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Not every one that saith unto Me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven. Matt. 7:21. Some profess to be followers of Jesus, but are not true followers, rather they worship in their own way, not bringing an acceptable offering, but like Cain, an offering unacceptable.

The Lord said unto Cain, if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. Jesus said to the Jews who believed on Him, If ye continue in my word, then ye are My disciples indeed; John 8:31. and, ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. Again, If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed; if man be a worshiper of God and doeth His will, him He heareth. John 9:31. Jesus said of those that do the will of God that the same were His brethren. He also said, If ye love me keep my commandments, therefore let us follow faithfully that form of doctrine delivered unto us and rejoice evermore in His blessed truth that shall make us free from the law of sin and death; let us not sleep nor remain in darkness but become children of the light. Jesus said. John 6:38. The Father had not left Him alone for he did always those

things that pleased Him; He came not from heaven to do his own will, but the will of Him that sent Him.

Do we always do the things that please Him or do we seek first our own pleasure? Man's whole duty to God is to keep His commandments. Can we say with the Psalmist, I thought on Thy ways, and turned my feet into Thy testimonies? Let us make haste and not delay to keep His commandments. Jesus came to make known to us the will of God. Every one who heareth His words and doeth them is like to a wise man who built his house upon a rock. May we study His word and continue therein and be not moved from the hope of the gospel that God's peace may rule in our hearts, as we have received Him so let us walk worthy of Him and in all things give thanks to God. This His will in Christ Jesus. God who looks on the hearts of men knows those who are honest and true, those who are willing to learn of Him and be turned from the error of their own ways, those who are willing to be told of their own faults and be faithful servants of God, doing with a will the things that are pleasing to God. He that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

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None came to help. Noon came, five o'clock. People started hurrying home.

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**"Friend," Braaten kept shouting all that long, long day. Friend, Parm me, friend. Fell asleep here . . ."**

Tuesday morning dawned. Noon. Evening.

**"Friend," Braaten kept shouting, and more weakly, as he remembers it, for by now his lips were cracked from thirst. "Friend, Parm me, friend. Fell asleep here . . ."**

Sometimes he said this in English—sometimes, as Braaten looks back on it now, in Norwegian.

**"Don't get me wrong," Braaten said. "Some people did stop in the three days. I'd say maybe a dozen."**

One man said he wasn't going out of his way to help any blank blank wino. Several others shrugged shoulders—even as the Pharisees of old. Two or three promised to send for help—but never did.

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Came at last—early Wednesday evening—R. K. Johnson, a business man, of 626-36th Ave.

Braaten is sure that his voice was a mere croak then. Equally sure that Johnson took one look, ran for a telephone, came back, waited until help came.

So a monument for Good Samaritan Johnson! A monument for Braaten too!

**"I can't blame people for not stopping,"** the latter said. **"And you know something? It didn't rain a drop all the time I was there."**

**"I figure I was pretty lucky."**

**Thoughts From Camp Meeting Sermons**

As gleaned by a listener  
 Friday Evening  
 Elder A. H. Stith

**"The Second Coming Of Christ"**

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Rom.1:16

We have long been looking for His coming. But we are not discouraged. His coming is just over the horizon. As we wait, do we love each other enough?

"Righteousness and judgement are the habitation of His throne." Psa 97:2. We pray, "Thy kingdom come." When he comes will you be ready? Will I be ready? We are not worthy of the things He has given us. He is good to us. He's going to be better than that when He comes. Are you trying to be better each day? "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt.6:33

The beauties of nature are wonderful. It will be more wonderful when the earth is restored.

"For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." Rom.14:7. Let's overcome hatred, envy, strife. Let's love every body, whether they love us or not.

"I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart. I have preached righteousness in the great

congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips,, O Lord thou knowest. I have not hid Thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared Thy faithfulness and Thy salvation: I have not concealed Thy loving kindness and Thy truth from the great congregation. "Psa.40: 8-10. Is His law in your heart?"

