



The Mission Trail

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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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. . . It certainly affords me great pleasure to be coming by radio to the listeners of station XEG once again on this Friday night. This is THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and your speaker is Willie Murphey. We hope that each of you are well and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. We also hope that we may be instrumental in bringing a little ray of sunshine into the lives of those who hear this broadcast each week.

In case there should be some tuned in for the first time and you are not receiving our weekly printed copies, send us your name and address at once, and let us mail you these copies without cost or obligation on your part. Here is the way you write to us: The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Listen now to the voice of experience as I quote from Philippians, chapter 3, and beginning with verse 7. This is the Apostle Paul's testimony concerning his outlook upon the gospel, and his hope for a future resurrection. I believe that if each of us will set up these verses as a standard for our lives, it will help to stabilize and hold us steady in the time of storm and tribulation. Listen now to what he had to say.

"But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ. And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and

THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION,

and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead."

It seems good to me that we should take the time to consider some of the things pertaining to the wonderful plan of salvation which has been provided for us. Especially am I thinking of "the power of his resurrection". There is more involved in these words and a

far deeper meaning than one might think with just the casual reading of them. Furthermore, there was more involved than a few desolate, dejected and downcast disciples because of the death and burial of our Lord.

There was also more involved than a band of Roman soldiers placed around the tomb of Christ in the early morning hours before his resurrection. Here is the thought I am bringing to you in

regard to this. It took the supernatural power of God to raise Christ from the dead. It was not done by cunning trickery which accusation was made concerning his disciples that they had stolen the body of Christ from the tomb. But it was clearly manifested, not only to the disciples, but to the enemies of Christ, for at the moment of the resurrection, the glorious power of God was manifested in a marvelous way.

Not long ago a certain woman who was seriously afflicted and deathly sick was pronounced dead and taken to the mortuary to be prepared for her burial. Several hours later while her body lay covered in the funeral home one of the attendants to his great astonishment and surprise heard a groan, and when he looked in the direction of the body of this woman, he and another attendant at the funeral home noticed signs of life in this woman who had been pronounced dead. Talk about shock and surprise, well this is what they had. She was immediately rushed to the hospital and did survive even though she had been pronounced dead several hours earlier.

Now if these men at the funeral parlor thought that this was a great shock, and no doubt they did, what do you think was the reaction of the soldiers who had been set about the tomb of Christ to guard it on that glorious resurrection morning when this wonderful power of God was manifested and he was raised from the dead? I'll tell you what they did.

Let us read it from Matthew, chapter 28 and verse 4. I quote: "And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men." Why was this true? Why were they not brave soldiers to prevent such a thing from taking place? Here is the reason why, because mortal man is not able to cope with the power

of the resurrection.

Now let us go back and get an overall picture of both the death and the resurrection of Christ. In Matthew, chapter 27 and beginning at verse 50 we read, "Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city and appeared unto many."

I would say then that this was quite a display of power to have the graves opened and some of the saints resurrected to walk about the streets of the city. In fact, to me this even represents greater power than that which is displayed by the inventions of mankind. Well, it really is greater, for this power of the resurrection is that which transforms the life of an individual from the power of darkness into the marvelous grace of God.

Listen now to this scripture concerning Abraham and his faith in God. In Romans, chapter 4 and beginning at verse 20, I quote: "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." So don't you see? It is even through the power of the resurrection that we may be justified before God.

I am glad that I can say I have a part in the resurrection of Christ. Also the promise of the resurrection of his saints to inherit the eternal glories which he has prepared for them that love him gives us courage anew to continue with the great calling which he has left for his people. Do you have that hope tonight? Are you a member of God's great family? If not, I certainly hope that you will soon reach that point in life where you may fully surrender your all to the resurrected Christ. Let us pray just now as we wait before Him.

Our Gracious Father,

Our hearts are filled to overflowing when we consider the greatness of the power of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is through him that we have redemption from sins, and it is also through him that we yet look forward to the moment when the dead in Christ shall be resurrected and we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Bless the words of the message tonight to everyone who hears them and may it bring comfort and peace for we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Now I would like to remind any new listeners that we may have tonight, about our printed copies once again. If you are not on our mailing list and you would like to have these copies mailed to you, this includes the message that we have here on the radio and also a little extra news and various items that would be of interest to the Lord's people. If you would like to have these mailed to you each week, be sure and let us know. They are free of charge so just send us your name and address.

Then let me take just a moment to announce that Easter Sunday which is April 10 will be the day for those spe-

cial services with the gospel singing in the afternoon at the Church of God chapel in Shreveport, Louisiana. This is located in Cedar Grove at 7106 Southern Avenue. Of course the morning service will be just the regular service so be sure to come if possible. Now if you want to know more about those special services, why don't you call Bro. C. C. Carver at telephone no. 868-0154. There will be some good singing in the afternoon. You might even have the opportunity to hear a song similar to this one. "O the Glory", by Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Manual Mitchell and Troy Gentry.

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. Until next Friday night at 11:00, this is Willie Murphey wishing each and everyone the very richest blessings of heaven and a very pleasant goodnight!

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Young People Need the Resurrection Too
by Kathleen and Patsy

As Easter approaches some think of it in connection with the first of spring, and having a lot of new clothes. Perhaps others will think of it as a time when the flowers, grass, and trees begin to grow again, to blossom, and to once again beautify the earth. Others will get up early to take part in or watch others re-enact our Lord's death and resurrection.

But to the children of God the most wonderful thing is the miracle spoken of in Zech. 13:1. "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." So as we think of the death of our Saviour and of his glorious resurrection, we should remember that he did this for us so that we may live victoriously both now and forevermore.

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

Of particular interest to those who were well acquainted with Bro. and Sis. Christ will be the booklet which Ernest Christ has requested that we print. It contains records from the family Bible with some added poetry by Ernest. On the cover is a picture of Bro. and Sis. Christ. Those who remembered them may have one of these booklets for a keepsake by requesting your free copy while the supply lasts.

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Special prayer is requested for Bro. Ira Stover for a healing touch to his body. Also Bro. Darius Gibson is still suffering greatly in body.

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Bro. Curtis Williams has been in revival meeting this week with the saints in Guthrie. A number from out of town have been present.

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We enjoyed a very profitable day in the services last Sunday with the congregation in Wichita. Bro. Isaac Chandler was present for the revival there last week.

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Selfishness is one of the hardest things to detect in self and one of the easiest things to detect in others.

--Alpha Baldridge

Bro. Charles Smith reports that they hope to have opening day services in the new chapel for the Shawnee congregation on the second Sunday in May if delivery on the new benches can be had by this time.

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REMEDIES FOR TROUBLE

If you don't know where to look for a month's rest, read Psalm 27.

If you are lonesome and unprotected, read Psalm 91.

If you find yourself losing confidence in others, read I Cor. 13.

If you need more patience, read Hebrews 12.

If you don't know which way to turn and feel the need of a guide, read Ps. 23.

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If you are not receiving The Mission Trail a short request such as this one which we recently received from Iowa is all that is necessary. "Dear Christian Friends, Please send me copy of 'The Mission Trail'. Thank you. May God bless you. Yours in Christ,"

--Mrs. Lawrence F. Tapps

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