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A Blessed Christmas to One and All!

HOW FAITH COMES

E. W. Kenyon

"Without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing unto God."

It seems strange to one unacquainted with Scripture that eternal life or union with God is conditioned purely upon faith, and that as far as obtaining a right standing with God is concerned, our good works and self efforts are of no value.

Theologians have taught for years that faith comes first and that knowledge follows. That we must believe, and then we will know.

The Scriptures declare that knowledge comes first and that faith follows.

The scientists and the philosopher have had the right of the argument in saying that if we could produce evidence, they would believe. The theologian has answered them from his closet, "Take a wild leap into the dark, and you will find light." Some have attempted it, but have found the theologian in error.

We cannot believe beyond actual knowledge, and if God Almighty has demanded that I believe that Jesus of Nazareth is the incarnate God, that He died for my sins and arose from the dead that I might be set right with Him, I demand that He give me evidence upon which I can base such a faith. If He asks me to have faith when it is impossible, then I have a right to challenge His justice, but if He places in my hands the means whereby that faith can be produced, then the responsibility rests with me.

Scriptural faith is based upon evidence set forth in the Word.

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God.

Unbelief comes from hearing the theories of men.

Faith is based upon facts.

Unbelief is founded upon theories. A theory is a supposition established upon ignorance of the subject under discussion.

A fact is a conclusion deduced from evidence.

Union with God and eternal life are offered man on the principle of faith in Jesus the Christ, and the means of obtaining this faith is found in the Scriptures.

Then faith is the concomitant of knowledge. It comes into the soul unconsciously through the

door of discovered evidence. No effort is required on the part of the will or intellect to get faith, for as soon as the light comes, faith is there.

Faith and unbelief are available to all. If one wishes unbelief, it is only necessary to remain ignorant of the plan of God as set forth in the Scriptures.

If one desires faith, the Word has been offered by an eternal God, and in its pages every means has been given by which to produce a most perfect faith in God.

THE STILL OF THE MORN

Clare Alfred Dunnagan

In the early morn when all is still

And the stars so brightly shine,
A peace, transcendent and sublime,

Comes to this heart of mine.
Still'd is the din of earthly life
And my spirit is tuned to hear
The voice of God as He speaks to me

His message of love and cheer,
And my soul is filled with a greater joy

Than any I've known before,
And abundant peace, and greater grace

For the strife that lies before.
Forgotten the toil of yesterday
When some heavy load was born,
Lost in the new, unfolding joy

Of today's star-studded morn.
Ah, sweet is this hour, just God and I,

All else as though yet unborn,
With the jeweled skies my cathedral roof,

And the still of the early morn.

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Silent night! Holy night!

All is dark, save the light,

Yonder, where they sweet vigils keep,

O'er the Babe who in silent sleep,

Rests in heavenly peace,

Rests in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Peaceful night!

Darkness flies, all is light;

Shepherds hear the angels sing,

"Alleluia! Hail the King!

Christ the Savior is born,

Jesus the Savior is born."

Silent night! Holy Night!

Guiding Star, lend thy light;

See the Eastern wise men bring

Gifts and homage to our King!

Christ the Savior is born,

Jesus the Savior is born!

Silent night! Holiest night!

Wondrous Star, lend thy light;

With the angels let us sing

Alleluia to our King!

Christ the Savior is born,

Jesus the Savior is born!

Incarnation Day

E. W. Kenyon

The Incarnation is the greatest event of the age—the Word made flesh.

Christmas Day is Incarnation Day.

Christmas was Liberty's natal day.

Incarnation Day was the birthday of human hope.

Christmas was the rising of the sun, and the beginning of the end of the long, long night of human hopelessness.

Christmas meant that the long, bitter night of bondage was to end in the advent of the liberty of the sons of God.

The sun, swinging in his mighty orbit, has shone upon many a great day, but the greatest day was the jubilant day of

Christmas.

Only he who has been redeemed from the conscious power of Satan understands the triumphs of the Incarnation.

Christmas was the first really glad day since the Fall of Man. Christmas is God's great gift day.

Christmas was the lifting of the curtain that unveiled the heart of Deity.

The first Christmas witnessed the first angel choir that ever sang on a sin-cursed earth.

