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## EDITORIAL.

### PRAYER.

O Lord, help us, we pray Thee, to follow Thee, and not to be too proud to do the things that Jesus was humble enough to do. May we be the servants of His servants; may we be every ready to help one another. Make us glad to undertake the lowliest offices, remembering that we are servants of Him who made Himself of no reputation to serve us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—Sel.

**"And this is his commandment, that we should believe on the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment."** I. John, 3:23.

God's commandments are always plain and pointed, so that the common mind can perceive and receive them if it will.

To believe on the Lord Jesus Christ is to receive Him into our mind and heart and will—cheerfully accept Him as our Saviour and submit to His rule in all things—**this is eternal life.**

We cannot believe on the Lord Jesus Christ in the true gospel sense, and have our own way. Faith always presupposes a letting go of all other props and a taking hold of Jesus Christ—a letting go of all supports and a falling helplessness into the Almighty arms of God.

Not only are we commanded to believe on Jesus Christ; but we are also to love one another. Some one has said that Jesus' command to his disciples—"That they should love one another, as he loved them," is the 11th commandment. Jesus Christ said that the whole law was comprehended in loving God supremely and our neighbor as ourselves. And Paul says that love is the fulfilling of the law.

John says "love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God." He means of course **Divine love**, which comes from God only, and is one of the fruits of the Spirit. No one loves God naturally. "The carnal mind is enmity against God." But being born again of the Spirit, He brings all His graces with Him when he renews the soul, and love is the chief. Hence, as soon as we are born of God we love God

and love his children and our hearts go out after perishing souls.

Now this love to God or God's love may be "perfected in us;" that is to say, all antagonisms to love in the heart may be removed and love fill the whole heart. This takes place when we ask God, in faith, **to remove the carnal mind and cleanse our hearts from all unrighteousness** through the merits of the blood of His son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Then, our love to God is made perfect or we are said to possess "**perfect love.**" With this love there is no slavish fear, for John says such fear hath torment, "but perfect love casteth out fear."

This love of God in our hearts not only causes us to love others, but to love even those who are our enemies. The natural man **cannot** love his enemy. He may refrain from doing him harm, he may even do him good, for even atheists and infidels can do this, but he **cannot really love him.** To love those who hate us, to do good to those who **wilfully** do us harm; in brief, to return good for evil at all times is Divine, is Christ-like.

But the man who says he loves God with all his heart, soul, mind and strength, and his neighbor as himself, and yet is not kind and gentle with his enemies, or grumbles at trials, or complains when asked to give of his means to support the minister or cause of God, or the poor, or any other good cause, does not tell the truth when he testifies to having perfect love.

It requires a great degree of watchfulness to **retain** perfect love; and one of the chief means of retaining it, is to humbly declare what God has given us, and earnestly and lovingly exhort all believers to seek it with all their heart, and follow after holiness without which no man shall see the Lord,

Dear reader, **have you obtained Perfect Love?** If you have not, you may, and you ought. God commands it. Again—if you ever obtained it, **have you retained it? Do you possess it now?** Are you manifesting its fruit? You know and the world knows whether you are or not. For next in importance to **obtaining perfect love**, is to **retain perfect love.** So many fail here. **Have you?**

### PRAYER.

Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He will strengthen thine heart: wait, I say on the Lord. Isa. 27:14.

The Christian life is one of progressiveness. We are either making advancement, or we are retreating; we are stronger today than we were last year, or we are weaker; we are richer in grace or we are more destitute, and we each know just in what condition we are, for the Holy Spirit reveals these things to us. And oh—if some have lost the joy out of their lives, how grieved He must be.

The secret of a Christian's successful life is prayer, or vice versa. Some one has said, "prayer is getting things from God." We surely do get things when we pray in faith, as many of us know by experience.

Our text tells us of the happy result of waiting on the Lord—a renewal of strength; and if we ever needed to be strong spiritually, it is today. Then if we

only get strength through prayer, we should live in the spirit of prayer, be found often with our Lord, with the open Word before us, claiming His promises. This "waiting on the Lord" may many times mean, in silence; listening to what He has to say to us. At other times it is to really prevail in prayer, until we have the definite answer for a real need.

Satan is just as busy, if not more so, this year as he was last year, doing all he can to allure the weak Christian away from God; this is especially true with the young converts. Satan entices them through worldly pleasures, which, at first, seem so innocent; until they lose their desire for spiritual things and are quickly overthrown. The Apostle Paul knew what he was talking about, when he warns us to beware of the "wiles of the devil," and admonishes us to put on the whole armour of God. And the only way we can keep the armour on is by prayer.

So, beloved, let us determine this year of 1924, that we will pray more than ever before, with faith that pleases God, for "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man, availeth much." Praise the Lord.—I. M. K.

### LITTLE WORDS.

Just a little word that bore  
Comfort to a heart grown sore,  
Filled a day with better cheer  
That had else been dull and drear.  
Softly spoken, gladly heard  
Was that gentle little word.

Just a little word of scorn,  
Sharper than the rose's thorn,  
Spoiling gladness with its smart,  
Rankling long within the heart.  
Lightly spoken, sadly heard  
Was that bitter little word.

Oh, the power of little words!  
Swifter they than winged birds;  
Messengers of joy or pain,  
Heavenly kindness, anger's bane;  
Borne on one fleet breath, they may  
Hurt or help for many a day.

Let us make them brave and true,  
Speaking none that we must rue,  
For in some eternal year  
We our words again may hear,  
Echoing back to you and me  
Fruitage of their ministry.

### A SEARCHING TRUTH.

There is no more spiritual and mysterious truth than that Christ our Head is actually and entirely dependent upon the members of His body for the accomplishment of His purpose of mercy towards a perishing world. Partnership in His saving work is the crown and highest glory to which any Christian can aspire. Would we be prepared for the maximum of possible service and blessing? Surely this is the ambition of every child of God. The answer is, "If a man purge himself he shall be a vessel unto honor." If we have failed in the past, it is not because of lack of talent or human ability. Is it not rather because our hearts have not been cleansed from sin?—Selected.