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EDITORIAL

IF THOU HADST KNOWN

"If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! But now are they hid from thine eyes." Luke 19-42.

These words were uttered by Jesus as he was descending the Mount of Olives as he came in sight of the City of Jerusalem. It seems like an outburst of a pent-up fire; the agony of his soul was poured forth. He had done his best to reveal to them the great love of God and the provision he had made for their redemption and salvation; he had poured out his soul in his life of thirty-three years and they had not given heed to his earnest pleading, his mighty miracles, his solemn warnings and now it seemed too late, their fate was set, their doom was sealed.

God had not willed it so, but his awful judgments were to be poured out upon them because of their rejection of his proffered mercy.

What terrible meaning is expressed in the words, "but now are they hid from thine eyes." If the light which is in thee become darkness, how great is that darkness. God save us from such a state as this, but this is the state into which nations, denominations, churches and people will come who turn away from gospel light and truth, and turn to error.

What a sad state this old world is in today because Jesus is not being taken into their councils.

The church today is reaping the harvest of her sowing to unbelief. If the church in the past had given attention to the written word and the leading of the spirit there would not be within her borders today this destructive spirit of unbelief.

God's call to his people has always been to holiness, to a life filled and controlled by the spirit of God. Rejection of light always brings darkness. The teaching in many of the largest schools and colleges is but a reflection of the condition in the church.

We feel that Christ looking out upon the church in the world today, has that same cry of sorrow, "If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day."

He in the personality of the Holy Spirit is knocking at the door. Our responsibility is to let him in and have his way; if not dire

calamity awaits us. May there be no letting down in our position, for a remnant will be saved. Shall we be among that number who walk in the light, having the sanctifying grace of God within our lives, and are keeping ourselves in the love of God and walking in the fellowship of the spirit.

THE DOLE

To feed and clothe the children, the sick, and the aged, who are unable to provide for themselves, is not only a commendable use of money, but an imperative Christian duty. Very different from this kind of charity is the idea of the dole. The dole means something for nothing. It was passed out in ancient Rome as "free corn." It is dispensed in England in these times. It is proposed for America. To sponsor the dole has sometimes been good politics, no doubt. It has never been good statesmanship. If there is too much money in the hands of the few while others starve there is still a better way for all concerned than to give able-bodied men something for which they give nothing in return.

If a house is frequently called upon for a little money or food it is a good thing to have a wood-pile, or some other place of useful employment, where those asking help can earn what they are to receive. It would be better to keep a pile of stones and pay a man forty cents an hour to move those stones to one spot, and then pay the next man the same price to move them back again, than to give the money with no returns at all—far better for the recipient of the money, and better for society.

This same principle holds true on the larger scale. Our national, state, and city governments can supply useful work and that is exactly what ought to be done in times like these.

Those who have driven a few thousand miles over our city streets and national and state highways sincerely wish that one million men might go to work to make these streets and highways what they ought to be. If this number could be thus employed we would not only get the better roads which we so badly need, but three or four million men besides the one million would be employed furnishing machinery, cement, food, clothing, houses and automobiles to the millions directly employed on the roads.

Of course all this would cost us something but it would be worth all that it would cost in the material and social benefits obtained. It would be one hundred times better than the dole or any other such form of charity. Of course we all know this, but still the heads of our governments talk, and talk, and talk, and do little about it.—The Free Methodist.

GRACE AND FAITH

By F. A. Brewer

"By grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of ourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8-9).

Grace is unmerited favor, or the gift of God, to the glory of God, and the salvation of man.

Faith is the gift of God, and man's obligation toward God, himself, and others. Faith is imperative and requisite to the upbuilding of character, and the perfecting of our spirits. "Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience" (James 1:3). Also, "Let

patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire wanting nothing" (James 1:4). As much as to say, "Let the trial of your faith being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (I. Peter 1:7). The contrast here is the value of faith as compared with gold. Only gold as zero is left in the background, while faith is continued in the highest acclamation eternal. So, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him" (Heb. 11:6). How wonderful, that every good and perfect gift cometh down from the Father of light, and yet He is pleased in the use of the very things He gives. Few of us have made the most of the grace of God. He speaks so approvingly, and yet sparingly, of our accomplishments as compared with His reward. "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Luke 25:21). Therefore, "The Lord is my song. He is become my salvation" (Exod. 15:2). Thank God for Jesus!

"Not by works lest any man should boast." The devil is not an enemy of good works, when he can get people engaged in them as a substitute for grace. The old serpent strikes his fang at grace, as the capital city or stronghold is the object of attack in time of war.

The thief on the cross, Christ's first trophy, was penitent and humble. Aside from this, the only thing he ever did, and the greatest thing he could do, was to believe.

When the people whom Jesus fed found Him, they said unto Him, "What shall we do that we might work the works of God?" He said unto them, "This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent" (John 6:28-29). The very simplicity of the way is so plain that a fool shall not err therein; and yet the professedly wise stumble over the simplicity. In their profound wisdom, and elaboration of works, they lose sight of the fact that salvation is a free gift. Yes, the Bible says, "Buy the truth and sell it not," and the price you pay is an unconditional surrender of yourself. And, "Ye are not your own, we are bought with a price." If you don't belong to yourself you haven't much of personal possession. If you take that as it means, you are the most fortunate person, for you belong to One who belongs to you. You are indebted of your limitations to One, who, by promise of unlimited glory, honor, and riches, will give you all things freely. You obligate yourself and all to Him, and He obligates Himself and all to you.

Again, we manifest our faith by our works, or the spirit of them; for if there be any virtue, it is acceptable unto Him by faith. Abraham believed God and it was accounted unto him for righteousness. It was said of the ancient worthies, "These all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise." Not through lack of interest for we read, "Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you" (I. Peter 1:10). Again, "In * * * that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying: If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scriptures hath said, out of His inmost being shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive; for the Holy