



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

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## Just As the Sun Went Down

After the din of the battle's  
roar,  
Just at the close of day,  
Wounded and bleeding upon  
the cross,  
Jesus, our Saviour, lay.  
They pierced His side, nailed  
His hands, His feet;  
With thorns they made a  
crown.  
"Father, forgive them," He  
cried and died,  
Just as the sun went down.

He came to earth from His  
Home above,  
Beautiful, bright and fair;  
Thinking of sinners He laid  
aside  
All of His glory there.  
He bore the mocking and  
scorn of men,  
Toiling from town to town;  
Man was redeemed upon  
Calvary,  
Just as the sun went down.

When you talk, you only repeat  
what you already know... but  
when you listen, you may learn  
what someone else knows.

## In Days Gone By

On April 25, 1945, delegates  
from some 50 countries met in  
San Francisco to organize the  
United Nations. President  
Truman called on the diplo-  
mats to create a body that  
would prevent the outbreak  
of another world war. For-  
ty-Six nations were involved  
in this meeting.

## Mom's 10 Commandments for a Happy Household

1. If you take it out, put it away.
2. If you eat on it, wash it.
3. If you turn it on, turn it off.
4. If you mess it up, clean it up.
5. If you drop it, pick it up.
6. If it rings, answer it.
7. If it barks, walk it.
8. If you open it, close it.
9. If I cook it, eat it.
10. If I say do it, don't ask why.



# ROSE OF SHARON

The Rose of Sharon blooms in me  
With petals opened wide,  
To catch all the joy and sunlight  
That keeps me warm inside.

Starting with a tiny bud,  
It spread to maturity,  
And arched toward its source of light  
For all the world to see.

Jesus, Rose of Sharon,  
Fill every single part.  
Add your beauty to my soul  
And the bouquet of my heart.

— Rita Lynn Summers

## Unfolding the Rose

It is only a tiny rosebud  
A flower of God's design;  
But I cannot unfold the petals  
With these clumsy hands of mine.

The secret of unfolding flowers  
Is not known to such as I.  
GOD opens this flower so sweetly,  
Then, in my hands, they die.

If I cannot unfold a rosebud,  
The flower of God's design,  
Then how can I have the wisdom  
To unfold this life of mine?

So, I'll trust in Him for leading  
Each moment of my day.  
I will look to Him for His guidance  
Each step of the Pilgrim's way.

The pathway that lies before me  
Only my Heavenly Father knows.  
I'll trust him to unfold the moments,  
Just as He unfolds the rose.

## the Rose

A splendid rose stood  
all alone,  
Surrounded by a wall  
of stone.  
Around the wall were  
roses, too,  
Still neither knew the  
other grew.

So often we, like  
flowers, dwell  
Too deep within our  
human shell  
And pass through life—  
"not understood"—  
Nor making all the friends  
we should.

Tony Pettito

### ENCOURAGEMENT FROM A ROOSTER



The Lord will use any Christian following rules adhered to by the rooster:

1. The rooster rises early and immediately begins his God-given task — crowing.
2. The rooster does not refuse to crow because he cannot sing like a canary; but he does crow as if to him, at least, his work was the most important in the world.
3. He efficiently does that which is never praised. Whoever heard any one asking: "Did you listen to that rooster crow? Hasn't he a charming voice?"
4. He awakes sleepers. Unpopular, but often necessary.
5. He is the proclaimer of good news: A new day with glorious opportunities and responsibilities has dawned.
6. He is dependable. He is persistent. He is an excellent advertiser.
7. He never complains about having to do the same common task, and he does not worry about compensation or the recognition that he should have. (Wheeler City Rescue Mission Tract)

## The Bible

Read it to be wise,  
Believe it to be safe,  
Practice it to be holy  
And use it to win souls.

Christ is its grand Subject,  
Our good its design,  
Our salvation its purpose  
And the glory of God its end.

## First Things First

1. The first thing to know: "Knowing this first" (II Pet: 1:20).
2. The first thing to seek: "The kingdom of God, and his righteousness" (Matt. 6:33).
3. The first thing to preach: "The gospel...delivered unto you first of all" (I Cor. 15:1-4).
4. The first thing to do: "Be first partaker of the fruits" (II Tim. 2:6).
5. The first thing in service: "First be reconciled to thy brother" (Matt. 5:24).
6. The first thing in life: "Cleanse first that which is within" (23:26).

Father, I have wandered from  
Thee;  
Often has my heart gone  
astray.  
Crimson do my sins seem to me;  
Water cannot wash them  
away.  
Jesus, to that fountain of Thine  
Leaning on Thy promise I go;  
Cleanse me by Thy washing  
divine  
And I shall be whiter than  
snow.

—Eden R. Latta ■

## HIS GREAT LOVE

We sometimes fear to bring our troubles to God because they must seem so small to Him who sitteth on the circle of the earth. But if they are large enough to vex and endanger our welfare, they are large enough to touch His heart of love. For love does not measure by a merchant's scales nor with a surveyor's chain. It hath a delicacy which is unknown in any handling of material substances.

—R. A. Torrey

He's  
Still  
Working  
On Me!



# Miscellaneous.

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## WHEN YOU CHANGE ONE LETTER

The difference between "disappointment" and His "appointment" is just the letter "H". Someone has written the following poem:

"Disappointment -- His appointment."  
Change one letter, then I see  
That the thwarting of my purpose  
Is God's better choice for me.  
His appointment must be blessing,  
Tho' it may come in disguise,  
For the end from the beginning  
Open to His Wisdom lies."

## BE SURE YOUR SINS WILL FIND YOU OUT

Remember the rugged, macho, handsome "Marlboro Man" who starred in cigarette ads on TV? His name was Wayne Lauren. After 25 years of smoking he developed lung cancer. When that happened he became an anti-smoking crusader. He died at the age of 51. His mother said, "He fought a hard battle. Some of his last words were: 'Take care of the children. Tobacco will kill you, and I am living proof of it.'"

## THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR A CHRISTIAN

WE could list many things such as winning others to the Saviour, living right, giving tithes and offerings, helping others, studying the Bible, etc. But, to me, the most important thing you can do is be faithful in your church attendance, all the time, every time and on time. When you attend a good Bible-preaching church and become involved, you are exhorted from the Word of God, you are challenged to be faithful, encouraged, helped, strengthened in your life for the Lord and grow into a mature, dedicated Christian. You learn how to live, walk, talk and work for the Lord. When you don't go you miss what God has designed for you and become a weak, vacillating, criticizing, and complaining person. At church we fellowship with the best people in the world and that helps us become strong Christians. When you miss church you become careless in your Christian life, you don't read your Bible, pray or witness for the Lord. YOU NEED THE CHURCH and should consider it a great privilege that God would allow you to go. The most important thing you can do for yourself and others is to be faithful to your church.