What a morn that must have been when God said, "Let Heaven's choicest angel choir descend to earth, and on top of old Bethlehem's hills sing the song of triumph at the cradle of Incarnation."

It is the day of giving and the day of receiving. It is the day of blessing.

The Incarnation was the fulfillment of the dream of humanity through the ages. It brought Deity to the earth to fight man's battles.

When a man is born anew, he has received the Divine nature and there is a real Incarnation. God has come into his human body and made it His Temple.

Psalms 37:4-5 "Delight thyself also in Jehovah; and He will give thee the desires of thy heart. Commit thy way unto Jehovah; trust also in Him, and he will bring it to pass."

ATTENTION PLEASE!

Once a year it becomes necessary to revise our files and drop those who we have not heard from for some time. If you enjoy the paper and would like to continue receiving it, let us hear from you at once.

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"FOR GOD SO LOVED THAT HE GAVE . . ."

Ruth A. Kenyon

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16.

God so loved that He gave. He gave His only begotten Son. He gave His Son to suffer and to die for us, in our stead, that we might not perish, but have eternal life.

On that first Christmas morn, God gave His beloved Son . . . the first Christmas gift. That Son gave His life that we might live. How are we using our lives?

The three wise men journeyed far, bringing costly gifts. What are we bringing to Him?

A this Christmas season, let us stop and think. What are we bringing to the Master?

Are we bringing Him our love and devotion, our time and our talents, the best that is in us? Are we bringing Him gifts of praise and thanksgiving?

Christmas has lost its true meaning to so many.

That first Christmas, the wise men came from distant lands, traveled many weary miles, that they might worship the King of Kings, might bring Him gifts, and bow before Him.

Today, how few remember the Christ of Christmas! Christmas is a time to rejoice instead of prayer, a time of exchanging gifts with no thought of the Giver of all Good Gifts.

Let us pause and thank Him for His many blessings. Let us remember the true meaning of Christmas. Let us rejoice in all His goodness. With the angels let us sing "Glory to God in the Highest!"

SOME DAY

Clare Alfred Dunnagan

Some day I know I'll put to sea
And, as recedes this shore,
I will not fear the dashing spray
Nor heed the breaker's roar;

For safely past the channel rocks
And reefs my boat will glide,
On . . . 'till across the crystal sea
I glimpse the other side.

I'll see awaiting, arms outstretched,
The loved ones gone before,
They'll meet me there on Heaven's strand

And clasp my hand once more!
And there we'll sing Redemption's song,

The harps of heaven will play,
And I'll be, oh, so glad to be
At home with God some day.

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You can't insult the heavenly Father more than to ask Him to give you "faith in Himself."

As long as you turn to the world for sympathy, the Holy Spirit is denied the privilege of being your Comforter.

If Jesus Christ had not risen from the dead, you would never have heard of Him.

Big men dare do what they know is right. Small men compromise. If you are Big, you will do the Big thing; if small, the small thing. The Big Thing is to give God His place in your life.

Practically all the tears you have shed, are tears of selfishness.

Apostasy means turning to the world for things that only God can give.

There is no power in hell that can keep you from prayer, if you want to pray.

If the Holy Spirit comes into your life, you can't stay out of fellowship.

The Opening of the Prison

F. F. Bosworth

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." Isa. 61:1,2. (Moffatt's translation): "To tell prisoners they are free, to tell captives they are released."

"The opening of the prison" is God's own figurative illustration of our release from bondage or imprisonment to sin, and sickness and everything else that reached us through the fall. It covers every phase of our Redemption and Salvation. I am thinking at this time of the physical phase of the Gospel, to help the sick and afflicted, but if you are physically well, and your problem is one of the many others, then think of your problem as an open prison and you can live in the experience and enjoyment of your freedom.

What is meant by "The Opening of the Prison?"

It means that the prisoners are free. Accordingly Moffatt so translates it, "To tell prisoners they are free, to tell captives they are released."

Jesus opened the prison for us by bearing our punishment. "Jehovah hath caused to meet on him the punishment of us all." (Isa. 53:6 Dr. Young's trans.) In Deut. 28 all sickness is listed among the punishments which Gal. 3:13 tells us that Christ redeemed us from. In Rotherham's translation of Isa. 53:10 we read, "He hath laid on him sickness." "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." (Math. 8:17). Jesus paid our debt, and since it does not have to be paid twice, we are free.

