

services, camp meetings, etc. Agreement to avoid overlapping in church extension work has protected against misunderstanding and division. The groundwork is being laid for a strong and healthy union between these two sister denominations, both of which are dedicated to the task of "spreading scriptural holiness over these lands."

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"YOUTH FOR CHRIST" GOES ABROAD

The "Youth For Christ" movement is constantly broadening its sphere of influence and activity. Meetings are already under way in Japan, and recently a converted Chinese actor started Youth for Christ meetings in China. An inquiry has been received by the office of Youth for Christ International respecting the launching of the work in Greece. Plans are already laid for the sailing to England early in 1946 of Y.F.C. headquarters representatives, for a conference with youth leaders in Britain. About 700 groups hold weekly youth meetings each Saturday night across the Continent.

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JAPAN RIPE FOR CHRISTIANITY

Members of Holiness churches in Japan suffered much at the hands of the pre-war Japanese government. 25,000 members of the Japan Holiness Church were taken into custody in 1943, 'when a wave of religious persecution' swept the nation, and in April, 1944, the church was forced to disband. Four of the leaders of this church met death in prison, while others were cruelly persecuted. Good news it will be that, according to a four man committee which made a recent survey of Japan and Korea at the personal invitation of General MacArthur, Japanese Christians requested "Bibles, prayers and missionaries." Commenting, the San Francisco Chronicle states: "Japan is ripe for Christianity."

TEMPERED TRUTHS

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"But we all with open face, beholding as in a glass the Glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." 2 Cor. 3:18.

Beholding as in a glass the Glory of the Lord, cannot be other than a worthy and profitable employment. Worthy, because we are engaged in the highest good, and profitable, because the effects are salutary. That such a "Glass" may be found, has been the desire of men through the ages. That such a "Glass" has been found is the Inheritance of all who have in their possession a copy of the Holy Scriptures. Man, unaided by Divine revelation, is seriously handicapped in his quest after God, and yet we are amazed at the near approaches they have made to a decent conception of Him. However, there was always the feeling of uncertainty in the minds of those who arrived the nearest to a true knowledge of His Person and Will. How ought we to "search the scriptures," for, said Jesus, "they are they which testify of Me." A knowledge of God is the Foundation of Christian experience. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom." "This is life Eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." If in these messages this year, we can increase our desires for **Knowing** God, I will be happy.

We have been considering God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It seems there is no other way of understanding God in the light of His Word. God the Father sent His Son

into the world to save us. God the Son, became incarnate that He might redeem us. God the Spirit makes the redemptive work of Christ actual in men's hearts. Together, the Mind of God in Three Persons is carried out. Going back over the ground, it is our desire to take up in study some of the wonderful things that the Scriptures tell us about God.

First, God as Spirit

In St. John, chapter 4, verse 24, Jesus said, "God is Spirit." This applies to all Three Persons in the Godhead. "No man hath seen God at any time." "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible." These statements of the Father and Son, with the names given to the Holy Ghost declare God to be Spirit. An understanding of this fact, as far as our ability to understand allows, cannot but be interesting and profitable. With our thinking so earth-bound and materialistic it is difficult to rise to the immaterial and spiritual. To give reality to the spiritual is not easy, yet reality there exists. Christ spoke of Spirit as having power and manifesting the same to our senses. "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh or whither it goeth, so is everyone that is born of the Spirit." Man in spirit worships God who is Spirit. "Deep answereth to deep." Man's spirit nature is as real as his physical. His physical is only the medium through which the spirit manifests and expresses itself. Real power, as far as man is concerned, rests in the spirit of man. A nation loses its power when it loses its soul. "The body without the spirit is dead." Man's spirit nature is the best medium for understanding God as Spirit. The difference being the difference between man as finite spirit and God as infinite Spirit. However, since God is the "Father of all spirits," there must of necessity exist a relationship and likeness. The Spirit of God was in Christ the Son, but the Spirit of God in Christ could only be understood as He was pleased to reveal Himself to the spirits of men. "For what man knoweth the things of a man save the spirit of man which is in him." We can only know, argues the apostle, as he is minded to reveal himself to us. And we judge spirit by spirit. "Even so the things of God knoweth no man," unless God be pleased to reveal Himself to us. This of course applies more to the thoughts of God than to the nature of God. It however shows reality of spirit.