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Matt. 5:17,18.

We must have the armour described in Ephesians, 6th chapter. "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Psa. 37: 4. We get too hasty.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6. The Holy Spirit is telling you to turn from evil. The same evil power which was in the beginning is with us today. Let's drink in the waters of life freely.

Sabbath, 11 a. m.

Frank Walker, Speaker

"The Church of God, Waiting for the Coming of the Lord."

When people look at our lives—the picture we give to the world—can they tell that we are waiting for the coming of the Lord? It is a good thing to take invoice of our lives.

"Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's." I Cor. 1:2. This message is not only to the church at Corinth but to all who call Him Lord and live so that He is their Lord. If we do not meet that description, it is high time that we get ready. We can look at others and see their shortcomings and fail to see our own. Get number one first. Let's not pick one another to pieces.

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." 2 Pet. 3:18. No two are on the same plane. So criticism, even

though true, is not always helpful.

"Wherefore, lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way: but let it rather be healed." Heb. 12:12, 13. Give them help instead of criticism. We don't need any more knowledge of the word of God until we know how to use it.

"I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; that in every thing ye are enriched by Him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." I Cor. 1:4-7. If we are coming ahead in some gifts, we are coming behind in something else. Let's examine ourselves. Maybe we are like the church at Ephesus (Rev.2:1-5)

"But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be embued with power from on high." Luke 24:48. The same commission is to us today. We are near the time when the kingdom will be restored. This power gave them power to perform miracles. There was a change in their everyday life. When we are filled with the power of God, we are also filled with the love of God. We place special emphasis on the law, but, brethren, do we obey? Are we blameless? God has rules and regulations; we must not only teach them, but live them. Love is at the head of the list. If we are not in unity, someone is not in Christ. John 13:34 is the ONLY rule for unity. "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another, as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" No room for selfishness. That's what's wrong with the world. That's what's wrong with the churches.

"All ye are brethren" Matt. 23:8. In Ephesians 4:1-4 is found some good admonition. Unity is not based on the idea of everyone seeing everything alike. No two are on the same plane of Christian knowledge and grace. No not even man and wife. Then, can we standardize everybody? No. If we are in Christ Jesus we are in the same family. I can help you; you can help me. We won't

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ters. We may think we're right in the  
truth but we may be laboring in the  
flesh for the Lord and not in the power  
of the Spirit.

Read Acts 8:14-18. Not automatically  
filled when baptized. It came afterward.  
Have we sought it seriously? Fanati-  
cism has caused some to turn away  
from what we need. If we ever need this  
power it is now. We all have it in a  
measure; we need to be filled.

What about the 14th chapter of Rom-  
ans? If God has received them, we  
should too. They may do something  
you would not do. Until you can get the  
beam out of your own eye, better  
leave his eye alone. Before elbowing  
our weak brother around, make a  
straight path and walk so closely in  
Christ's footsteps that he'll see the way.

John 21:15. Take care of the little ones  
who are apt to get hurt when the shep-  
herds get into battle. Let's all admit to  
God, if not to each other that something  
is lacking. We need confidence but not  
self satisfaction. We need a good "for-  
getting". Forget how we have been  
mistreated. The thing we should re-  
member is anything wrong we have  
said or done. Paul was willing not only  
to be bound but to die for the Cause.  
Brethren, have we the same kind of  
love? If God were as hard toward us  
as we are toward each other, not one  
of us would get into the Kingdom. Let  
God take care of His own. He's able to  
care for the Church.

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SABBATH AFTERNOON

C.F. Wirth, speaker

"Ye shall know the truth and the  
truth shall make you free."

Free from what? Sin. what is sin?  
Ministers talk about how terrible sin is,  
but seldom give the definition of sin.  
I John 3:4. Sin is the transgression of  
the law. What law? God's law. James  
2:11

One of the troubles with the Church  
of God is that they quench the spirit.  
Private opinions are worth two and a  
half cents a dozen; God's word is worth  
100 percent.

