



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

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## We're Going Home!

*We're going Home! We're going Home!  
No more o'er barren wastes to roam.  
And if the way seem long we've trod,  
We're going Home to Heav'n, to God.*

*What if the way be oftentimes rough—  
We're going Home—that is enough!  
How sweet the welcome that awaits  
Our entry at Heav'n's pearly gates.*

*What hallowed bliss within its walls!  
What peaceful rest within its halls!  
No sense of sin, no sound of strife—  
Just radiant, joyful, endless life.*

*What fellowship we then shall share!  
How wonderful the frames we'll wear  
In that dear realm—Heav'n's homing-  
place—  
And all through Christ's redeeming grace.*

—E. Dawson Smith

## **In Days Gone By**

On Oct. 20, 1918, the Germans accepted Woodrow Wilson's peace terms, thus ending World War I. It was supposed to be the war that ended all wars.

Last week a grain of sand got into my wife's eye, and she had to go to the doctor. It cost me \$300.

That's nothing. Last week a fur coat got into my wife's eye, and it cost me \$3,000.

## Legislation Is About Morality Much of the Time

When moral Americans ask for laws to outlaw abortion, drugs, alcohol, gambling or pornography, liberals cry, "You can't legislate morality!" But most legislation relates to morality. When we make it illegal to murder, steal or rape, we are imposing our morality on murderers, thieves and rapists to prevent them from imposing their immorality on their victims. The same is true for assault, fraud, prostitution, tax evasion, etc. Liberals don't want biblical morality legislated, but they want to legislate their secular-humanist morality instead. It is often a question of whose morality is being legislated.

—CALVARY CONTENDER

There is no exclusivity to Christianity. The worst (or best) sinner in town can have a genuine relationship with Almighty God if he: (a) acknowledges his/her sins and sinfulness; (b) repents; and then, (c) places his/her case into the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ, risking Him to forgive all the sins of past, present and future, thereby guaranteeing him/her a home in Heaven.

## You're Eating My Cookies!

There's a nice poem by Valerie Cox about a woman who bought some cookies and a book at an airport and sat down to read and nibble while waiting for her plane. She soon noticed a man sitting next to her who casually took a cookie from the bag.

Although shocked and seething, the woman remained silent while the man, without the slightest sign of shame or gratitude, quietly helped himself, matching her cookie for cookie.

When there was one cookie left, she watched in amazement as he picked it up, smiled at her as if he were being gracious and broke it in half. He ate one half and gave her the other. Congratulating herself for maintaining her cool, she said nothing to this rude cookie thief, astonished at the nerve of some people.

Later, when she was settling into her seat on the plane, she rummaged through her purse and discovered the bag of cookies she had purchased, still unopened. The moral message is contained in the poem's closing stanza:

"If mine are here," she moaned with despair, "then the others were his, and he tried to share."

Too late to apologize, she realized with grief that she was the rude one, the ingrate, the thief.

—ChapnotesMail by way of ChristianVoicesWorldwide.net

## Things to Think About

- How come wrong numbers are never busy?
- Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?
- Have you ever seen a toad on a toadstool?
- How do you get off a nonstop flight?
- If swimming is good for your shape, then why do the whales look the way they do?
- Why do we sing "take me out to the ballgame" when we are already there?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

## In Which House Do You Live?

"I got two A's," the small boy cried.

His voice was filled with glee.

His father bluntly asked,

"Why didn't you get three?"

"Mom, I've got the dishes done,"

The girl called from the door.

Her mother very calmly said,

"Did you sweep the kitchen floor?"

"I've mowed the grass," the tall boy said.

"And put the mower away."

The father, looking at the rug,

"Didn't you clean off the clay?"

The children in the house next door

Seem happy and content.

The same things happened over there.

But this is how it went:

"I got two A's," the small boy cried.

His voice was filled with glee.

His father proudly said, "That's great!

I'm glad you belong to me."

"Mom, I've got the dishes done,"

The girl called from the door.

Her mother smiled and softly said,

"Each day I love you more."

"I've mowed the grass," the tall boy said.

"And put the mower away."

His father answered with much joy,

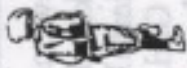
"Son, you have made my day!"

Children deserve a little praise

For tasks they're asked to do:

If they're to lead a happy life,

So much depends on you.



## One Way to Get Attention

A minister habitually told his congregation that if they needed a pastoral visit to drop a note in the offering plate. One evening after services he discovered a note that said, "I am one of your loneliest members and heaviest contributors. May I have a visit tomorrow evening?" It was signed by his wife.

Do all the good you can  
By all the means you can  
In all the ways you can  
In all the places you can  
At all the times you can  
To all the people you can  
As long as ever you can.

## "God, Okay to Substitute"

Years ago I lived in a town where I could never buy anything to fit me. I would send away occasionally to a certain large store for what I needed, and they would send me printed order forms. At the bottom of the forms were some such words as these: "If we have not the article you order in stock, may we substitute?"

Once I said, "Yes," and they wrote, "We are sorry we have not in stock the article you ordered, but we are substituting—" and they sent me something that was worth double the price I paid. They made it a rule, if they could not supply the article ordered, to substitute with one of a much better quality.

Ever after that I printed it out boldly so they would understand it—"Y-E-S."

When we pray to God, we had better put on the order form that we are quite willing to let Him substitute, for every time He does He sends us something far better—"exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." —Coxe's Witness

# Miscellaneous.

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## WHEN YOU BECOME A CHILD OF GOD!

Doctors tell us that in the first few minutes of a baby's life at least forty physical changes take place. And as soon as a person is born again, some wonderful changes come to him, also. He becomes a child of God, which means a change of parentage. He becomes an heir of God, possessing a rich inheritance. He possesses eternal life, which means a change of destiny.

He is accepted in the beloved and is no longer a stranger to God. He is sealed by the Holy Spirit with a seal that cannot be broken. He becomes a temple of the Holy Spirit — God lives within him.

Now not one of these things is gained by anything we do. It is all the gift of God.

### Konfused Kid

"I can't understand it," cried the boy.

"What?" asked his friend.

"Every time my mom gets worn out, I'm the one who has to take a nap."

Some folks occasionally say, "I'd die for Jesus!" But He doesn't ask you to die for Him—He asks you to live for Him—and that's more difficult to do.

*It is God's will that I should cast*

*My care on Him each day.  
He also asks me not to cast  
My confidence away.*

*But, oh, how foolishly I act  
When taken unaware;  
I cast away my confidence  
And carry all my care.*

### Small Steps

Do not despair, that you cannot change  
The world in a day or two.  
Instead, just give your very best  
In the little things you do.  
Then you will find in days to come  
When taken all together,  
These little steps did change and make  
The world a little better.

Thomas C. Gallagher