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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

the King's highway

EDITORIAL

CHRISTMAS IS FOR CHRISTIANS

In a very singular way Christmas belongs to christians, and it is to be expected therefore that their observance of this meaningful day should be a pattern worthy of consideration. Before we become too critical concerning the commercializing of this holy occasion by the men of the world, should we not ask ourselves some pertinent questions as to our own understanding and appreciation of His Natal Day. Drawing from the Gospel Story we suggest some things that should accompany a christian's Christmas.

Surely we must begin with the **Element of Simplicity**. It is rather disturbing to see the display of prosperity under the tree, the attempt to keep up with the traditional big Christmas, while the beauty and simplicity of God coming in the form of man escapes us completely.

The Judean hills provided an amphitheatre for the **Eulogy of the Angels** as the lowly shepherds were told of their long awaited Messiah. Christmas for christians should mean music, rejoicing, a peon of praise for God's unspeakable gift.

For the shepherds who finally stood at His humble abode, it was an **Experience of Wonder** as they contemplated the mystery of the God-Man, destined to be the saviour of the world. This sense of wonder quickens our imagination, stirs our emotions, challenges our loyalty and love.

With tired eyes the Wise Men beheld the star, now stationary over a humble dwelling. Entering the narrow door, they beheld the King, the Desire of Nations, as on bended knee they presented their gifts, the **Expression of their Adoration**. Have we gifts

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for the King this Christmas? Dare we neglect the cause for which He came, suffered and died. Surely we have a gift for the Church, Missions, the lonely and the unfortunate. Christmas is for christians. "O come to my heart Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee".

DEBT REDUCTION SUNDAY DECEMBER 6, 1964

Let every church share in this yearly effort to reduce our indebtedness. Receipts should be sent to Rev. N. E. Trafton, 659 Main St., Yarmouth, N.S.

WORD OF APPRECIATION

Mr. Everett Bain and family of Sandford, N. S. wish to express their deep appreciation for the flowers from the Alliance, the cards and remembrances of friends at the recent passing of the late Mrs. Everett Bain. The sympathy of christian friends will never be forgotten. God bless every one of you.

PASTORS

Please send to the Editor any news items concerning meetings and events of importance in your church and community.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial service was conducted by Rev. Ralph Ingersoll, our Superintendent, in memory of Jacqueline Susan Corey, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Corey.

Bro. Ingersoll spoke from a text found in St. John 13:7, "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter."

Rev. Bernard Brown of Roylton read a poem "The Children Up in Heaven." Hymns were sung by fifteen of Jackie's schoolmates, They were, Jesus Loves Me, When He Cometh, and Amazing Grace. The latter being a favorite of Jackie's.

The service was attended by many friends, neighbours, and relatives. God's presence was real and wonderful. We thank Him for His marvelous grace.

We appreciate so much the wonderful message brought by Bro. Ingersoll, the kind words of sympathy by such a host of friends; also the cards, letters, and gifts. We will never forget the wonderful spirit of the town and surrounding communities.

A Memorial Fund has been set up called "The Jacqueline Corey Fund." Funds will go to build a new dining hall at the Evangelical Holiness Bible School in Africa.

In Christian Love,

Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Corey