If you raise a crop of potatoes and  
never dig and eat them, they'll do you

no good. The word of God will do you  
no good if you don't read and live it.  
If you break a watch chain and drop  
the watch on the cement, it costs a jew-  
eler's bill. It costs when you break  
God's law. The Israelites were rebel-  
lous. Are you and I any better today?  
(Jer. 7)

Let's work for the unity of spirit, not  
dictatorship. I John 3:22.

How are we saved? Rom. 8:24. By  
hope. Rev. 14:12. Patience.

The devil isn't concerned with those  
who are not keeping the command-  
ments; he works among those who are  
trying to be Christians. Let's not quench  
the spirit. Let's have a receptive heart.

The conclusion of the whole matter.  
Ecc. 12:13. Let's lay aside every weight  
and run the race.

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SATURDAY NIGHT  
Edgar Lippincot, speaker  
"FLEEING FROM GOD"

God had a special message for Jo-  
nah. He told him to go to Ninevah. But  
Jonah rose up to flee from the presence  
of the Lord. He went down to Joppa.  
He found a ship and went down in it.  
When people start going down, it's  
easy to continue. We cannot hide from  
God. Psa. 139:7-11. Jonah was fast as-  
leep; he thought he was hidden from  
God. Shipmaster asked him to call on  
God. It is for us to listen to that still  
small voice. Jonah found the Lord; he  
went unto Nineveh.

How many have made vows which  
you've not carried out? When we  
start on the Christian path we vow that  
we'll do whatever God asks. How often  
we sidestep! It is time for us to take in-  
ventory and see if we have paid our  
vows.

Most wonderful part of story is when  
Jonah paid his vows. The people of  
Nineveh were not like our present day  
cities. They responded. They said they  
believed and they did something about  
it. Not like ones who say all that is ne-  
cessary is to believe.

How many of us will miss even one  
meal in order to get nearer the Lord?  
When we become earnest enough to  
fast, we'll accomplish something. Most  
of us want the other person to do the

sacrificing. May God help us to humble ourselves enough to get close to God. If each one is interested in saving souls, the Lord will take care of other things.

It is up to each of you. Are you willing to humble yourself in the sight of God. Now is the time to pay your vows.

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John Martin, Speaker

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Matt. 16:15-18. He built the Church upon that rock, the Father. When He went the last mile of the way, He left that charge. We either belong to God's church or we don't and we'd better belong.

Jesus has ascended to the Father but He'll return to claim His children and we'd better be ready. Read Matt. 29:19 A hospital, on the sidewalks, in the slums or a park is a good place to preach to all nations. Acts 20:28. The day of Pentecost is past, but we can still receive the Holy Spirit. But first get ALL malice out of your heart. The Holy Spirit will not dwell there unless the body is cleaned up. Get hold of God and God will get hold of you and you'll clean house.

The world may shake. man may go down. But the church will stand forever. Won't that be glorious when He comes to claim His own! We'll see Isaac and Jacob, Peter and Paul; but greatest of all, we'll see Jesus.

Jesus is going to ask, "Did you feed my church?" We'll be held responsible if we don't go out on the highways and byways and search for the lost sheep. If you become weary Jesus says, "Come unto me and I will give you rest."

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Art Estep, Speaker

Read Luke 10:30-37. "Go and do thou likewise." I've often thought that we don't have the same opportunity today. But you don't have to travel far to find someone in need. We are a blest

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We can't sell salvation; we can't even give it away. maybe it's because we don't take the Book into our heart and live it. Let the Lord come into your heart; you have only a few days left. We never know what we will be able to accomplish until we try. Before I took up the selling businsee, I was sure of the product. If we have the love of God in our heart, we can "sell" the Lord to others. I wasn't right sure I liked the new job. I'm not always sure I like being a preacher. We have trials. If you don't have trials, you're in the wrong place. When you have a job to do, do it, but do it with love and confidence. God is our helper. I want to be His helper also.