How are the Sick to Get out of the Prison?

First, they must know that the prison is open. Sickness is a bondage from which we have been redeemed. Jesus used this word "bound" when He said, "Ought not this woman whom Satan hath bound be loosed . . ." Jesus also said, "He hath sent me to set free the oppressed." (Moffatt) All sickness is called "the oppression of the Devil." (Acts 10:38).

They must know the "joyful news". "The Lord hath sent me to proclaim good tidings . . . to announce release to the prisoners." (Weymouth's trans.) Jesus said He came "To proclaim the opening of the prison to them that are bound."

Right Thinking and Right Believing Necessary

Since the fall, the natural man is bound and imprisoned by his physical senses. They keep him looking at his symptoms instead of being occupied with the Word of God. Man's way has been to judge by the walls of the prison instead of by the open door. True, the walls are there, but the prison is open.

Faith requires no evidence but the Word. It is blind to all but the Word of God. Paul says, "We look not at the things that are seen." When we rely upon physical evidence we repudiate the Word, and faith has no opportunity to exercise itself.

Right thinking and right believing must replace wrong thinking and wrong believing before we can intelligently act on the freedom which is already ours through Redemption. Man's thoughts have been that the prison is locked and that therefore he is not free. The truth is that the prison is open and therefore he is free to walk out. The sick man must forsake his way of judging according to the walls of the prison, by his symptoms, and he must accept God's way of reckoning according to the open door. A man can be in a prison without being locked in; in that

case he is free.

This is a "Joyful Message"

In the next place, this is a "joyful message". As soon as it is believed it produces joy. Jesus said, "He hath sent me to preach . . . the acceptable year of the Lord." The Gospel age was typified by the Old Testament Year of Jubilee. The Hebrew word translated "jubilee" means "A time of shouting". It was a happy year because God said on the day of atonement (in this 50th year) "Ye shall return every man to his possessions." Just so the Gospel Age is a "Time of rejoicing over the restoration of all our lost possessions through the fall: health for soul and body and every other blessing included in our Redemption."

Believing and rejoicing that we are free precedes our first step out of our prison or bondage to sickness. The absence of rejoicing would prove that you do not really believe the proclamation that you are free. Faith is believing that you are already free before walking out.

The sick person must forsake the thought that his freedom is a future act. It is not a future act, it is a past act. The door to your prison has been open a long time. "By his stripes ye were healed." "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." (Math. 8:17).

Your Part in Receiving Healing

The sick person must believe he is free because of the open prison door and then act accordingly. Unless faith has "corresponding actions", God's Word says that it is as dead as a body without a spirit. (James 2:26). The opening of the prison has made you free, but you will be in prison until you rejoice and walk out. No one else can do your part for you. Jesus required action on the part of the sick he healed. He commanded the palsied man himself, not the four who brought him, to take up his bed and go home. He commanded the ten lepers to go and show themselves to the priest before their healing was manifested, and as they went they were healed.

Now suppose you were in prison, longing to get out, and the warden pointing to an open door should say to you, "look, that door is open for you." Would you rejoice? Would you lie on your bunk and wait for the warden to carry you out? Would you ask your friends to pray you out after they have already prayed the court for your pardon and release? Your friends could come in and walk out with you, but not for you.

Not only is "The opening of the prison" release from every bondage, it is freedom to all the blessings revealed by the "exceeding great and precious" promises of God. Christ is able to save to the uttermost. Not only from the lowest depth of sin and misery, but into all the positive enjoyments of the divine favor. His salvation is eternal, including "an eternal inheritance", an "eternal crown", an "eternal Kingdom" and "pleasures forevermore".

Thank You, Friend

Grace Noll Crowell

I never came to you, my friend,
And went away without
Some new enrichment of the heart;

More faith and less of doubt,
More courage for the days ahead;
And often in great need
Coming to you, I went away
Comforted indeed.

How can I find the shining word,
The glowing phrase that tells
All that your love has meant to me,

All that your friendship spells?
There is no word, no phrase for you

On whom I so depend—
All I can say to you is this:
God bless you, precious friend.

News From Overseas

Dear Sister Kenyon:

Greetings in the precious Name of our sweet Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

I was glad to receive your precious and encouraging letter and also the Herald of Life. I hope and pray that all are well and rejoicing in the love of Jesus as we are here.

