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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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A HAPPY EASTER MORNING TO ONE AND ALL! I am so glad to be coming your way with a short message of the resurrection. Were it not for the resurrection of Christ, Christianity would certainly not have the appeal which it does. There is victory and joy in knowing we serve a living Savior. Death has no more power over him. Listen:

MY REDEEMER LIVES

I know that my Redeemer lives,
And has prepared a place for me,
And crowns of victory He gives
To those who would His children be.

I'm trusting Jesus Christ for all, --
I know His blood now speaks for me;
I'm listening for the welcome call,
To say "The Master waiteth thee!"

I'm now enraptured at the thought,
I stand and wonder at His love,
That He from heav'n to earth was brought
To die, that I may live above.

I know that Jesus soon will come,
I know the time will not be long,
'Til I shall reach my heav'nly home
To sing with joy the heav'nly song.

There are two scriptures which fit so well into the theme I have chosen for today: "And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen

from the dead: and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you." Matt. 28: 6-7. We find here that his followers were looking for him in the wrong place. He was not in the tomb, but was risen with power over the grave and death... Rev. 1:18, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

Quite likely this angel, the messenger from heaven, had arrived at the tomb and rolled away the stone and was sitting on it before the women had come to the tomb. He was clothed in white raiment and his countenance was like lightning. He had come to announce glad tidings which would affect all the world. We see that God had by the same act of the resurrection comforted his servants and terrified his enemies. The resurrection of Christ is a subject of terror to the servants of sin, and a subject of consolation to the children of God; because it is a proof of the resurrection of both, the one to shame and everlasting contempt -- the other to eternal glory and joy. Perhaps to the wicked it might

be a comfort to think they would never be resurrected from the dead to meet the rewards of their deeds done in the body. But the scriptures tell us otherwise -- that they will, one and all, be resurrected to face the judgment.

These devoted women deserved to be the first witnesses of the resurrection of Christ: during life they ministered to him, and in death they were not divided. They attended him to the cross, notwithstanding imminent danger; and now they come to watch and weep at his tomb. Sometimes the common opinion is, that women are more fickle and less courageous than men. But the very reverse is here indicated by these women who were thoroughly devoted to Christ. After all, who previously to conversion, whether man or woman, can be trusted in any case?

I like this invitation the angel gave to "come and see" where the Lord lay! They were invited to see that the place was now vacant. No body was there any longer. And remember, the tomb was a new one, so, not as likely to be a deception in the matter. At the mention of unexpected good news, fear and joy are generally intermingled. I believe this was the case here. They were so happy and yet awe-stricken.

The charges made by the roman guards that the disciples came while they were asleep and stole the body of Christ away, was so absurd. Think of the smallness of their number -- eleven -- and their almost total want of faith; on the other hand, the great danger of such a bold venture. There were quite a number of the armed soldiers on guard. It certainly is not likely that so great a number of men, would fall asleep at one time, in the open air, when it was instant death according to the Roman

military laws. And besides, could they be so sound asleep as not to awaken with all the noise which must be necessarily made by removing the great stone, and taking away the body? Not likely! Is it at all likely that these disciples could have had time to do all this, and to come and return, without being perceived by any person? And if the soldiers were asleep, how could they know the disciples stole the body of Jesus! So from their own testimony, therefore, the resurrection may be as fully proved as the theft. Perhaps more so.

But notice the power given into the hands of the risen Son of God: "behold, I am alive for evermore, ... and have the keys of hell and of death." In other words, all power is given into his hands. He is able to save unto the uttermost all who come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for us.

Two other verses are so striking: "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" John 11:25-26. Jesus taught immortality. Not only that: he demonstrated it. No other leader has done so in such a miraculous manner? He said he would rise from the dead, and what he said he could do, he did! Moreover, he fits us for immortality, which would not be worth while if we had to go through eternity without his work within us. Who could enjoy living forever in sin, weakness, and frailties?

Again, in his attitude on immortality notice three things: First, his authority. "I am the resurrection, and the life" -- not "I will be." Who but Christ could

Speak like that? Like a king to whom it never occurred that anyone might doubt his royalty.

Second, his emphasis. It is on life, away from death. His desire when he came where Lazarus lay was to get the sisters' minds away from death. He said that the daughter of Jairus was sleeping and said the same about Lazarus until the disciples pressed him so greatly that he finally said Lazarus was dead.