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Frank Walker, speaker

We are facing the crisis of the ages. There is serious trouble ahead for those who are not prepared and a trying time for those prepared. A time when young people will have to make a decision without counsel of older ones. They should be fortifying themselves for the future. The world today is built on the foundation laid yesterday. It is the result of fathers' and mothers' deeds. During last two wars emphasis was placed on worldly things. Mothers were urged to work. While leaving children they were sowing what we are reaping today. Reaping a whirlwind. Who pays the price? The cream of the land are reaping the sacrifice to the ;god of war. Church membership greatly increased; this does not mean better lives. War makes people lower standards. We need men and women who will not weaken in time of crisis. Read 2nd and 3rd chapters of Ezek. God often uses the young to fill the gap. Isaiah 21:11-12. That is the cry today. Read Jer. 25:38. Man is fear-

sacrificing. May God help us to humble ourselves enough to get close to God. If each one is interested in saving souls, the Lord will take care of other things.

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We are facing the crisis of the ages. There is serious trouble ahead for those who are not prepared and a trying time for those prepared. A time when young people will have to make a decision without counsel of older ones. They should be fortifying themselves for the future. The world today is built on the foundation laid yesterday. It is the result of fathers' and mothers' deeds. During last two wars emphasis was placed on worldly things. Mothers were urged to work. While leaving children they were sowing what we are reaping today. Reaping a whirlwind. Who pays the price? The cream of the land are reaping the sacrifice to the god of war. Church membership greatly increased; this does not mean better lives. War makes people lower standards. We need men and women who will not weaken in time of crisis. Read 2nd and 3rd chapters of Ezek. God often uses the young to fill the gap. Isaiah 21:11-12. That is the cry today. Read Jer. 25:38. Man is fear-

ful of the very thing he created. "The morning cometh." Don't give up. Dan. 12:1-4. In 91st Psa. God promised protection. Joel 3:1-2. God will purge out the rebels from Israel. An Israelite will NOT be saved because he is an Israelite. Isa. 4:1-3. The national side of the Israel question has been over emphasized. God has only ONE plan of salvation.

Jer. 50:4. The Children of Israel and Judah will seek the Lord. There won't be any rebels among them. If He is going to purge out rebels from His own people, what about the Gentiles? Final inheritance to the remnant after rebels are purged out. At least two thirds will be purged out. If five sixths of Gentiles are destroyed, that will be terrible slaughter.

In Rev. 16:12-16 He tells of three unclean spirits. What's the cause of all this? Even though God foretold it, there's a cause. (Prov. 25:2) There's a curse on our nation. Our fathers came over here seeking God. People today are serving the dollar. Brethren, it's time to wake up. The churches should lead America out. But they are in confusion. We should do a lot of praying.

Daniel had his hour of decision; he didn't eat the king's meat. Let's teach our young people to have faith. Let's believe God. There's never an excuse to disobey God. We may have to wait for Him to clear the way, but He never says, "Back up and retreat." Fathers and mothers forgot the law of God. This is the cause of the crime wave among children. You'd better come the shelter of His wing.

### The Restitution Under the Thousand Year Reign of Christ

by Roy E. Byerrum

There is a denomination of Sabbath observing people teaching a thousand years of desolation of this earth and the saints of God in heaven during this thousand years. But our Bibles are to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Bible is full of the truths concerning Christ's wonderful reign as King of  
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Kings, and Lord of Lords, over this earth during the thousand years, or millennium commonly called. And if we will look into the Holy Scriptures comparing one with another we will arrive at this wonderful truth of Jesus return to reign as King over all the earth, and the people and possession which He has purchased with His own blood, see Acts 20:28 also compare with Eph. 1:7, 11, 14.

We have been purchased with His own blood also the earth restored to its original beauty redeemed; repossessed, as the home of the redeemed, and we whose sins have been confessed and forgiven have the surety or earnest of that inheritance and sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.

