



# 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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## The Resurrection!

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Good morning, friends. How are you on this Easter morning? Enjoying the victory brought to you through Christ, I hope. It is surely a pleasure to be coming your way by means of radio. I hope this message will reach into the presence of many of those who may be driving their automobiles on the highways and that it will also go behind the locked doors into thousands of homes. Not only that but I hope it will enter into the hearts of those who hear the gospel.

There is so much good scripture which I could read you but I am reluctant to take up too much of the time just reading the scriptures to you, although they are so good. But when you have time why don't you turn over to the 4th chapter of Romans. Yes, and you might just go on and read the 5th chapter too. But in this 4th chapter it is telling about Abraham and how he did not stagger at the promises of God. Notice these words beginning with verse 22, "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." Please notice that there was a purpose in the resurrection of Jesus. He was raised for our justification. In other words, our righteousness comes through the atonement of the suffering, death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord. It took it all to make the plan of salvation complete. Aren't you glad that Jesus drank from that cup? He was not only divine but

he was also human. He would like to have avoided the cup of suffering and death, but it was plainly the will of his father. Listen to this poem:

### BEFORE THE CROSS

Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,  
Which before the cross I spend,  
Life and health and peace possessing,  
From the sinner's dying Friend.

Love and grief my heart dividing,  
With my tears his feet I'll bathe;  
Constant still, in faith abiding,  
Life deriving from his death.

Truly blessed is this station,  
Low before his cross to lie,  
While I see divine compassion  
Beaming in his gracious eye.

Here I'll sit--forever viewing  
Mercy streaming in his blood;  
Precious drops, my soul bedewing,  
Plead and claim my peace with God.

Here it is I find my heaven,  
While upon the cross I gaze;  
Love I much? I'm more forgiven--  
I'm a miracle of grace.

May I still enjoy this feeling,  
 In all need to Jesus go;  
 Prove his wounds each day more  
 healing,  
 And himself more fully know.

Friends, did you ever stop to ask yourself "Where would we be today if there had been no Calvary?" If there had been no death of our saviour, if there had been no burial and no resurrection, where would we be? Where would the world be? Well, really the world is in bad enough condition as it is but I would say that it would be in a much worse condition had there been no plan of salvation.

Please listen carefully to this scripture from Exodus 32 and beginning with verse 30, "And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the Lord; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin. And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book."

I am especially impressed with the way Moses presented this case to the Lord. He told the people "peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin." That "peradventure" means that maybe he would and maybe he would not make an atonement for their sin. It seemed to depend upon whether or not the Lord would accept the people and forgive them. I notice here in verse 32 that Moses said, "Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--;" Here Moses seems to leave an unfinished sentence. He

didn't know what would happen. He didn't know what to expect. This request to forgive their sins just seems to be broken off with an uncertain feeling, although he did ask the Lord to blot out his name if he refused to forgive the people of their sins. In giving you this I especially want you to consider this word "peradventure".

Then think of this: Peradventure--or "what if"--there had been no saviour? Peradventure Christ would have refused to suffer and die for our sins, then where would we be? You see, although the life of Christ was taken from him yet he willingly laid it down, or in other words, he gave it. What if he had refused to do so? Then where would that leave us? Well, I'll tell you frankly, dear ones, it would have left us in a bad condition.

But think of this for a moment. What if there had been no resurrection? Do you know where we would be. I think I can tell you right here from the scriptures. Listen to this from I Cor. 15 and beginning with verse 13, "But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." So to me it seems that this would indeed be a dismal world were there no hope of a resurrection. Aren't you glad indeed that Christ has risen? I am. It means something to me. I am looking forward to the time when I shall indeed look upon the face of a risen Christ. Won't that be a thrill?

Just to know that we can see him, the one who suffered, died, and rose again. No wonder we are told, "And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again." II Cor. 5:15

Friends, I'll tell you what let's do. Let us just leave the "if" out of this! Christ has done his part. He has finished his mission in this world. Now it is up to you and to me to be faithful to do our part even unto the end. Are you willing to do that?

Let us pray,

Our Father,

Bless the words of the message today. We are so glad for a resurrected Christ, the one who has the keys to death and hell, who came forth victorious from the tomb even as it was guarded by the Roman soldiers. Bless each listener of the broadcast in the way which they need most and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thank you so much for taking time to listen. We surely appreciate those who help us keep the message on the air from week to week. Now, if you would like to write us, you may do so by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. Here is a song, "I will praise Him". The Carver Quartet does the singing.

I would like to give you who are within driving distance of Anthony, Kansas a special invitation to come and be with us in the Easter service. The Church of God chapel is located on the corner of Garfield and Pennsylvania Streets. That is in Anthony, Kansas. If you can not be there I hope you can meet some

where with the old-time saints of God where the pure gospel is preached and a resurrected Christ is honored.

Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

## Testimonies

NOTE: We are glad for the many who enjoy the Mission Trail, but a few don't! The following letter we received recently along with 14 copies of the Mission Trail which were returned to us. We have answered the letter and are remembering Mrs. Crisp in prayer. Now we are asking the readers to also pray for her and if the Lord directs you, write her a card or letter.