Third, his tender humanity. When he said, "I am the resurrection, and the life," the mystery of sorrow and death had come close to him. You see, Lazarus, his friend had died. The great question, "Can death rend the friendships and loves of life?" confronted him. His miracle was the answer. Lazarus was brought back to life through his word and power. "I am the resurrection and the life" is the answer to the age-old question in Job: "If a man die, shall he live again?" The answer is emphatically, "yes"!

He closed the yawning gates of hell:
The bars from heaven's high portals fell:
Let hymns of praise his triumphs tell.

Do you remember Luke 24:21? "We trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel..." We sometimes turn to the story of the Emmaus walk. Its simplicity charms us; its dramatic development and climax appeals to us; and above all, it reveals the Lord Christ in his immortal glory and power! He is the risen Lord, conqueror of death. He did not always open truth after truth as if his object were to give the world a certain amount of revelation which it might take or leave. He gave or withheld as his truth was or was not absorbed. In this instance, pacing the miles from Jerusa-

lem to Emmaus, he showed, slowly, in easy lessons, how Old Testament prophecy pointed to himself. Had he revealed himself as the risen Lord at the beginning perhaps the disciples would not have had the patience to listen to the convincing exposition so vital to their future witnessing. He is the Christ for the lonely hour. When the three reached Emmaus it was the loneliest hour of the day. It was twilight -- a time when, for many of us, a subtle melancholy presses on the soul. He "tarried" then and broke bread with his disciples. He is the Christ who exceeds all our hopes. "We had hoped that he would redeem Israel;" would give Israel a place among the nations. What a narrow hope that was! His mission was to redeem the world and bring to light the true "Israel" of God, the redeemed of all nations. God's world is so much larger than our world. Like the ancients who thought the earth was so small that Atlas could bear it on his shoulders, and who named the Mediterranean "The Great Sea," we have our human restrictions that veil the unsearchable riches of our Lord's completeness.

There are some things too great to be proved by logic. Immortality is one of these. One writer once spoke a significant apology: "I am sorry if I have said anything so trivial that it requires proof!"

May we all have this faith and confidence in our Savior that we can say as the song: "And now I have flung myself recklessly out like a chip on the stream of the infinite will, I pass the rough rocks with a smile and a shout and I just let my God his dear purpose fulfill."

Another goal for which to strive is found

in this quote:

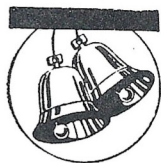
GOD'S CURRENT

"Let the current bear us where it will, we are in God's hands, and the other worlds are in the near future... What care we then for time? The years may come and go as they please and their speed does not disturb us. We are on the road to our eternal home and the nearer we get to it the higher are our anticipations, the deeper are our longings. Earth is nothing when heaven is in sight."

Our Father, the hope of immortality thrills our souls. We are so glad that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. He has pointed the way to the Father and eternal glory. Now bless the Word to the good of every listener and thine shall be the praise through Christ. Amen.

And now, dear ones, a final thought:
Think of stepping on shore and finding
it Heaven,
Of taking hold of a hand, and finding
it God's hand,
Of breathing a new air and finding it
celestial air,
Of feeling invigorated and finding it
immortality,
Of passing from storm and tempest to
an unknown calm,
Of waking up and finding it Home.

Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you always and a very cheerful goodbye!



Looking Unto Jesus

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" (Heb. 12:2).

Testimonies

From Pa.: "I am so glad for the true saints of God that are standing true to our blessed Savior and Lord. Greetings in His matchless Name! God is good and greatly to be praised. I love the springtime with all the new things appearing from the earth, as God planned. We have our crocuses, now forsythia. Pussy Willow has budded and bloomed. After the long dark dead winter, now the trees will come into bloom, leaves will appear. What a mighty God we serve! Only God can make a tree... God bless you each day and meet your every need. May He watch over you as you travel and may souls be saved thru your ministry. This old world is really shaking with all the new inventions. The nuclear machine that caused people to leave the area for fear still isn't right yet...."

--Sis. Eva Cox

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From Calif.: "Holy Greetings to you once more in the name of our Blessed Lord. I have been trying to get you a letter all the year but some how I don't seem to get things done as in times past. My sight is poor, my eyes bother me a great deal. But the Lord is good. I'm in His hands. My will is lost in His. He gave me a song early one morn--

"Jesus keep me near the cross,
There's a precious fountain,
Free to all a healing stream

Flows from Calvary's mountain."
How it did bless my soul. Knowing that Christ is Calvary's mountain, the healing flows from His precious pierced side. Free, praise His name, free to all. Stay near the cross not drifting about, just believe, look up and live. I thank the Lord today for saving grace, pressing on to my eternal home. I know the time won't be long and I surely want to be ready."