If we turn to the last book of the Bible the book of Revelation the 20th chapter we find the thousand years mentioned six times, verses 2 to 7, and this is the only place in the Bible we find the thousand years years, but this same reign is mentioned throughout the scriptures. In fact Peter in Acts, Chapter 3, verse 21 "When the heavens must receive, speaking of Jesus, until the times of restitution of all things which God has spoken by the mouth of all His Holy prophets since the world began." This verse then tells there will be a restitution of all things when Jesus comes back to earth which will be at His second coming.

This promise of His second coming was given to His disciples as we find in John 14:1 to 3, and also the two men or angels which stood by the disciples when Jesus was taken up from them at the Mount of Olives and a cloud received Him out of their sight. These confirmed the promise by the words Acts 1:11. b. This same Jesus which is taken up from you unto Heaven shall so come, in like manner, as ye have seen Him go into Heaven. He at that time ascended up from the earth from the Mount of Olives and will so come again in like manner to the earth to the Mount of Olives. see Zech. 14:1-9.

Here we find He returns to earth, to the Mount of Olives which His feet stand upon, and the saints of God are all with Him, verse 5. In that day He is

King over all the earth, verse 9. This is at a time when carnal warfare is being carried on against Jerusalem; women are ravished, in that city, see verse 2. Hence it could not be the Holy City come down from Heaven of Rev. 21 nor at the end of the thousand years but at its beginning.

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This brings us to a consideration of Christ's throne and its location. Turning then to Isa. 9:6, 7 we find the promised Son would continue the government upon the throne of David and the promise also confirmed to Mary in Luke 1:32-33. David ruled in Jerusalem over all Israel. When Jesus comes to reign it will be again in Zion. Psa. 102:16 "When the Lord shall build up Zion He shall appear in His Glory." see Isa. 52:8 and Micah 4:8. Soon the 7th trumpet will sound and the Kingdom of this world will become the Kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ and He will reign forever and ever, see Rev. 11:15. At that time He will destroy the systems and people who would destroy the earth. Rev. 11:18.

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**Difficult circumstances** is the precipitant which brings faith into exercise. God always appoints our Migdols; and when He appoints our position there is a way through! He does not always lead in flowery paths, but by many and sore difficulties dashes us upon the promises, where extremity cries, "Believe and claim, or doubt and drown."

**Trust in God's Fatherliness.** The child who comes only when he has something to ask for will be disappointed. But he who lets God be Father always, and in everything, who would fain live his whole life in the Father's presence—to him continual answers to prayer are inseparable. It is only when we live with God in personal, loving intercourse, where God is all to us, that the capacity will develop to believe that He gives whatsoever we ask.

**Ask in His Name.** This means to come with the power and authority, as representative and substitute and supposes a community of interests, a token of close union and great confidence. When Jesus went to Heaven He left the work of His kingdom on earth to His servants. He gave the spiritual power of the Name just to the extent in which these live for His interests. Oneness of life on earth gives oneness of name. But the name and character must be in harmony. Our power is in using the Name, whether with God, or men, or devils, depends on the measure of our spiritual life union.

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Father, or come with it to Himself for all their need? The bearing of another name means giving up my own, and my independent life; but then, the possession of all there is in the name I have taken. To really live in Jesus' name is to receive in ever-increasing measure the capacity to ask and receive in that name what He will. As we bear that name before men, we have power to bear it before God. It is through the Spirit that the Name will take supremacy in our lives."

**To "do all in the name of the Lord Jesus," is the counterpart of ask all.** Thus the power of the Name must rule the whole life. Not in the lips, but in the life God looks. The Scriptures speak of men who gave their lives for the name of the Lord Jesus, or some who were ready to die for the Name. We thus see what our relation to the Name must be. When it is everything to me, it will obtain everything for me. Heaven is set before you. Awake, and use the treasures of heaven by power of the Name to bless a perishing world. What-soever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do."

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### CHRIST JESUS Our HOPE

by Henry Best

Condensed from "The Church Herald"

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Saviour, and Christ Jesus our hope (1 Tim. 1:1).