I am glad to let you know that we are still going on fine by the Grace of God. We are praising His goodness to us all. Our attendance has been increased in every station. Our work is also going along smoothly.

Last Sunday we had a good street meeting. Oh, what a privilege to bring Glad Tidings to those who are behind the bars. They seem so thankful to God and are praising Him for His love toward them.

They have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and now they are being comforted and live in peace. You will also be glad to know that God saved two ladies, one from Roman Catholicism and the other from Seventh-Day Adventism. And now they are going the same way. Oh, what a wonderful fellowship when they know Christ as Lord.

There was also an old woman who accepted Jesus as her Saviour. She realized that God is true and she is praising Him and very happy.

Please pray for me that God will supply a phonograph with a loud speaker. The people are very interested to know the story of Jesus.

Also pray for our material needs that God will increase and multiply at this time. Everything is too high in the Philippines. If we have rice to eat we have no meat. We are so thankful to God because He knows everything.

May God richly bless you and continue to give many souls for His Eternity in your ministry is our prayer.

Yours in His love,
M. A. Eirata
Philippine Islands.

Dear Sister in Christ:

Thank you for your letter of July 3rd and the word of encouragement.

It has just been my privilege to spend some weeks holding services in Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland. One African worker to whom I sent a copy of your Father's book, "Wonderful Name of Jesus", told me that he carried the book everywhere. Since he began to study it new power and spiritual life has come into his ministry. He told me of four miraculous healings that have taken place under his ministry just recently. We are very grateful for this, for God has wonderfully used this brother in the past, and for some time he had seemed to have lost the old time power from his life.

I have been studying the Bible study on the Old Testament of which you sent me a set. These Bible studies have brought a wealth of truth to me and I have been conscious of a new victory and power in my life. Doctrines that I have taught for years have suddenly become a part of my experience. I thank you for sending these studies out.

May the Lord richly bless you in the work. Rejoice with us in the open doors and souls who have just come to the Lord in S. Rhodesia. We held a tent campaign and hundreds of natives came to listen to the Gospel message, a number seemed really converted and their testimonies were inspiring.

F. Burke
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Transvaal, South Africa

P. I. M., India

Ever since I read your Father's writings I have been a changed man. I know my place in the Family of God and know that Satan has no more dominion over me. Satan has been eternally defeated. Praise God it is so wonderful!

Attention Prayer Warriors!

WHO DAILY BEARETH OUR BURDEN

Ruth A. Kenyon

"Blessed be the Lord, who daily beareth our burden, even the God who is our salvation." Psalms 68:19.

Our Heavenly Father knoweth our needs, and His hand is ever there to uphold us when we would stumble or falter by the way. He is always near to step in and shoulder our burden for us when the way becomes too steep and treacherous for us to make our way alone.

He is not a far off God, He is very near and real, our loving Heavenly Father.

Christ came to reveal the Father to us, and He told us "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." He likened Himself to the shepherd with the sheep.

What a beautiful picture He shows us of the shepherd going forth to search for the lost sheep, and then bearing it tenderly home in His arms. So it is with us, when we call upon Him, He draws us closer to Him and lifts our burdens and carries us gently over the rough places of life.

As we go to prayer, let us remember His love and tenderness. He so loved that He gave His Son to die for us!

At this Christmas season, let us breathe a prayer of thanksgiving for His love and watchful care over us.

PRAYER NEEDS:

1. Remember the sick and afflicted, the shut-ins and those in material need; those in foreign lands suffering from famine and made homeless by storms and calamities.

2. Remember our pastors and evangelists and missionaries, the Christian workers who are spending and being spent in the Master's service.

3. Remember to pray for the host of unsaved who may face eternity without Christ unless you pray.

4. Let us pray much for our precious boys in the service . . . now at this holiday season, separated by thousands of miles from their loved ones.

5. Pray definitely for the needs of the work here, that the Father will enable us to keep this work going, and that the finances will come in to meet the heavy printing bills. "Identification" must be reprinted at once, and several other books are nearly gone. We covet your prayers.

T. O. C., Nigeria

Remembering what I have been and how I came to start this course I have to thank God for His tender mercies for I say without hesitation that I have changed from what I have been before I took this course. This course meant to me a great Revelation from God and it meant also that I am made a messenger of his Love to my fellow men.

