

I favour an advance movement in the conquest of new territory for Christ. Shall I not join this class?

Resolved: I do believe in greatly increasing the present number of our missionaries; therefore I will increase my former offerings to missionary work.

—Selected

Easter News Flash

JERUSALEM, 30 A.D.—It is now definitely established that the crucified Nazarene is alive. Reports to this effect have been circulating among his followers since early yesterday morning. They were started by certain women who claimed to have found his tomb empty, and who said they had actually seen and talked with him. Their story was not generally believed, although investigation revealed that the tomb where he had been buried was empty.

However, during the day the accumulation of evidence rendered further disbelief impossible. Mary Magdalene actually saw him and talked with him in the garden early in the morning. Peter the fisherman says — and no one watching him can doubt he tells the truth—that he and Jesus had a long conversation together during the afternoon. Cleopas and a friend started on their way home late yesterday, but are back and report that he met them and walked with them much of the way to Emmaus. He went in to have supper with them, and while there took up the bread and blessed and broke it as he had always done. Last night ten of the disciples were in the upper room and he came to them there, spoke with them, and ate some food.

Your reporter talked this morning with members of the guard who were on watch at the tomb. They all say that they fell asleep and that the disciples stole the body. But if they were asleep how did they know what happened? One of them, who was not willing to be quoted, admitted privately that something strange had happened. He would not go into detail, but confessed that they had already talked with the Sanhedrin about it.

It is now being remembered that in addition to his miracles, which everyone admits, he himself said that he would rise from the dead on the third day. It was what he had said along this line that moved the Sanhedrin to have a watch placed at the tomb.

One cannot tell what this will lead to. Certainly many of those who would have little to do with him before will have a definite change of heart. Probably the disciples will soon be telling everybody what has happened. One can even see the possibility of a great new movement developing. In fact, it is also being recalled that he declared he would himself build a church that nothing would destroy. And just a few days ago he said that if he were to be lifted up, he would draw all men unto himself.

Perhaps this is true. Perhaps we have the privilege of living in one of the greatest days the world has ever known. At least that is the conviction of your reporter. He believes that Jesus is the Messiah promised of old by Moses and the fathers, and that he has now done what they said he would come to do. Hallelujah!

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; . . . He was buried, and . . . rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (I Corinthians 15:3-4).

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12).

By Leslie W. Sloat in
The Presbyterian Guardian

To sanctify God is to reverence Him in our hearts, and to represent Him in the glory of His holiness before men.

—Richard Alleine

— Guest Editorial —

LIFE WITHOUT A WRINKLE

by the late Oliver G. Wilson, D.D.
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Time may wrinkle the skin but it cannot wrinkle the soul.

Manufacturers are spending their best energies, employing highly trained technicians to work out formulas to prevent wrinkles and to remove them from the face. Should they ever fully succeed they will have made a fortune indeed. All are interested. Every youth and adult would be a perpetual customer.

All of this has to do with the part of man that is to perish. Wrinkles are sure signs of ultimate dissolution. Man's best efforts cannot prevent it.

Jesus Christ stands in the midst of the ages and promises life without a wrinkle. What an announcement—Ephesians 5:27!

"... Christ ... loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing ..."

Grace is the great wrinkle remover. It will not take the wrinkles from the face but it will from the soul. This is the part humanity should be especially concerned with.

Grace will remove the wrinkles of selfish greed, and in their place spread generosity and good will.

Grace will take away the ugly wrinkles of hate which scar the soul so deeply, and in their place engraft the beautiful spirit of love.

The wrinkles of care, worry and distrust may be displaced by a song of contentment, gladness, and peace. All of this comes to the Church of the Firstborn, not because of any worthiness which it possesses but because of the love and efficiency of the resurrected Saviour.

Soul wrinkles are inexcusable. The remedy may be had for the asking. It has worked effectively across the millenniums, in all climates, and upon very race.

As the ancient Israelite in the wilderness was compelled to look in faith to the brazen serpent, just so must wrinkled souls look in faith to Christ.

There is a "Balm in Gilead." There is a cure for soul wrinkles.

Look and gain soul beauty.

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EASTER MORNING

Tomb, thou shalt not hold Him longer;
Death is strong, but life is stronger;
Stronger than the dark, the light;
Stronger than the wrong, the right;
Faith and hope triumphant say,
"Christ will rise on Easter Day."

While the patient earth lies waking
Till the morning shall be breaking,
Shuddering 'neath the burden dread
Of her Master, cold and dead,
Hark! she hears the angels say,
"Christ will rise on Easter Day."

And when sunrise smites the mountains,
Pouring light from heavenly fountains,
Then the earth blooms out to greet
Once again the blessed feet;
And her countless voices say
"Christ will rise on Easter Day."

—Phillips Brooks, in Christian Guardian