In this salutation of Paul's letter to Timothy are four words which set forth the heart of the Christian faith—Christ Jesus our hope. There is profound meaning and instruction in the fact that an affirmation so basic and important to the Christian faith should be found in the salutation of a letter. It is there to remind Timothy that he is not in Ephesus alone. Christ Jesus, the living Lord, is there with him. The risen, living Lord is the only explanation for the spread of the Christian faith. Christ Jesus is our hope. He is the object of our hope, the substance of our hope, and the foundation of our hope.

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### There Is Hope

That there is hope in Jesus Christ can be demonstrated in the most objective manner. It can be shown from history. One of the most amazing facts of history is the appearance in the first century of a series of writings that make up our New Testament. These twenty-seven little documents, all of which originally appeared separately, were written and circulated in the first century of our era. This has been demonstrated beyond the shadow of reasonable doubt, through historical and literary investigations by the most objective critics. Furthermore, these writings which breathe such hope and certainty appeared in a time when the literature of the age was dripping with pessimism, cynicism, and despair. One of the keenest observers of life in the first century, a brilliant student and a world traveler, declared that it was a generation "having no hope and without God in the world." In that age of hopelessness, in that age of despair and cynicism, there suddenly appeared within the space of about fifty years a series of writings vibrant with hope, joy and cheer.

Further evidence that the hope in Jesus Christ is that these Christians who built their hope on Christ sealed it with their death. The martyrs of the Christian faith are evidence that there is a certain real hope in Jesus Christ.

Sustained by Hope

Let us observe next that this hope sustains us in our present life. To say that Christ Jesus is our hope means that we are sustained by hope. Hope is the expectation of future blessing. The 8th chapter of the letter to the Romans is one of the most positive and profound discussions on the subject of the sufferings of this life be found in any literature. It gives the Christian answer. We wait or our final redemption. As Christians we have already received the first fruits of the Spirit. Our sins are forgiven, we know that we are the children of God, we have fellowship and communion with Him and wonderful fellowship with one another, the true Brotherhood, but our salvation is not final, it is not complete. We still wait for God to finish our redemption.

### Hope Fulfilled

My final comment today on the Christian hope is that this hope is fulfilled beyond this world in the next. The major passages of the New Testament which deal with the Christian hope are what we call eschatological, that is, they point to the last things. The Christian hope is based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ and on His return in glory. It looks forward to the life to come. The Christian hope of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting is not based on philosophy, speculation, argument; it is based on the fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is for this reason that it is so absolutely certain.

More specifically, the Christian hope is fulfilled in the second coming of Jesus Christ. The return of the Lord is called "the blessed hope of the Church." We must live "soberly and righteously and godly in this present world, looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:12, 13).

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reign", because he is "dead to sin" and "alive unto God". John is writing to believers who are on the resurrection side of the Cross.

Union with Christ in His death and resurrection is the normal life of the child of God. The Scriptural way to deal with sin is—not to "get victory over it" but to **die to it!** You must reckon yourself dead to sin day by day, hour by hour, moment by moment, in order to be in a position to overcome the world and to overcome Satan. That should be the normal position of the man "in Christ". If you are to be in perpetual conflict over your own temper—spending the whole of your Christian life revolving around yourself, trying to overcome something that you call sin, and which probably is sin, you are not in a fit condition to overcome the world and Satan. You must get into the way of victory over Satan by way of "Romans six."

Never confuse **sin** with **Satan**. A temptation to sin may be from Satan, or from ceasing to maintain your attitude of "death" to sin and the self life. It is true that Satan works through the "old creation", but by reckoning yourself dead to it, you nullify the ground upon which he works. It is dangerous to put down to Satan what is the working of the Old Adam nature. It is equally fatal to a life of real triumph if you reverse it, and put down to yourself what is really the working of Satan, and thus bring yourself under condemnation. Hence the need of a continual reckoning on your death with Christ. It will not do to take for granted that you **are on** that footing it needs to be constantly maintained and re-affirmed.

