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RESURRECTION REVELATIONS

Perhaps the two most significant announcements made by angels refer to Jesus Christ. At His birth the angel said, "...I bring you good tidings of great Joy" (Lk. 2:10). A joy equally as great was also expressed in the angelic announcement, "He is not here, He is risen..." (Matt. 28:6). The resurrection is most significant in our christian faith. The resurrection of Christ reveals:

- (1) DAYS OF DESPAIR: Mary was bewildered as she faced the empty tomb. The two on the road to Emmaus expressed their despair in their utterance, "We trusted that it had been He that should redeem Israel." Thomas said, "Except I see (Him) I will not believe". The disciples gathered behind closed doors with a common feeling of disappointment. They were discouraged. They were perplexed, baffled and bewildered. As they thought of the future, the group seem to share a common expression, "Jesus is dead".
- (2) DAYS OF ENLIGHTENMENT: The proofs of the resurrection are most enlightening). (a) The proof of nature is revealed by the empty tomb. (b) The proof of prophecy is suggested in Lk. 24:46, "Thus it is written and it behoved Christ to suffer and to rise again from the dead the third day." (c) The proof of Jesus' word. "He is not here, He is risen AS HE SAID." (d) The proof of His many appearances. These facts all cumulate into one grand significant fact — Jesus is alive! He lives! Blessed be His Name. That Jesus is alive, is further revealed in the Pentecostal experience. Jesus said to His Disciples that He would send them another Comforter Who would abide with them forever. This Comforter was given on the day of Pentecost. He is present in the world today. It is significant that after Pentecost, not a single disciple had a shadow of doubt about the resurrection of Jesus. The resurrection became the theme of their message to the world. We believe Spirit-filled men ought to have the same theme today. The resurrection was the dynamic of their message as well as their daily experience.
- (3) DAYS OF RESPONSIBILITY: It was after the resurrection that Jesus appeared to His disciples and said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" It was also after His resurrection that He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

It is normal for the Christian to look to the cross with profound reverence. It is equally normal for him to feel the power of the resurrection in his life. Thus the greatest revelation of the resurrection comes when the individual witnesses the resurrection experience in his personal life.

MISSIONARY SUNDAY

Easter Sunday is a special day for Foreign Missions. We have had our Home Mission Sunday and our Bethany Sunday. While we ought not to forget these needy projects, we ought to give prayerful consideration in our giving to Foreign Missions on Easter Sunday.

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By Rev. B. C. Cochrane

"Go tell my disciples that I am risen from the dead", said Jesus to Mary Magdalene. "Go tell the world that I am risen from the dead", said Jesus to the apostolic band.

There was urgency in the command, and the urgency sent Magdalen hastening, the apostles hurrying. It was a message that people needed desperately, one that would have a redeeming effect upon all who would believe. With the development of the Church's missionary programme, the word "send" was joined to the word "go". To those who were not called to personal service in missionary travels, the challenge of sending others was presented. "Some must go and preach", it was said, "but how can they go except they be sent?"

This dual missionary challenge has special meaning to young people. Only they are potentially capable of dual response. The middle aged and older Christians cannot go. The rigours of missionary service are too demanding for them. So our appeal to them must of necessity be restricted. But the call to field service is directed to youth. In fact, it is from the ranks of youth that we must draw our workers, if we are to have any. Doctors, nurses, hospital technicians, teachers, evangelists, are needed on the mission fields of the world. Will the young people of the Reformed Baptist Church answer the call?

But young people can also "send". Not all will be called to go, but those who are not, can participate in the missionary programme by providing needed support for those who volunteer for field service. Individuals, youth groups, the denominational Y.P.A., are potential sources of support that can contribute largely to the missionary cause. In the Easter offering for missions the "go"—"send" appeal is can be answered in part. This might well be followed by the young people adopting some phase of the missionary enterprise as their own special project.

BIBLE QUIZ SUGGESTIONS

- 1. Plan a local quiz at least once a week.
- 2. Plan a social in honor of your team.
- 3. Place a picture of the team in a conspicuous place in the church.
- 4. Plan practise sessions often.
- 5. Make sure you have an enthusiastic coach—He is 25% of your team.
- 6. When district play-offs are held, ask the local newspaper photographer to take a picture of the winning team. Along with a news article, have it published in local paper.
- 7. Enthusiasm is contagious be enthusiastic.
- 8. Be a loyal fan to your team, encourage them, pray for them, back them by your support.
- 9. Try to attend every play-off in which your team is competing.
- 10. Pray much that God will bless the Bible Quiz in a wonderful way.

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