



II Cor. 3:17 - "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy in the world.

In Days Gone By

On March 4, 1861, Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated.

On March 6, 1836, the Battle of the Alamo took place.

On March 6, 1933, President Roosevelt closed the banks because of the Depression.

On March 10, 1864, Ulysses S. Grant became commander of the Union armies.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION

"Can a person be a Christian without joining the church?" The answer is, "Yes, but it is like a soldier without an army, a student who will not attend school, a salesman without a customer, a sailor without a ship, a bee without a hive, an author without a reader or a baseball player without a team." These situations might exist, but they would not be very satisfactory.

WHAT IF ?



What if I get sick, if I lose my job, if I don't succeed, if I disappoint others, if humanism overruns our schools, if our church doors are closed, if war threatens, if the Bible is outlawed? The list is long.

What if...the very idea questions God's ability to take care of life's situations. Dr. B.R. Lakin said one time, "Has it ever occurred to you that nothing ever occurred to God?" Think of it - the future is as a closed book with our God. He'll take care of us all the way to Heaven.

We don't need to know the future. We simply need to know the One Who holds the future.

YOU'RE GETTING OLD if your friends don't ask how you feel, but ask where you hurt!

SHUT IN WITH GOD



When the Lord was about to send a great flood upon the earth to destroy its wicked inhabitants, He invited Noah and his family into the ark and locked them in. Had He not done so, the powerful giants who lived at that time would certainly have invaded that craft with perhaps dire consequences for all concerned. By being confined in the ark, Noah and the whole human race were preserved. He became a "shut-in", not through God's disfavor, but rather because he had found grace in the eyes of the Lord. This is true of many "shut-ins" today. The Lord has called them aside, not to shatter their dreams, but to work out His wise design for their lives and bring them special blessing.

Someone has sent this bit of poetry which I think is especially appropriate for those who have been temporarily laid aside:

"Shut-in," I never liked the word, it held a plaintive note,
Until a very different view I got, from what one shut-in wrote.

"Shut-in?" she said, "O, yes indeed! Shut in from noise and strife,
But shut out, too, are many things that cluttered up my life.

Shut in are peace and faith and hope, shut out are fear and doubt,
Shut in are words and deeds of cheer, no heart can do without!
Shut-in, why 'tis a blessed word! My soul will one day trod,
On happy feet to Heaven's door and be shut in with God!"

While you may feel hemmed in by your present circumstances, the Saviour has a wise purpose in it all. Be patient and continue to trust in His wisdom.



THE LITTLE BLUE CHAIRS



The little blue chairs in a circle still stand,
But they're occupied now by another small band;
The children I taught every Lord's Day are grown,
But I think of them often, as I sit here alone.
Did I tell them of Him who died on the tree,
And who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me."

Do the ones that are left still remember my prayers,
As they sat in that circle of little blue chairs?

Don't EVER give up!



Galatians 6:9 - "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap IF we faint not."

She looked exquisite, all in white;
This was her wedding day.
And eyes were misted as she vowed
To honor and obey.
But somehow as I watched the two,
So wonderfully in love,
Another wedding welmed my soul—
A wedding up above.
I'm wondering if even now
The banquet table's laid
As angels stand in readiness,
Full preparations made;
And if, as Isaac, Jesus walks
Heav'n's fields at eventide,
Awaiting us; expecting us,
His precious blood-washed bride,
Glad maranathas thrill and stir
Our hearts. It can't be long!
I almost hear an angel choir
In measured wedding song:
Here comes the bride! Yes, here she comes,
The bride-saints, all in white,
And soon descending from the clouds—
Her Bridegroom, her delight!

—Mary Mason

Miscellaneous.

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At 85 years of age the Lord still enables me to preach, teach and serve as assistant pastor at Grace Baptist Church in Pittsfield, Illinois where my son, Dr. Gary Dice, is the pastor. How thankful I am for the good measure of health He has given me and for a good church to serve Him through.

This "Liberty" paper continues to be printed and sent to many missionaries, pastors and others around the world. The "Liberty" began over 35 years ago in my last church in Indiana. Many people have written to tell us they enjoy and use it in their own ministries.

Plans are to keep on publishing it as long as possible.



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DO YOU READ YOUR BIBLE?

Did you know that most Americans never read the Bible, even though it remains the best-seller of all books? This is why America is rapidly becoming another Sodom and Gomorrah. Millions of couples openly live together rather than getting married, contrary to God's Word. Legalizing same-sex marriage perverts the very meaning of marriage. And...abortion in America has killed tens of millions of unborn babies, more than the entire population of most countries. Our prisons are filled to overflowing. We are reaping what we have sown.

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE concludes with a prayer.

In the last paragraph signers acknowledged that they were "appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world" as they embarked on a dangerous course toward building a new nation "with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence" as they struggled to free themselves from rule by the British Crown. In spite of the efforts of revisionists to recent history, most of America's Founding Fathers were members of mainstream churches of their day, and the Constitution was founded upon Biblical principles.