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EDITORIAL

"AND WHAT SHALL THIS MAN DO?"

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In our last issue we took up this question, and we purpose taking up other aspects of the question. You will notice it is an individual question, in that it was asked concerning an individual. We come again to that vital question, What shall I do? Every professing Christian should have an interview with himself or herself quite often. Self-examination, under the light of God's Word, is very profitable.

Paul, writing to the Corinthian church, gives this admonition: "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves."—2 Cor. 13-5. There is nothing more important, for if left to ourselves, without the searching of the Spirit and the Word, we will go astray.

We stated in the previous article the importance of paying our vows. We are sure that this aroused us. Each individual has made vows; have we paid them?

2nd—Seek first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness. This was the advice of Jesus to His disciples; the issue was clear after that, for He said, all other things shall be added unto you. This brings us face to face with the problems of the day. Making the Kingdom of God the first in all of our living. How many of us are really doing it? This naturally leads us to a life of total abandonment to God. Self is nailed to the cross; the wish and will of friends and loved ones are swallowed up in the will of God.

We think the answer one man gave to another was to the point, when asked the question, what are you doing now? The answer was, I am serving God, and working as a carpenter to meet expenses. That should be true of us all, and if it was, we believe a revival would begin among us right away. Paul worked at tent making in some places for the purpose of supplying his need, but he gave the major part of his time to the work of God, not the tag ends. It is a serious question to ask ourselves, as ministers and people. Are we seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness?

I had a thousand questions to ask God, but when I met Him face to face I forgot them all, and it didn't seem to matter.—*Christopher Morley.*

JESUS LOVING SAVIOUR

Jesus, my dear loving Saviour,
He is all the world to me;
Through all the storms and temptations,
He lovingly guides and keeps me.

I never could live on without Him,
My life would empty be;
Without the dear Holy Spirit,
Who fills and satisfies me.

Oh, he is a wonderful Saviour,
This dear loving Saviour of mine;
I am so glad that I found Him,
He is with me all the time.

Jesus, my dear, loving Saviour,
I love Him more and more;
As down the pathway of life
I go, toward the other shore.

In sickness and health I am trusting Him,
To guide me safely through;
I am nothing but weakness of myself,
There is nothing that I can do.

But I have an Almighty Saviour,
So loving, so kind and so true;
And if I continue to trust Him,
He will take me safely through.

If through the valley of death I'm called,
My hand in His will be;
Just think, I'll be with Him
Through endless days throughout Eternity.

NADA WEAD WHEELER

TRUST AND TRIUMPH

(Melody: Believe Me if All These Endearing
Young Charms).

I walk in the midst of disaster and woe;
The ruin of hopes I behold
By the chastening rod; I accept it, and Lo!
It is changed to my sceptre of gold.
My mind on Jehovah in trust I have stayed,
And perfect the peace I have known;
Tonight on the couch of my anguish I'm laid,
Tomorrow I sit upon a throne.
As those Hebrews in Dura, a Presence I know,
As I pass through the ordeal of flame;
Yes, Love through crucible with me will go:
Immanuel, this is His name.
And out of my trial, its sorrow, its pain,
My Father prepareth a crown;
Some glorious day as a king I shall reign,
"When the city of God cometh down."

—Rev. E. Wayne Stahl

SOME DIFFICULTIES OF THE HOLINESS CHURCH

If Jesus died to make men holy; if heaven is a holy place; if holiness is a blessing obtainable in this life; if "without holiness no man shall see the Lord"—all of which are true—then it seems the work of a holiness church ought to be considered so important and necessary that Christian people everywhere would be interested and cooperative. But practical acquaintance with the work of holiness churches soon brings one down from an ideal of what ought to be into the realm of things as they are.

The holiness church depends on spirituality. Some churches are ritualistic in their standards. The inquirer among them is told to submit to the ritual if he would be religious: to take his first communion, to attend mass, to be baptized, to learn some creedal statement of faith. Some churches set up a formal standard. To those who are willing to belong, they merely say: "Accept

Christ as your Saviour and join the church;" or sometimes this by the minister: "Give Christ your heart and the pastor your hand." But the holiness church grapples with the sin question in each life. It believes in great epochs in personal experience, in Bible awakening, in repentance, in conversion, in entire sanctification. And because it is hard on sin, a world of sin and sinners is hard on the holiness church. It is always engaged in a war—the war of the ages—that began in the Garden of Eden and continues to affect every soul that sets out for heaven.

The rarity of moral heroism makes it hard for the holiness church. In a world of people in the days of His incarnation, Jesus found only "about five hundred" who were His followers and less than one out of four of that number that tarried in Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit. People who are different from the world for Christ's sake are not the English-sparrow type, numerous and chattering in every bush, but they are more frequently the lone souls, eagle-saints, who are willing to go it alone if necessary.

It is hard to be really consistent, hence the difficulties of building holiness churches. And holiness must be consistent if it is holiness. An important item in the Biblical description of worthy people is that they were "just." Justification, when given a fair chance, makes consistent living, and with such a foundation you have a fair start for obtaining a holiness experience.

Few will deny themselves present pleasures for future good. "The world is too much with us" the poet says. It is here, while heaven is yonder. The world tries to steal away the spring and summer of life for pleasure, but the keen vision of holiness sees life in the true perspective of seed-time here and the harvest-time hereafter.

Not many see the importance of little items in relation to God's will. It does not take many false notes to spoil the music, just a few will do the trick. "Many trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle," explained the great artist as he patiently chipped at the marble, deftly putting in the fine details that made his work a thing of beauty for all time. It is difficult to win large numbers of people in any one place to a sympathetic and hearty support of the Holy Spirit's fine work on the soul in fitting it to stand unashamed in God's presence. Some people see no sense in plain dress and refraining from wearing jewelry just because the Bible says so. Some never take the slang and by-words and "white lies" out of their speech. Some never develop much of a conscience for Sabbath-keeping. Some do not get along where they are really saved from ungodly tempers, because they are not willing to be greatly awakened to the evil of it. They excuse themselves by such a remark as: "My anger does not last long," to which one might reply "neither does a bullet take much time to reach the mark when shot from a gun."

Here is the substance of the matter. Jesus returned to heaven, we are told, "To prepare a place for you." He sent the Holy Spirit to earth to work on us and in us and for us to prepare us for residence in that wonderful place. Taken in all its bearings upon life, we may call the Spirit's operations the work of holiness, the operation most important of all things in this life. Whatever may be the difficulties in the way, the work of the holiness church seems to us to be greatly worth while, for it has eternity in its plan.—The Wesleyan Methodist.

A church needs salt that is salty; but it also needs genuine sugar. Can you keep sweet?