The Scriptures speak of God as "The Eternal Spirit." Here human reason can only accept the fact but never comprehend it. "I Am that I Am" is the best answer God has ever given us. In this He gathers up all past, present and future and lives them in an eternal now. He is the "High and Holy One that inhabiteth Eternity." He is Omnipresent Spirit. "Whither shall I go from Thy presence?" is the language of Scripture throughout. There is no place where God is not. This makes worship proper and profitable anywhere. The "secret chamber," and the assembly of believers. The mountain side, and the "Courts of His Holiness." In the din and noise of battle or the quiet of the sick-room, each and all give easy access to Him who is "closer than sound or breathing, nearer than hands or feet." He is Omnipotent Spirit. Scientists inform us that there is enough energy bound up in the carcass of a cat to drive the Queen Mary across the Atlantic. Man may have discovered this power but they did not create it. **God has a monopoly on power. Jesus said: "All power is given unto Me."** Our atomic bomb

is but a plaything with God. The God who has "prepared a place for the sun" and all the worlds that reach out into immeasurable space, "Who calleth out their hosts by number," Who plants life-energy in every living thing, Who upholds and sustains all things by the word of His power, makes the puny efforts of men unmentionable. He is God Omnipotent. He is Immutable, Infinite, Perfect Spirit. He needeth not anything for Himself and yet He condescends to communicate His glories to the spirits of men. Out of the Fountain of Spirit Being we "live and move and have our being." Eventually, with our spirits made perfect, we shall behold Him, "Which is, and Which was, and Which is to come, the Almighty." Glorious day, when we shall "see Him as He is"

BEGIN THE DAY WITH GOD

Every day should be commenced with God and upon the knees. He begins the day unwisely who leaves his chamber without a secret conference with his Heavenly Friend. The true Christian goes to his closet both for his panoply and his "rations" for the day's march and its inevitable conflicts. As the Oriental traveller sets out for the sultry journey by loading up his camel under the palm tree's shade, and by filling his flagons from the cool fountain that sparkles at its roots, so does God's wayfarer draw his fresh supplies from the unexhausted spring.

Morning is the golden time for devotion. The mercies of the night provoke to thankfulness. The buoyant heart that is in love with God makes its earliest flight, like the lark, toward the gates of heaven. Gratitude, faith, dependent trust, all prompt to early interviews with Him who, never slumbering Himself, waits on His throne for our morning orisons.

We all remember Bunyan's beautiful description of his pilgrim's lodging over night in the "Chamber of Peace," which looked toward the sunrising, and at daybreak he "awoke and sang." If stony Egyptian "Memnon" made music when the first rays kindled on his flinty brow a devout heart should not be mute when God causes the outgoings of His morning to rejoice. No pressure of business or household duties should crowd out prayer.—Theodore L. Cuyler.

GOD IN TOMORROW

The Oriental shepherd was always ahead of his sheep. He was in front. Any attempt upon them had to take him into account. Now God is down in front. He is in the tomorrows. It is tomorrow that fills men with dread. But God is there already, and all tomorrows of our life have to pass Him before they can get to us.—F. B. Meyer.

Ministers and Churches

Rev. F. A. Dunlop assists Rev. A. D. Cann in evangelistic services at Hartland, N. B., Jan. 6-27.

One of the laymen of our church at Calais, Maine, states that the Lord is blessing the ministry of Rev. Ralph Sabine in that place.

Lic. Miriam Sanders has been supplying at Westchester, N. S., for a number of Sundays.

Pastors will please note announcement of special session of our Alliance at Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 9th.