E. K. A., Nigeria, W. A.

You will never guess how much pleased and happy I am to take your Correspondence Course, and how my little family marveled at the progress and change I made. I now live by the Word of God.

G. M. P., India

I thank you for sending the "Herald of Life" to me regularly. These papers have helped me to know my Lord better and find my place in Him. I know I am a different girl since reading them. The Bible has become more precious than gold and sweeter than honey to me.

B. K., England

I do enjoy reading the "Herald of Life." It is so full of life. I have derived much spiritual help from it. I had never before realized that sickness was of Satan. In fact, I know I shall be regarded almost as a heretic for declaring it, but the Word is plain.

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ANSWERED PRAYERS

MUCH BETTER

Miss E.K., Lebanon, Pa.

Since I wrote you about my bowels they are so much better and the lumps in my breasts are not as painful any more. Now will you please pray for the pain in my legs and also for my eyes?

GOD HAS ANSWERED PRAYER

H.R.F., Vinton, Iowa

I am glad to report that my Mother is much better. I sent in a prayer request for her some weeks ago. She was quite nervous and run down in general.

I also wish to tell you at this time how God has wondrously answered prayer in regard to my nephew. Over a year ago I wrote asking special prayer for him. At that time he was graduating from high school and was very weak in body. His lungs were weak and he was very frail. God certainly answered prayer for he steadily grew stronger. He obtained a good job and saved his money, living a very quiet clean life.

PRAYERS HAVE HELPED

Mrs. E.B., Goldfield, Nevada

I received your last wonderful letter and I know your prayers have helped me. I can now walk with my husband's arm and I can lift my paralyzed arm as well as move my fingers. Since writing to you for prayer for me, my husband's business is better. Before it was so quiet and he wasn't doing very well.

Last June my daughter wrote to you for prayer for a young local boy who was in a serious accident that took the lives of two people. This young boy's life was in danger and no one expected him to live. He was unconscious for seven weeks and had a severe brain injury that paralyzed all his muscles. Today he is walking around as well as ever. The young people in Goldfield say it is a miracle that this boy is living, but we know that it is your prayers that saved his life.

MUCH IMPROVED

ILL.F., Los Angeles, Calif.

I must write you a few lines to thank you for your paper and most of all for your prayers. My eyes have improved very much since I asked you to pray for me and also my heart condition and high blood pressure have improved. I feel better than I have for 18 months and have not taken one dose of medicine since I asked you to pray for me. I do praise the Lord for what He has done for me and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

LORD HAS UNDERTAKEN

Mrs. R., Vernon, B. C.

I have written to you several times in the past asking for prayer and now the Lord has undertaken. He has healed my husband of a very bad stomach trouble.

A GREAT CHANGE

Rev. W.N., Jamaica, B.W.I.

You will be interested to know that in the month of August I prayed for a number of T.B. patients and five of them have already testified of the improvement in their health. One told me that without doubt, he is healed. There has been a great change. They are very robust and strong. Others who visit them wonder what they are still doing there. To God be the glory. This act of Faith came through the study of your course.

IS QUITE STRONG

Mrs. J.B., Seattle, Wash.

I trust in my God for everything and take His Word to live by. Just think how my Father has healed me. A year ago I could not

do much of anything, could hardly get around the house, but today I am quite strong. I feel so well. I had a birthday yesterday and I got a chicken dinner all by myself for my son and his family. I am 78 years of age. I owe it all to my dear Heavenly Father.

NO MORE MEDICINE

Mrs. J.B., Arcadia, Nebr.

Christ has been so wonderful to me! I never take any more medicine or go to doctors or hospitals. He strengthens me as well as heals me. I have been sick but He always heals and strengthens me. I pray that God will open the eyes of the people before it is too late.

HEALED OF HEART DISEASE

Mrs. K.B., Fairford, Manitoba

I want to thank you all for praying for us as I have been healed of a heart disease. Let us thank our Heavenly Father for all His good gifts.

HUSBAND IS HEALED

E.G.J., San Bernardino, Calif.

My husband is healed but hasn't gone back to work yet. He isn't supposed to until the 8th of November. We haven't received our insurance yet but are not worrying. Our Heavenly Father has promised to supply our every need so we are claiming that promise in Phil. 4:19.