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Sirs I am sorry to say I am sending all of your Programs back to you I have never read one of them neither have I heard one program over the Radio I dont know <sup>how</sup> you received my names any way when any one send in other people send in names they should send in names of people from their Faith and Order. I am a Baptist and have more to read than I can keep <sup>up</sup> with. I am now Pass 84 years my eyes are dim (over)

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I dont see to well, I love  
to read all good books or  
papers pertaining to the  
Lord its only one God  
and we are living right  
and working for the  
same God. y'all in  
Christ, Mrs A. L. Crisp  
or Alberta D. Crisp  
P.S. As my husband died Aug  
16, 1970 I am left alone and  
have no children your  
prayers will be accepted  
I am all ways glad to know  
one care enough to pray  
for others. May God bless  
and keep you from all  
harm or danger!  
my husband name was  
Andrew Lee Crisp.

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From Mo.: "I greet you and the family  
in Jesus dear name. I pray the dear  
Lord will pour you out a blessing so  
big you can't receive it. The broad-  
cast over KGGF came in nice and clear  
last Sunday, bless the dear Lord. Well,  
it's spring again. What will it bring  
the Lord only knows, I don't. What I  
want to see is the Lord to fill everyone  
of His people with the Holy Ghost so  
they will shout the word of God from  
the housetop. So every one will hear  
it and get saved. . . it's a chilly rainy  
day today. The peach trees are in  
bloom. . . the Lord can put beauty in  
things at His will. If people would only  
turn to Him and trust in Him this world  
would be a lovely place to live in."

--W. D. Harmon

From Mo.: "God has blessed me and  
I'm praising Him for it. I have been  
in deep grief because of something I  
failed to do. But He has forgiven me.  
Praise His name. Nothing in this wide  
world amounts to as much as having  
God's favor, having His love, having  
His care, and mercy. Amen! Let the  
world hate me, but let me keep Jesus,  
let me be reproached but let me keep  
true to God and His Holy Spirit. Let  
me be what God wants me to be and not  
what the world would have me be. We  
have a hope within our souls brighter  
than the perfect day. God has given us  
the Spirit, and He wants all the world  
to hear it, all our doubts are passed  
away. Pray for me, I indeed need your  
prayers. I want to go to Heaven. . .  
I just want to live a life that's pleasing  
to God. Praise God. . . I enjoy the tes-  
timonies and the paper."

--Pearl Logan

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From Pa.: "Greetings in the match-  
less Name of Jesus! When we approach  
this season of the year they remember  
the crucifixion and raising of Jesus  
from the grave, our hearts well up at  
the terrible suffering he bore for our  
sins and then he rose again, victorious  
over sin that we may be free from sin.  
Praise His dear Name! Today is quite  
cold and they predict rain and snow  
mixed. The world is excited about the  
opening of baseball games. I once was  
an avid fan. Like Paul I can say, 'The  
things I once loved, I now hate.' Mother  
is weakening very fast but doing fine  
for her age. God is so good to watch  
over her. She reads constantly which  
is a strain on her eyes, but after being  
such a busy person all her life and now  
not able to do work, it's hard for her  
to accept. . . May our Lord supply your  
every need and keep you daily is my  
humble prayer. Your sister in His  
service,"

--Eva Cox

From Okla. : "I am thankful for the way of Holiness in Christ Jesus our Lord. The word of God tells us the whole world lieth in wickedness. I am happy for the Church of God, the bride of Christ who will stand all redeemed by the blood of Jesus at the right hand of the righteous judge at the judgment day. She is to me, 'But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.' Gal. 4:26 I love my heavenly mother. Jesus says Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again. St. John 3:7"

--Sis. Eva Penner

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From Colo. : "Just a note. It seems there's so much sorrow and heartaches in this world and sin on every hand that we need each other's prayers. We still miss our dear son and grandson so much and still have a son that has been sick for so long. So would you remember him as well as us. We enjoy reading the Mission Trail."

--Reinhart Wollert

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Pray for Brother and Sis. Wollert. His sister just recently died also.

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From Calif. : "Greetings of love to all of you--trust the Lord is real in all your souls today. I do know it means much to keep the love of God burning in our hearts this evil age of time, but so glad to be able to recommend his great grace, and keeping power to all mankind, in all circumstances. I do say that in all confidence, 'standing on the promises that cannot fail, tho the howling storms, of doubts, and fears assail, --by the living word of God we shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.' Praise him forever more. Trust you are all well in body too, which is a great blessing from the Lord. This leaves us about as usual, only J. W. hasn't been feeling as well as he

does some times. I am writing this for our dear Sister Atha, as she has been quite poorly since the earthquake of Feb. 9th. And yet in bed and unable to write. I was over to the camp ground last Sat. and she asked me to send this to you for her. Enclosed you find the \$5.00 she is sending to you. She is able to eat some better and some stronger but yet unable to be up. She needs your prayers. . . The Lord bless each of you."

--LaVern Manuel

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From Mo. : "Greetings in the name of our dear Lord. I surely do enjoy the paper very much. I haven't found you yet on radio. I wish you would pray for me. I have something wrong with my right arm. It shakes until I can hardly write. Please find enclosed a small offering to help in his work. In Christian love,"

--Leota Nichols

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From Va. : "Greetings of love. Just a short testimony to say I enjoy the Mission Trail paper so much. It contains food for my soul, gives me inspiration to be faithful to him. I am happy in the Lord, have never been more encouraged in my life. I want to live so that I'll never disappoint the saints of God and definitely I don't want to disappoint my saviour. In all I do I want his will to be done."

--William J. Preston

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From Calif. : "Holy greeting in the name of our Lord Jesus who died that we might live; glad I am fully saved today and encouraged to live for the Lord trusting the Lord for soul and body. I do thank Him for His wonderful love to us. I would be very glad to listen on radio to the service, however, I am glad to get the Mission Trail. It is a real blessing to me. May God reward you all for your work for Him to others. I need your prayers."

--Katie Gaines

