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EDITORIAL

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION AND OURS

"If ye then be risen with Christ seek those things which are above."—Col. 3:1.

Every man saved or unsaved has or will have some kind of association with Christ: Association for good or for ill. The apostle John speaking of Christ says, "This is the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." Somewhere between the cradle and the grave Jesus will cross every person's path. Our Lord in speaking of Himself said, "And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it will fall, it will grind him to powder."—Matt. 21-44. When a penitent soul casts himself on Jesus for mercy, his will and spirit will be broken, in order to find salvation and victory: but whosoever will not repent of his sins and seek Jesus now, will meet Him again in judgment, and will feel the righteous wrath of a justly offended God whose Son that shed His blood for the redemption of a lost world has been rejected, and whose mercy has been spurned. On whomsoever He will fall in judgment He will grind him to powder. Men cannot get rid of Jesus by rejecting Him. But the association referred to in our text, risen with Christ is a very blessed and precious one. By the Resurrection of Jesus, and our resurrection from a life of sin we have very much in common. In his letter to the Colossians the apostle speaks of several experiences that we have in common with Christ. Note how often he uses those two words, "with Him." He says, "We are buried with Him, in baptism," Col. 2-12. Doubtless referring here to water baptism. In the following verse he says: "God hath quickened you together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses." Also he says in verse 20, "Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world," etc. The Word teaches that as truly as Christ had to be born and die before He could be raised again to perfect a great plan of redemption, so we must be born of the Spirit and also crucified with Him, (note two works of grace) before we can enjoy the spiritual resurrection, or the life of victory over all our foes, as Christ rose again and triumphed over His. The Apostle Paul also said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me." And again, "Our old man (self life) is crucified with Him that the body of sin might be destroyed."—Rom. 6-6.

To have much in common with earthly friends is what makes fellowship sweet. To have much in common with Christ is what makes our Christian life very real, and very blessed. The apostle

in his letter to the Romans says, "If we suffer with Him, we will be also glorified together." Not many folk even among those who profess to be Christians will suffer very much for Jesus' sake. How different they are from the great apostle whose chief desire was to know the fellowship of Christ's sufferings, and to fill up that which is behind of the sufferings of Christ.

No marvel that there is so much shallowness in the experiences of professing Christians, so little real godly piety, that impresses the unsaved world so that they take the churches very seriously. People generally are not paying very much for the privilege of knowing Christ and having fellowship with Him. They are taking the path of least resistance. They are not going to take issue with the tide of worldliness, they will compromise instead, to keep at peace with the world. There is not much of the martyr's spirit among us these days, not many that will suffer with Him. Hence the great dearth of spiritual life and blessing among us. The Holy Spirit is not being poured out upon us because so few really desire it. The promise is: I will pour water upon him that is thirsty and floods upon the dry ground. I will pour my spirit upon thy seed and my blessing upon thine offspring. People are so well satisfied with their present spiritual attainments, that there seems to be no thirsting after God, hence, no outpourings, no floods, no revivals of salvation. Oh, God! come near and put the spirit of intercession upon thy ministry and thy people until we will want a visitation of God in great revival power again more than we want anything else. Then we will be willing to suffer with Him, and for His sake that the world may be brought to Him. This dispensation was ushered in through the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus and His followers. Will it not have to be sustained and promoted by the same spirit? Let us look at our text again. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above." What things? Is He not referring to spiritual things? The outpourings of the Holy Spirit in revival power. Will we not accept the challenge, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in my house (food for hungry souls) and prove Me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Shall we not seek in humble prayer and supplication this promise of blessing poured out from above so great that there will not be room enough to receive it. The floods upon the dry ground. You say, that will require time, sacrifice, self-denial, and perhaps suffering on our part. You are right. But, will the results, viz., a great revival, not be worth the cost?

"A noble army men and boys,
The matron and the maid,
Around the Saviour's throne rejoice,
In robes of light arrayed;
They climbed the steep ascent to Heaven
Through peril, toil and pain,
O God to us may grace be given
To follow in their train."

ETERNAL LIFE

Dr. A. T. Pierson has a beautiful thought on this matter. He says: "Just as when you put a scion into a great tree, the scion begins at once to get the benefit of all the past years of that tree's life, as well as its present vigor and power and fruitfulness, so it is if you are ingrafted into God. . . . Eternal life is bliss, eternal life is power, eternal life is glory, none of which are necessary to immortality.

OBITUARY

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tained him through it all and made him a blessing to all who knew him. He was seventy-two years of age. The service was conducted from the church on Sunday afternoon and was largely attended. A mixed choir sang our brother's favorite hymns, "Shall we meet Beyond the River?" and "God be with you till we Meet Again." The writer spoke from Heb. 9-27. "It is appointed unto man once to die, and after that the Judgment."

He leaves to mourn his passing, a loving wife, one son, Nathaniel Beal, and three daughters: Mrs. Abel Peabody, Mrs. Floyd Beal and Miss Lulu Beal, all of Beals.

We extend our deepest sympathy to those who mourn the loss of a loving husband and a devoted father. REV. F. A. WATSON

Charles W. Barker

Charles W. Barker passed away from this life after a few weeks illness, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. D. B. Gordon, 339 Aberdeen St., Fredericton, N. B., March 24th, in the 71st year of his age. He was very tenderly cared for by his wife during his illness. He leaves to mourn besides his wife, one son, Sergeant Earl J. Barker, overseas; one daughter, Mrs. F. D. B. Gordon, Fredericton, N. B.; one sister, Mrs. Samuel Stephens, Douglas, York Co., a son-in-law, F. D. B. Gordon, and numerous other relatives and friends. The funeral was held Wednesday, March 26th, at 2.30 p. m., the writer officiating, assisted by Rev. J. D. L. Howson (Pres.) and was largely attended. Members of the Orange Order had part in the service at the grave. There were numerous beautiful floral tributes from far and near. Interment was in Rural Cemetery Extension. To the widow and other sorrowing ones we extend our heartfelt sympathy. P. J. TRAFTON

REVIVAL SUCCESS

Revival methods will vary with different times, places, and people; but the conditions, like those of life, growth, and fruitage, are always and everywhere the same. Pentecost is a graphic pen-picture of the meeting of these conditions and of the revival results which may follow.

1. They realized the imperative importance of the baptism with the Holy Spirit, to fit them for God's work.
2. They met to pray for this.
3. They claimed the fulfilment of the exceeding great and precious promises, which assure of His coming.
4. They were inflexibly determined to prevail, and to tarry until they did, were it ten days or longer.
5. They met the fixed conditions of self-abandonment and trust, upon which the promise is conditioned.
6. They were of "one accord" as to the object, motive, and time of the answer of their prayer.
7. As is always the case when these conditions are met, victory was given. If we meet like conditions, God will come to us, and that coming will be revival; and whether the people repent and are converted as under Peter, or resent and persecute as under Stephen, victory will be the result.—Rev. M. W. Knapp.

Temptation is Satan's effort to persuade you to sin. Testing or trial is God's effort to strengthen your faith and develop your moral strength.—Selected.