Thank you for your prayers. How wonderful it is to trust Him! All He has to do is speak and things come into being. That is our Lord!

SYMPTOMS ARE ABOUT GONE

Mrs. J.H.H., Wellborn, Fla.

A few weeks ago I wrote you to pray with me in behalf of very serious symptoms bothering me, as that of Diabetes. Praise God! In a remarkable way they are all about gone and I am feeling so much better. Thank the Lord. As the song goes, "It's no secret what God can do." Thanking you from the depths of my heart, I shall continue praying for all the Kenyon staff.

ILL-HEALTH IMPROVED

I.B., Richton, Miss.

I am healed of my ill health and am greatly improved, for which I truly thank God. My stomach has been made new. It hurt me for about a year. I love you all and may God bless your good work.

NO MORE HEADACHES

Mrs. D.S., Mission City, B. C.

I want to write a few lines and tell you I am healed. I sent for an anointed handkerchief and one night when I had a bad headache I tied it to my head and the Lord healed me. I have no more headaches. I want to thank the Lord and you for He sure is wonderful. I always had a headache but now I am healed.

Mrs. A.J., Granite City, Ill.

I am writing to let you know how much I enjoy the Herald of Life. I would like to get it all the time. I am sorry I have waited so long to tell you how the Lord answered prayer when I wrote to you. I wrote to you to pray about a house and we have a lovely place. It is quiet out in the country and I can talk to the Lord and tell him my needs and He answers just in time. God bless you in the Lord's work.

Mrs. J. B. M., Meadow, Texas

I would like to say how pleased I am to receive the "Herald of Life." Since you have sent it to me I have read it over lots of times, especially when I was feeling depressed. I would like to say "May God bless you."

From Our Students

Mrs. A.S., Akron, Ohio

It is very hard for me to put into words what this course has meant to me. Material wealth would never buy what I have gained through it.

As a child in Christ, I was finding it difficult to read and understand the Bible, but never again. This course has taught me things I have never even dared to dream about. Oh, if I could only tell you what is in my heart after having taken these lessons. My Christian life has been strengthened and deepened. Well, it has been an experience I shall never forget.

Mrs. E.M., Thorndale, Alta.

Just a few lines regarding the course, "The Bible in the Light of our Redemption". It has so illuminated the Word that I now have sweet fellowship with the Lord Jesus and our dear Heavenly Father. It is the Light I have been hungering and thirsting after for years and have not been able to find. Your literature makes God's Word so plain. I never came across anything like it. Now I see the Word in an entirely different Light. How marvellous are the workings of God. I cannot praise Him enough.

I thought I'd hurry along with the course, but I have decided to take it slowly as the Lord permits and this is going to be much better. It is being well grounded into my life and I believe it will remain there forever. You can never know what a blessing your books and lessons have been to me. I want to be reading and studying them all the time. My whole ambition is to "let go" and "let God". I am so glad God led me to you. He knows the hungry hearts and told me very plainly through His Word that He would guide me into all the Truth. It is now opening like a rose. Is it any wonder I am so happy?

E.Z., Mountain View, Mo.

I have enjoyed these courses very much. I've taken all four of them. Don't you have any more?

Through the fact that the Word is gaining the ascendancy in my life, I have gained courage to become leader of a Girl Scout troop, although I know nothing about Girl Scouting. However, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me." By accepting this I will be leading girls from 10-16 years of age. My one aim is to lead them all into the fullness of the Word as you have lead me. I would have no other contact with them but this gives me an open door to their lives.

Before I knew that Jesus is my Wisdom and my Strength, I would have been afraid and said, "No, I can't accept", but I know now that He "watches over His Word" and so I go forward unafraid. Praise His Name!

Mrs. O.B.C., Shokan, N. Y.

This course has meant a great deal to me. Although I have studied the Bible for years and the Lord has blessed me by giving me many tokens of His Grace, these lessons have increased my knowledge of His Word and have given me power to exercise greater faith. May your work continue to grow in its ability to help others.

Mrs. F. R., Roseburg, Ore.

Thanks for the "Herald of Life." So many people ask about Paul's thorn in the flesh and this is so well explained in one of the papers. I am going to save this article and show it to many who have asked me about it. I do get blessed reading this paper for it teaches much of God's Word.

