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## EDITORIALS

### THE CHRIST OF THE EMMAUS ROAD

"And behold, there went two of them that same day to a village called Emmaus . . . and it came to pass . . . that Jesus himself drew near, and went with them . . ." Luke 24: 13, 15.

" . . . that same day . . ." was the day of Christ's resurrection. The empty tomb had been discovered, the angelic announcement "He is not here, for He has risen, as He said", had been swiftly borne by Magdalene to the disciples, and the followers of the Lord were striving to understand the epochal events of the last three days. The two who walked the Emmaus road were heavy-hearted, dejected, and nearly despondent. Behind them lay failure, defeat, and loss, and before them what appeared to be a dark and lonely way. They had plenty of reason for discouragement and the burden of depression seemed all but unbearable as they trudged along the dusty road.

And then—something wonderful happened! "Jesus himself drew near and went with them." True, they did not recognize the Saviour, but they did sense that the One who had joined them cast an influence upon them that made them feel the clouds of gloom were beginning to lift. And then he "talked with them by the way", and their spirits continued to rise. In a very short time, their hearts were burning with that exhilarating sense of joy and victory that only the Master could impart. They still did not understand all the complex events behind them, but they did feel better and were steadied by an inward assurance that all would be well. And then "he opened to them the scriptures", explained and expounded the Word and applied it to the incidents at Gethsemane, Jerusalem, and Calvary. And as He talked and reasoned with them, the mists of doubt and unbelief cleared away, the heaviness of spirit departed, faith and hope again surged into their souls.

How often we find ourselves on the Emmaus Road! Behind us lie the ruins of personal failure, disappointment, and loss. We seem to be travelling into a future that is dark and difficult. We have little or no purpose or hope as we journey, we're just trying to go somewhere to escape the torment of what we have met and suffered. The skies are leaden, and so are our

feet and our hearts. The soul is downcast and disquieted.

Jesus still seeks to join us as we "walk life's weary road". His presence dispenses our gloom, His words bring strength and comfort, He steadies our faith and renews our hope with the assurance that all our life experiences can fit into a plan which divine wisdom and power will blend together for our good and His glory. If you are travelling toward Emmaus, Jesus wants to join you!

### WATCH AND PRAY

There are two phrases in the New Testament which are intimately related to each other and vitally significant to Christians of to-day. One is "till He come" and the other "till I come". The first is associated with truth concerning Christian worship, the second with a lesson on Christian service. And the scriptural setting in both cases is coloured with a prophetic tint.

In writing to the Corinthian believers with respect to the sacrament of the Lord's supper, the apostle Paul declared: "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come."

A careful and thoughtful examination of I Corinthians, chapter eleven, will reveal that Paul is writing, not of sacramental obligations, but of spiritual opportunities. In verse two he writes: "I praise you, brethren, that ye . . . keep the ordinances." He then proceeds to warn the believers against the danger of a spirit of contention, division, and self-indulgence creeping in to neutralize the good offices of spiritual fellowship. The concern of the apostle is evidently that the Corinthian Christians faithfully meet for spiritual communion and that they strive to maintain a Christ-centred, Christ-exalting spirit among them. Thus they might "shew forth", or proclaim, to the inspiration of their own souls and the awakening of careless sinners the historical significance of the Lord's humiliation and death and the certainty of His glorious return to redeem the faithful and judge the faithless.

Christians need to be much in the presence of God in these days and churches should strive to maintain regular and spiritual services. It is a pitiful sight to witness the appalling decline of spiritual activity in some churches. Prayer meetings are abandoned or meagerly attended, in some instances Sunday evening services are eliminated, and revival campaigns are a thing of the past. Equally tragic is the prevalence of discord and division in some churches which profess to honour the name of the Lord. In the twilight of salvation's day of opportunity, some professing Christians spend their strength in contending with one another while the satan leads a multitude of souls into a night of endless gloom. God have mercy!

What shall we do in this day of spiritual decline and church conflicts? Here's the answer: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Heb. 10: 23-25.

Every church which is concerned for the salvation of lost souls should redouble its efforts to maintain services of spiritual fellowship. And all who desire to "proclaim the Lord's death till He come" must recognize the necessity of death to self that Christ may be all and in all. If ever the church needed a vitally spiritual atmosphere she needs it now. We must have the glorious presence

of the living Lord in all our services, that weary Christian pilgrims may be cheered and encouraged to continue their heavenward journey, and that sinners may be led to trust in Him who died that they might be forgiven. Only as Christ is One with us in our services can we receive the spiritual good which inspires and enlivens the soul.