--Sis. Amy Hunter

Ontario, Canada: "Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus our Redeemer. Thanks so much for the Mission Trail. Keep it coming our way. Hope you will be much happy in the Lord Jesus. Say a God bless you to all the saints in Guthrie. We are still holding up the truth, and love the Lord with all our hearts. During my illness the Lord helped me, and I am feeling much better now. Praise His holy name. May God's presence abide with all of you saints, to guard and guide each one of you. And Lord willing, we will greet you again at the campmeeting in Monark Springs. In Christian love,"

--Bro. George Schroeder

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From Kansas: "We are thankful for the love of God toward us. We want to be in his presence at all times. We were at the Wichita meeting, that is: Sis. Tucker, Sis. Gladys Piper and myself, enjoyed the good word of God while there...Bro. Austin has appointments here the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. We surely have appreciated his labors of love with us."

--Bro. Ralph and Sis. Inez Beisly

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From Atlanta, Ga.: "Dear saints, remember me. Keep me on the prayer list."

--Sis. Claudia Robinson

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From S. Car.: "Enclosed is a little offering to help... I would like to do more but my income is very small. I will be 70 in Sept., but thank God for what he has done for me...still in the furnace for God. He ever cares for His own. Please pray for me that I will ever be what he will have me be, living alone, trusting God to take care of me at all times...Pray for our campmeeting, that it will be good. With the gas price high don't know what will we do but God is in everything."

--Sis. Lurline Scott

From Minn.: "Greetings in Jesus Holy and precious name. This finds me in health and strength. The winter with its ice and snow is gone. We still have some cool weather. I will not murmur. The Lord has been so good to me. Great are His tender mercies. I am now 92 and able to get out every day. My health is good, thanks to Jesus who does all things well. I still get the Mission Trail regularly, thanks to you and God."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

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From Calif.: "...I stand on promises and I love God with all my heart, tho the enemy tries me hard..."

--Sis. Opal Williams

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From Mo.: "We hope the Lord is blessing and protecting you from the stormy weather. I heard on news Oklahoma and Texas had some severe tornados yesterday. We are and have been having this past week severe thunderstorms and lots of rain. I don't believe any one can complain about ground being too dry for early seed planting...I once again have been blessed with another \$10 to send to you to be used where ever needed and I love to do this. I will close and ask again for your prayers."

--Sis. J. Edw. Leach

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From Okla.: "Thank the Lord for such beautiful weather. May the Lord bless you in your work...I sure enjoy reading the little paper, so keep it coming. With love to all the saints."

--Sis. Jannie Hill

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From South Car.: "Greetings in our precious Saviour's name. He is so good to me. I am so deeply indebted to him. ...Hope all is well there and pressing on "the upward way." Let's keep encouraged and stay on the battlefield until He calls us home."

--Sis. C. B. Nelson

From Colo.: "Oh, Jesus is so good to us all. I just want to serve Him better and know His will for my life. It won't be long as I was 81 the 29th of March. I don't want to miss Heaven. I do desire your prayers for our unsaved children and families. Oh to be like Jesus, He's done so much for me and mine. It has been harder since my companion passed on. We could pray together about things, but He still hears my feeble cries. Oh for grace to trust Him more."

--Sis. Addie McEndree

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From Okla.: "Greetings of love to you both in the precious name of Jesus. We love Him because He first loved us. We are told to cast all our cares upon Him for He careth for us. Isn't it wonderful when we think, that He loves us, and cares for us, as unworthy creatures as we are. Without Him we can do nothing. Without Him we are nothing. Only as we yield to the Lord are we anything at all. We have much to be thankful for because He does care for us. The Lord is our Shepherd and we are the sheep of His pasture. Praise His dear name, we serve a mighty God. Thank God for ever and ever... Trust you are both well and happy in the Lord."

--Sis. Emma Dilley

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From Calif.: "Time to let you know I am still saved and trusting God for soul and body. What a great God we serve. He is so good to all of us, even to the sinners, One who will not forsake His children. We had a good time in the Lord, a lot of the saints came from the home and Bakersfield saints Sunday morning, had meeting Saturday afternoon, singing Saturday night. Oh, what a blessing! What will Heaven be like, such singing... do remember all of us and that God will save my loved ones. God bless you and your work for the Lord."