So it is very striking to find that when John writes about "overcoming", he does not say anything about overcoming **sin**. He speaks of overcoming the world, and of overcoming the Wicked One. And remember, he is writing to the man who knows God, and knows how to walk "after the spirit," when he says "whosoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John v.4). He that is "born of God" is a "par-

taker of the Divine nature", God's life is in him, and overcomes the world. "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" **The power** to overcome the world comes through being born of God. **The means** of overcoming the world is faith. We triumph entirely by faith. **The object of faith** is Jehovah-Jesus, Jesus the Son of God. HE is the Conqueror. Have faith in the Conqueror, for all who have such faith conquer and overcome.

What have we to overcome? (1) We have to overcome the world-spirit, and all the things in the world that are contrary to God, and we do it through the New Life that we have from God. Then (2) we have to overcome the Wicked One and his hosts. "Beloved, believe not every spirit!" Why not? Because "many false prophets have gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God...Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them **because greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world**" (Joh. 4:1-4). A person, 'he that is in the world,' Satan the prince of this world, is to be overcome, and the power that overcomes him is a Person—"He that is in you", the Spirit of God.

To Be Continued

### Progress in Mining And Industry

Phosphate mining in the Negev and an additional sulphuric acid plant completed recently are sufficiently productive to supply Israel's growing agriculture with its entire fertilizer requirement, hitherto imported. The first trial shipment of phosphates abroad was made a short time ago and indicates prospects of a profitable export item and earner of foreign exchange.

### New Trade

HAIFA—(ISI)—Zim's (Israel's Navigation Company) Haifa-West Africa Line, started as an experiment two years ago, has now developed into a monthly service bringing logs for Israel's wood industry.

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## **New Bridge**

Bridge over the Euphrates costing about one million dollars is to be built for Iraq Government.

## **Israel Stone in New York Buildings**

HAIFA—(ISI)—Galilean granite has been used in thirty New York buildings it was announced recently. The export of Israel marble has increased significantly during the past year.

More than 800 pieces of Israel stone, totalling 30 tons, has been presented as Israel's gift to the United Nations to be used in the landscaping of the United Nations headquarters in New York.

## **Blind Telephone Operators Pass Examinations**

JERUSALEM—(ISI)—A course for blind telephone operators was recently completed in Jerusalem. All of the nine students, including a woman, passed the final examinations successfully and have been employed by industrial, institutional and municipal establishments.

## **Riches of the Desert**

A crater-shaped depression called the "Wadi Ramon" in the Central Negev, though little explored, showed itself to be rich in minerals. Difficulty of mining, due to lack of roads, water, and labor, has kept mining operations to a small scale.

## **New Road to Elath Opened**

BEERSHEBA—(ISI) — A Jerusalem bus carrying a group of journalists was the first public vehicle to travel over the new Negev trunk road to Elath last week. The port of Elath on the shores of the Red Sea is now linked to the rest of the country by a second and shorter road which passes through the center of the Negev via Tel Yeruham, Sde Boker, and Wadi Ramon, instead of running along the Jordanian border as does the old Elath road.

The road is partly asphalted and partly constructed of kaolin found in the area. The construction of the road across the wild and mountainous wills of Wadi Ramon entailed considerable engineering skill and the use of a large amount of explosives for blasting through the rock. At this highest point the road rises to nearly 3,000 feet, dropping down to sea level at Elath.

## **Water Pipeline to Elath Completed**

ELATH—(ISI)—The inhabitants of Elath, Israel's southernmost port on the Red Sea, recently celebrated the completion of a water pipeline laid along 15 miles of Negev desert from a well at Ein Radian southward to Elath.

The project, which took three months to complete will provide a sufficient supply of fresh water to the residences of the port city, who for four years had been dependent for their water on the daily flight of a plane from Lod airport and small wells in the vicinity.