"His presence makes the feast,  
And now our bosoms feel  
The glory not to be expressed,  
The joy unspeakable."

Giving His followers a lesson on Christian service, the Lord Jesus used the familiar setting of a man of wealth and authority committing certain of his possessions to his servants and leaving them for a reason with the command: "Occupy till I come." One of our modern versions gives the suggestive translation: "Trade with this till I come back."

The Lord has entrusted each and all of us with certain possessions which, put to use, will increase to the enrichment of the Kingdom. Ability for service with some is great, with others it may be small, but always there is some talent to be employed for the glory of God. We are neither requested nor required to use what we do not have, but there is inevitable responsibility concerning what God has given. All He asks is our all, but less than our all is not sufficient.

You may be faithful in attending the various services of your church and you may be doing your best to contribute toward the spiritual atmosphere of every meeting in which you are present, but what about your service? Are your tithes and offerings brought in? Are your God-given talents in use as opportunity is provided? Do you tell others of Jesus and exhort them to "seek the Lord while He may be found"?

"A little while, and ye shall see Me" whispers the glorified Lord to a multitude of His own. It won't be long, it may be soon. While He tarries, and "till He come", let us live and labour that we may be accepted of Him when the day breaks and shadows flee away!

R. L. *"It is most remarkable that the only appointment Jesus made with His disciples after His resurrection was a MISSIONARY one."*

"There are always excuses if we are weak enough to use them."

### MARANATHA! - - - From page one

and the Children of Israel? Is there not the Blood on a few door-posts here and there?

We must face today as children of tomorrow. We must meet the uncertainties of this world with the certainty of the world to come.

To the pure in heart, nothing really bad can happen. He may die but what is death, to a Christian? Not death, but sin, is (or should be) our great fear. Without doubt, the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Sooner or later that will come—but what of it? Do not we, according to God's promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness?

Surely, this is not the time for pale faces and trembling knees among the sons of the New Creation! The darker the night, the brighter faith shines and the sooner comes the morning. Look up, and lift up your heads—our redemption draweth nigh!

### DISCIPLESHIP IN THE INSIGNIFICANT

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forgotten and unknown, whereas I shall sink into an insignificant position.

There is a sense in which it is easy to work at the front. Peter was mighty in a crowd, but a coward alone. It is often harder to remain alone in the garden, but in one way at least, like Mary of Bethany, Zebedee chose the better part, whereas Martha, James and John were encumbered about with much service.

I maintain that this Zebedee principle, as I call it, is evidenced time and time again throughout the Christian era.

The name of F. B. Meyer is known and loved worldwide. His writings on Scriptural subjects, especially those of a biographical nature, are legion. His writings present the cream of sanctified wisdom and living, although he could not always cross all the 't's' and dot all the 'i's' of the Holiness movement (Wesleyan). He labored faithfully as pastor, evangelist, teacher, and Convention speaker, on Keswick lines. His ministry was a worldwide one. He crossed the North Atlantic a score of times. Dr. Meyer left this earthly scene in 1929, but being dead he speaks still in 1956. Mrs. Meyer, his wife, is virtually an unknown person. Yet she played a very important part, that of the Zebedee. In the preface to one of his own books, Dr. Meyer paid a beautiful tribute to this good woman: "This book on the uttermost love of Christ is dedicated to my dear wife, whose patient care of our home has enabled me to write so much and to travel so far in His service" (bold type mine, EWY).

There are others, Mrs. Ruth Graham, for example. She came over to Britain, with her husband, for the 1954 and 1955 Crusades, but they are the exceptions that prove the rule, for it is not her custom to travel with Billy on his Crusades. She maintains that her place is in the North Carolina homestead, looking after the children, and caring for her husband when he's at home. Only because of her faithful Zebedee ministry is Billy Graham enabled to engage in his world-wide ministry.

We would like to dedicate this little message to all Zebedees everywhere. The day will declare it, and redeemed by His side for ever, we shall rejoice in the accomplishments of Christ's sovereign purposes.

STRANGE PEOPLE

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People who talk about prayer, but never pray.

People who say tithing is right, but don't tithe.

People who wish to belong to the church, but who never attend or support the church.

People who make good salaries, and give nickels and dimes to the church.

People who stay away from church for trivial reasons, and then sing, "Oh, How I Love Jesus."

People who say the Bible is God's Word to man, and yet do not read it.

People who say eternity is more important than time, but who live for this life only.

People who criticize others for things they do themselves.