--Sis. Ada Leach

From Okla.: "In a dream... I seemed to be on solid earth or rock. There seemed to be pieces of earth in front of me with houses on them, some the chunks of earth and house tilted and in the cracks just a short way down was molten lava. I felt so worried and said that can all break up and go into that hot lava anytime. How can we help them get out (I did not see anyone, but it seemed all were asleep). The Lord seemed to speak and said the only way is for them to awake and turn to me. I alone can take them out. Oh, the world is asleep, as if mesmerized. Oh God have mercy we pray and help us do what is our part... May He richly bless you both in your work for Him and supply all needs."

--Sis. Doris Bowers

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From Okla.: "I hope many will be ready to meet Jesus when he comes, but Matt. 7 he says in the 14th verse: "Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."... With Christian love,"

--Bro. C. A. Stone

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From Okla.: "I am so glad and happy for the love of God. We had beautiful snow in April. We are working in the garden some. I missed last Sunday's broadcast. The electricity had been off, and I didn't know, for about 15 minutes... Thanksgiving unto our Heavenly Father for his faithfulness in helping us, and answering prayers of the saints. Pray for us."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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From Okla.: "Dear Bro. & Sis. Murphey, I enjoy your Sunday morning messages that go out over the air. May they be a great blessing to many many souls --even though they never tell you so. God sees and knows your faithfulness and may He ever bless and supply your every need..."

--Sis. Vera Forbes

at press time

we understand:

Wisconsin Campmeeting

Invitation is given for all who feel led of the Lord to come, labor in the gospel and enjoy five days of campmeeting in northern Wisconsin Wednesday through Sunday, May 16-20 near Shell Lake. Two services are scheduled daily for 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. No charge will be made for meals served daily as meeting is run on free-will offering basis. Graduation from Christian School set for Friday night. Sleeping quarters will be provided for some and plenty of room for trailers. For more information and directions or to assist in this effort call or write Duane and Sue LaVeau, Route 1, Shell Lake, Wisconsin 54871. Phone (715) 468-2798.

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From Mo.: "Hope this finds you both well, and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. He is so good to us. We are so very thankful for his sparing Bobby's life. He is home now and doing well. The doctors were amazed at how well he got along. We are so thankful for the mercies of God, and also for the prayers of the saints. We are looking forward to seeing you in May."

--Ray and Mamie Butcher

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CONGRATULATIONS to:

Terry and Nancy Allen on the birth of their son Brandon Dean March 30.

Gary and Judy Morgan, a daughter, Mandy Lynne, born March 29.

Pat and Jane Morgan, a son, Travis Wade, born April 13.

From Ohio: "We want to thank the Lord for His goodness to us. We are encouraged to go on living for Him. I think of how God has blessed our little Jason. He performed a miracle at his birth and has really blessed him since then. Jason is 5 months old and is doing fine. Praise the Lord! We also want to thank the saints for all the love and compassion that has been shown to us since Billy's death. It was such a shock to all of us. The family has received so many beautiful cards and letters of encouragement. We can truly say the saints stand by you in time of need. I heard my mother (Mildred Sharp) make the statement, "There has to be more people praying for us than what we think or we wouldn't be getting along as good as we are." The sorrow is great and will take a while to mend the broken hearts but the Lord is near us. We desire your prayers when you think of us." --Kenny, Mary & Jason Abbott

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Oklahoma State Campmeeting of The Church of God is to be held in Guthrie May 25th through June 3.

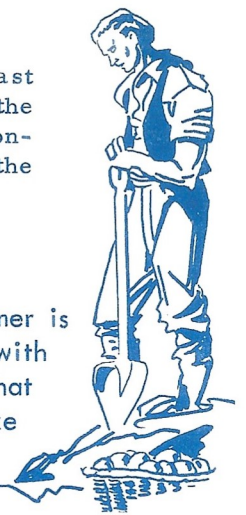
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"And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9. This verse should encourage us to spend a life-time laboring for souls and seeking to send forth the truth. The Lord is faithful to not let the Word return in vain. The reward is sure to all the faithful. Many thanks to those who help make possible the broadcast over the air each week and the printed Mission Trail monthly.



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For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

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