Testimonies From Overseas

E.G., Philippine Islands

My ministry is being revolutionized by the knowledge I am receiving through this Correspondence course. My knowledge on the Complete Redemption in Christ, Baptism of the Holy Spirit, the Trinity and on Faith has been increased. I have learned how to trust fully for the supply of our needs as He promises in Phil. 4:19 and for the healing of our diseases as in Is. 53:5, and for all of our griefs and sorrows.

Great blessings have been ours in our family life as we simply commit ourselves to Him for His keeping. My ministry is blessed much and more souls are being won to Him. My church is being strengthened in faith as we study the lessons together.

Your paper is also a blessing to us. The different testimonies therein have proved that the Lord works miracles today as He did in olden times. One of our members was healed last week due to our prayers. I just praise the Lord for such wonderful workings by faith.

B.M.S., India

When I was Born Again by the Grace of God, the joy of my salvation and the spiritual birth made the Holy Bible very interesting to me. During the past the Bible was a big bundle of books to my carnal mind and its connection was not clear to me. Above all I never cared to read it. Thank God, these Correspondence lessons have given me a clear understanding of the Plan of Salvation. With spiritual knowledge obtained from the studies, I testify for the glory of my Saviour. I speak in Open Air meetings, teach Sunday School and give sermons in our local church and outside. I praise the Lord and glorify Him for all the above spiritual privileges. For the spiritual knowledge derived from the studies, I am grateful to the Lord and thankful to Dr. Kenyon.

A.C., Australia

I have come to the end of this Second Bible course and I wish to say how mightily blessed I have been. A great peace and confidence seems to have taken possession of me. I have indeed been strengthened in the Inner man and trust God will use me as an emptied-of-self vessel whereby He may strengthen and teach others through me.

May God continue to richly bless and guide you dear ones who are working so ably in His Vineyard. Words fail to express my thanks to you for the great help you have been to me. God bless you all til we meet up Yonder. Praise His most Wonderful Name!

A.D.P., Nigeria

I have reaped a great blessing in this course and have found that God has made man in His image and has given Himself to man in the Holy Spirit. You have brought God into our midst through this course. I have learned more of Christ and my messages in the pulpit now bring tremendous joy into the hearts of the believers.

I discover that God is in the heart of the Americans more than in any other nation of the world for they always help us freely. May the Lord shower blessings more and more upon your work.

Rev. A.A.A., Nigeria.

These studies have renewed my faith and entirely warmed up my soul to know Christ as my only Saviour. With very keen interest I have gone through the course and I have gained much by it as

it greatly added to my Christian knowledge and experience. I can boldly say that there is not any word in any language to be used in qualifying the blessings which I received from the study. I have learned to pray more and read and study my Bible more and also how to have fellowship with my Lord Jesus Christ.

S.S.N., Nigeria

This course contains the true Light and it has enabled me to have positive evidence from which I may know who is my worst enemy and who is my greatest friend. It shows why the people have been subjected to so much affliction and suffering and how they may be delivered from all their foes. It is so educative that it contains a true statement of the outworking of the Divine program. It establishes faith, creates hope and makes glad the soul.

It is high time every one who takes this course tells his neighbor about it for it is the one way for deliverance.

C. S., India

I trust that you will continue to send me the "Herald of Life." Since I not only enjoy it, but find it to contain the Bible in a nutshell and explain it plainly, shortly and directly.

Rev. L. W. U., Nigeria, W. A.

This course has awakened the light of the Spirit to be ever active in me. My Spiritual life is deepened. Your course enables me to know what I am to face in the New Creation, what I am in Christ, and His work for me at the present time.

It has shown me that God can open ways where to human senses there seems no way, and I am no more in bondage.

J. O. A., Nigeria, B. W. A.

I thank God for having bestowed upon me a great blessing through this Bible Course. To state the great work that this course has done to me, I shall have to write large volumes.

The most important thing I have learned from you is the great work done for us on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ. Although I have been taught that He died for us, how and why I did not know, and this vague idea of His work on the Cross, has kept me ignorant of how to confess Him as my Saviour.

Again, God has through this course revealed to me what I am and the place human beings in general hold before God.

Before this course, whenever we went out for debate on religion, I could hardly open my mouth, simply because I did not know what to say; but since this course, I have been able to lecture a large number of people. My improvement has been surprising to those who did not know that I am taking this course.