People who say "we" in accomplishments in which they had no part.

People who would rather hear something bad about another than something good.

People who follow the devil all their lives, but expect to go to heaven when they die.—The Evangelical Friend.

### MY FIRST VISIT AT BETHANY

by Lic. Samueal Guptill

While assisting Revs. W. E. Greene and B. M. Hicks in evangelistic meetings at East Ferry, N. S., I had the privilege of addressing the students of Bethany Bible College. This was my first visit to Bethany and, needless to say, I was greatly impressed with the leaders and students of the School. I was especially interested in the students, for in them I saw our future church and our hope of carrying on in the preaching of the Gospel of Christ in its fullness.

Being led, as I believed, by the Holy Ghost, I spoke from Acts 13: 2-4: "And as they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. So they being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed". My first thought was "this is a great challenge to the students, for they too are honoured, as were Paul and Barnabas, by being separated unto the work of the Lord." I was thrilled at the thought of their being sent forth. It seemed to me that in a group like this there might be those with as great a calling as Paul, Wesley, Billy Graham, and other "greats" of church history. Yes, I was thrilled with the possibilities of this group of students.

There was, however, another challenge is the scripture used, a challenge that seemed even greater than that to the students. I saw there the challenge to our churches that are called upon to separate these young people from their midst and send them forth, a challenge which many of our churches have accepted, sending forth workers for Christian service at home and abroad. And then the Spirit revealed to me that while we have sent them forth, we might not be doing all we should to encourage and support them in their work of preparation. I confess that I have not done much to help Bethany. President Green took time between classes to show me the different buildings on the campus, and I was made to feel the need of our sharing more of the responsibility of this work. While looking at the nicely arranged dining room, it was mentioned that the floor needed a coat of paint. I suggested that a tile floor would be nice, easy to keep clean, etc. Brother Green agreed, but said the cost made the suggestion prohibitive. I remembered two new tile floors we had just laid in our home without a thought of Bethany and its needs. This was just one place where money was needed to make the work of the students and faculty easier. Though some of our churches have no students at Bethany from their congregations, the responsibility for supporting the School should be shared by all.

Having been a member of the Alliance less than four years, I feel somewhat out of place writing as I have, and yet I was impressed to do so. If you have not visited Bethany, I hope you will at the first opportunity. I am sure that you will be welcomed there, as I was, I also believe that you will feel, as I did, that here is the life blood of our church of the future, and come away grateful for the privilege of having part in the great work of sending out the message of holiness.

Through my first visit to Bethany, I was inspired to take a more personal interest in this good work. The faculty and students are doing their part, are we doing ours?



### BETHANY AN ASSET

It is difficult to realize that one and one half months will bring us to the close of another church year. Each church will be noting its assets and liabilities. Let us not forget to consider that Bethany Bible College is part of each church, and should be considered as an asset to each church.

True, Bethany has cost our churches something. But, do not all assets have a price upon them? Bethany may be our greatest financial burden. She is also our greatest single blessing.

### THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE SHIP

Sometimes we who support Bethany may have a tendency to feel like the disciples of old, " . . . we have toiled all night, and have taken nothing . . ." Let us remember that there is a "right side of the ship". If we would cast our attitude toward Bethany on the right side of the ship, we would see our great draught of (fishes) pastors, missionaries, evangelists, song evangelists, home mission workers, D. V. B. S. workers, Sunday School workers, Young Peoples leaders, school principals and consecrated laymen, who are in our churches assisting the church in the promotion of the gospel of full salvation. Certainly these are an asset to our church.

### A SUGGESTION

It would be a fine thing if each church could make it possible for a representative from the church to be at Bethany during the tenth anniversary commencement exercises, June 9-11, 1956. This might cost the respective churches a few dollars, but would be rewarding to the church. Your representative could make an official report to the church.

We are sure this report would be informative as well as inspirational. Such a contact with your Bible College would convince each church that Bethany is an asset to our denominational work.

### RULES WORTH HEEDING

Love work.  
Turn a deaf ear to slander.  
Be considerate in correcting others.  
Do not be taken up with trifles.  
Do not resent plain speaking.  
Meet offenders halfway.  
Be thorough in thought.  
Have an open mind.  
Do your duty without grumbling.  
—Marcus Aurelius, in "Your Eyes"  
If these are the ideals of a pagan philosopher and Roman emperor, how much higher should be ours who belong to Christ!

### DO YOU REALIZE . . .

That there are 2,500,000,000 people in the world, and over half of them have never heard the name of Jesus?