

of some scholarship. It is sad when a holiness congregation has a feeling of pride, when it can put on its church board outside, Rev. Demas Puffer Ph. D., or D. D., if that brother has none of the fire and glory that should go with the preaching of real holiness. It does not take long for a new spiritual movement to fall into the same snare that has caught others. These external things make us say, "We are rich and increased in goods and have need of nothing"; failing to see evidences of our poverty and spiritual decline all about us. "Hold fast that thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

RICH YET POOR, AND POOR YET RICH!

By G. A. Rogers

Text: II. Cor. 8:9.

Introduction: I. Paul introduces this thought by reminding us of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. The word "that" is used to present the purpose for which grace was manifested.

I. Rich Yet Poor: "That, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he (Christ) became poor."

1. The Son of God became the Son of man. (Phil. 2:6,7)
2. The Creator of the world and man became the helpless Babe of Bethlehem. (John 1:3; Luke 2:7)
3. The Christ of Glory became a man of no reputation. (Phil. 2:7)
4. He left the many mansions for the manger. (John 14:2; Luke 2:7)
5. He left the Holy City for a world of sorrow and sin. He was called "A man of sorrows." (Isa. 53:3)
6. He sacrificed the commendation of the Heavenly Host for the condemnation of sinful man. (Luke 2:13; Matt. 27:31)
7. The Sinless Christ became a sin-offering (Heb. 4:15; Isa. 53:10)

II. Poor Yet Rich: "That ye through his poverty might be rich."

1. Christ was born of our nature (human) that we might be born of His divine nature. (John 1:14; II. Peter 1:4)
2. Christ became the Son of man that we might become the sons of God. (I. John 3:1, 2)
3. He emptied Himself of His glory that we might "be filled with all the fulness of God." (Eph. 3:19)
4. He became "The Stranger of Galilee" that we might be "no more strangers," but fellow-citizens with the saints, etc." (Eph. 2:19)
5. He became poor that we might "be heirs of God" (II. Cor. 8, 9; Rom. 8:17)
6. He became the Rejected Stone that we might become God's Temple for His Spirit to dwell in. (Matt. 21:42; I. Cor. 3:16)
7. He was numbered with the transgressors that we might be numbered with the redeemed (Isa. 53:12).
8. Christ ate His last supper with a betrayer that we might eat with the Lamb at the marriage. (Matt. 26:23; Rev. 19:7)
9. He became a sin-offering (a curse) that we might get rid of sin (the curse) (Gal. 3:13).
10. He died in a sinful world that we might live in the Glory world and never die. (John 3:16)
11. He received the Crown of Thorns from hands of cruel men that we might re-

ceive the Crown of Righteousness from the loving hands of the Righteous Judge. (Matt. 27:29; II. Tim. 4:8)

Conclusion: Let us become millionaires in grace and glory.

Young People's Column

CHRISTMAS

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It has been found possible to forget events which have taken place and have gone down in history, but there is no forgetting of Christmas.

As time rolls by so rapidly, tempest may rage, sickness may come, turmoil, strife and unrest prevail, statesmen and leaders may fail, yet we hear the eager voices of the children as they anticipate, and are ever ready to the welcoming call of Christmas morning.

The atmosphere becomes filled with unusual tenderness and the spirit of giving is entered into. None are too old to enter into the spirit of Christmas. Past memories spring up into vivid realities, and distil fragrance which overpowers everything else, and makes us breathe a sweeter life, helping to beautify all the surroundings of everyday life. This event which we are about to celebrate with gifts to our loved ones and friends and remembrance of the less fortunate and our special ceremonies in our churches are beautiful. But we must not drift into paganism.

As we think of Christmas our hearts and minds are turned back to that wonderful promise given many years ago to mankind, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace". (Isaiah 9:6). The most gracious gift that ever was bestowed upon humanity was in the person of Jesus.

While we are celebrating Christmas let us think what it means, mass means worship, hence Christ-mass or worshipping Christ. But, alas in so many so called Christian homes it does not always mean a season of worship, but oftentimes just a time of mirth, and feasting. Christ is crowded out and forgotten entirely. Let us ask ourselves why do we have Christmas Day? It is only because the heavenly Father had such great love for mankind. The first Adam had proven a failure as to God's purpose in the life of the nation, it had drifted into sin and folly of various kinds, hence God saw the great need of some one to save a lost people, so he sent Jesus his sinless Son to the world, not in all the pomp and power of a royal king, but in a lowly manner, so that all rank and conditions of mankind would feel that they could approach one of such a lowly attitude. This is why Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Hence Christmas Day.

Let us look at that scene in Bethlehem, see him lying in a manger, no crib for his bed, why? Because there was no room in the inn for him. Can you not picture that inn with all its grandeur, splendor and beauty, culture and refinement, and yet no room for Heaven's best gift, the "Son of God" in such a small parcel of humanity as a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes. Let us look at conditions as they exist today, are they not much the same as then? So many people have not any room for Jesus in their hearts. His wishes and plans cannot be carried out because they are so busy with their feasts and festivities and various other things.

But if we leave Christ out, then Christmas

is a misnomer. Someone has said it should be called "Family-Mass or Friend-Mass".

To Israel God said I hate, I despise, your feasts, and I will take no delight in your solemn assemblies (Amos 5:21).

Israel was pretending to worship God on those days, but Israel's heart was far from Him. Let us search our hearts and ask ourselves the question, are we pleasing God? Are we bringing unto Him our gifts of gold and frankincense and murrh as the wise men did when they saw the star and rejoiced with exceeding great joy?

Forget not Christ on Christmas Day.

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OUR NEED OF AN OLD-TIME SMASHING UP

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If some one were to ask me the one great need of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, I would not tell you it was more money, more members, larger and nicer buildings, as bad as we stand in need of all these, because that is not our crying need. Our one great need is an old-time melting and smashing up from the preachers down to the humblest members. Unless we have a melting and breaking up often we get stiff, our affection cools off, our emotion glides away, a stubbornness gets into our wills. We become high and dry, formal and almost dead. Friends, it is much easier to hold in the mind a well thought out form of doctrine and correct view of theology than it is to retain the tender melting flame of Divine love in the heart.

How long will it take us preachers, teachers and religious workers to learn the lesson that the "letter killeth?" Preaching the straight, radical truths, without unction, oil, and power is the mere "letter" which "killeth." In other words, unless we are blessed in our own hearts and preach the truth with feeling, and some unction we will be dry and high, and the meeting will have a deadening effect.

The great Charles G. Finney said: "Unless I have an overhauling of my soul at least once a week I lose the unction and power to win souls." Think of it; if the holy Finney needed a smashing and breaking up at least once a week, I am afraid that some of us are running without oil. A machine will wear out more in one day, running without oil, than it will in a year when properly oiled. If we run without oil there is a danger of hot boxes and friction. We become screechy and hard to get along with. It will pay us all to stop and oil up.

Listen, if our Church alone could have an old-time, waiting, melting time and smashing up, a Holy Ghost revival would break out. God would pour rivers of living water through these cleansed, open channels, which would do miracles. Sinners would get saved by the scores and hundreds, our membership would be increased, tithes would come pouring in, the empty pews and empty treasuries would be filled, salaries paid, mortgages burned, devils would flee, angels would rejoice, heaven would come down and the saints would be made glad—all because we had an old-time smashing up. Who will pay the price at your church?

Yours for a revival and melting and smashing up.
—The Wesleyan Methodist