K. M. A., Gold Coast, B. W. A.

I have just completed the course of the "Bible in the Light of Our Redemption." Words cannot express the blessing I have received from your free lessons. I have accepted the fullness of the Holy Spirit by faith. I therefore say, I do not think any earthly joy could make me depart from the Word. I owe you countless gratitudes for leading me to this abundant life.

P. H. A., Antigua, B. W. I.

I thank my Father for introducing me to the "Herald of Life." It was through that introduction I became a firm believer in the reality of God. I know He is my Father God and I am His son.

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"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Is. 9:6.

In this Scripture we have a prophecy of our Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are told that "a child is born" but "a son is given". It was only the physical nature that came into existence on that day we call Christmas. The Son had existed from Eternity. He had no birthday. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1.

Jesus was born to die. His death was substitutionary, so it was necessary that He take upon Himself flesh and blood. He died for us, so He must be identified with us.

His death and resurrection were to one end, that by believing we might have Eternal Life.

"... I came that they may have it abundantly." John 10:10.

Jesus gave His life; no man took it from Him.

Jesus was God's gift to the world.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16.

"... unto us a son is given..." He had always existed, but now He is given to us.

It had to be this way, for man, under the dominion of Satan as a result of Adam's sin, could do nothing to redeem himself. Someone stronger than Satan must redeem and loose him from Satan's lordship.

Jesus entered Hell, the strong man's house, and conquered him, taking from him the spoil in which he trusted. He completely paralyzed him and set us free from his dominion.

"When the strong man fully armed guardeth his own court, his gods are in peace: but when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him his whole armor wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils." Luke 11:21,22.

Now man is free to accept the gift of Eternal Life. "For by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." Eph. 2:8.

We are justified freely by His Grace. "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." Rom. 3:24.

Eternal Life, the nature of God, is a gift to all who will receive it through Christ.

John 1:17 declares, "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."

Jesus came to introduce the Father and He has introduced Him as a God of love and grace. His nature has always been one of love and grace, but not until Christ came was there a revealing or manifestation of it. "But now it has been realized through the appearance of our Saviour Christ Jesus who on the one hand rendered death ineffectual and on the other brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel." 2 Tim. 1:10. (Verkuy's trans.).

The Father yearns to make Himself known to His children. He longs to bless us with the blessings He has prepared for us through His Son, for when He gave Him to us, He with Him freely gave us all things.

"He that spared not his Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him freely give us all things?" Rom. 8:32.

As God's children we are now standing in a position of favor with Him. "Acquitted then as the result of faith, let us enjoy peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have been brought by our faith into the position of favour in which

we stand..." Rom. 5:1. (Weymouth's trans.)

God is on our side. He is for us and every enemy is beneath our feet.

He is our ability, our wisdom and our sufficiency.

We lack for nothing.

The substitutionary sacrifice of Christ has met our every need for spirit, soul and body. We are not a needy people. We are a blessed people for we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ. We are Believers and all things are ours. "Wherefore let no one glory in men. For all things are yours." 1 Cor. 3:21. All that we need to do is to know this and then rest quietly in it. We take our place in Christ and thank the Father for it and our needs are met.

Believing for the New Creation is resting in the Word, in the Finished work of Christ.

As Believers, we don't need faith for these things, for they are ours now. We possess them now. Faith is now and so as a result of our place in Christ, our union with Him, we have them now.

We are in God's Family and every provision has been made for us.

This is Grace, God's love in action.

Let us see our position of favor and rejoice in it.

Peace

E. W. Kenyon

"He is our peace who hath made both one." Eph. 2:14.

One of the objects of Jesus' coming was to bring peace.

What does peace mean?

When man fell and humanity began to increase on the earth, it increased with the spirit of anarchy in its heart. All through the ages there has been rebellion against law and restraint. It has been an outstanding feature in the human heart. This has brought sorrow and heartaches to the human race.

What it means to have peace in the home! What unrest and unhappiness if peace is not there!

Jesus came to bring two things that the world had never known before. One was pardon of sin, and the other was justification.

The result of that was peace, so there were really three things that Jesus brought to the world; pardon from sin, justification and peace.

The greatest gift of all was peace.

"My peace I leave with you."

Jesus had a tranquil spirit. He gives us a rest and a quietness that the heart has never known before.

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