." All trials have an end, while the coming forth triumphantly, increases our faith, and that of the

body of Christ, enable us to comfort others in similar trials, makes sinners long for this old time religion, and redounds to the glory of our great Saviour in both worlds.

H. C. SANDERS.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Highway:

We are certainly thankful to Almighty God for his many blessings bestowed, and for the interest manifested by the members of the church and friends in our welfare. On Monday night, March 13th, under the auspices of the missionary society, a number gathered at the parsonage and spent the evening, which passed rapidly in the singing of gospel songs and the carrying out of a short programme, after which refreshments were served by the good sisters. Before departing, Brother L. A. Morrell, on behalf of those present and some who were detained, presented us with a nice sum of money, part to be used to pay the balance due on the electric light, the balance, which was a goodly sum, was for the pastor and his wife. We tried to acknowledge our appreciation, but words failed to express our gratitude for all these kindnesses received. All joined in singing "Praise God from all blessings flow." Rev. W. B. Wiggins offered prayer and the company broke up. I am thankful that my strength is returning. Keep on praying.

P. J. TRAFTON.

Dear Brother Baker:

Am enclosing money order for renewal and the balance for the Highway Supplementary Fund. I find all the reading in our little paper very helpful and interesting, and the print so plain, good for failing eyes. And I love the theme it advocates—scriptural holiness. Am glad I am in the narrow way, kept by the power of God, and I purpose to "trust and obey."

MRS. R. C. MANNING.

234 Grace St., Toronto.

Dear Brother Baker:

Please find enclosed a money order for \$75.00; please place to the credit of Henry Benson's Sunday School Class for the Sterritt Sisters' Salary Fund."

My testimony is that Jesus still keeps me from all sin because I fully put my trust in Him and I am enjoying the blessing. Glory to God.

May God continue to bless and ever keep you true, praise His name.

Yours truly,

A. E. COOK.

Seal Cove, Grand Manan, N. B.

"Jesus called His disciples one by one. If you and I are to be successful soul winners we must interest ourselves in individuals."

The symptoms of spiritual decline are like those which attend the decay of bodily health. It generally commences with loss of appetite and a disrelish for wholesome food, prayer, reading the Scriptures and devotional books. Whenever you perceive these symptoms, be alarmed, for your spiritual health is in danger.—Payson.