



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

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## WILL THE REAL CHRISTIAN STAND UP

Years ago, I remember watching a television game show, where the viewer and the player were to guess who was the real celebrity.

Three people claimed to be the celebrity. They answered questions about his life, work and play. Sometimes they even talked with the right accent and acted as if they were the special guest. No matter their efforts, at the end of the show it was revealed that only one was genuine and the others were imposters.

The same occurs in many a spiritual life. Many claim to be a child of the King but their lives reveal that they don't live up to the Christian banner they stand under.

Luke 6:46 points the finger and asks the question, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

Don't call God your Father unless you are obedient to His way. Allow Him to be exactly what the word Lord means, to be your controller and master of your life. -- Bill Brinkworth

"I would not work for my salvation,  
For that my Lord has done;  
But I would work like any man,  
For love of God's dear Son."

## Five minutes after I die

Loved ones will weep o'er my  
silent face;  
Dear ones will clasp me in fond  
embrace;  
Shadows and darkness will fill  
the place  
Five minutes after I die.

Faces that sorrow I will not see,  
Voices that murmur will not  
reach me,

But where, oh, where will my  
spirit be  
Five minutes after I die?

## In Days Gone By

On Sept. 5, 1774, the first  
Continental Congress met  
in Philadelphia, Pennsyl-  
vania.

SOMETIMES THE LORD CALMS  
THE STORM. SOMETIMES HE LETS  
THE STORM RAGE AND CALMS  
HIS CHILD.

SOME FIGHTS are lost even  
if we win. A bulldog can  
whip a skunk, but it just  
isn't worth it!

# FROM YOUR LOVED ONE IN HEAVEN...

## If You Could See Where I Have Gone

If you could see where I have gone, the beauty of this place  
And how it feels to know you're home, to see the Savior's face,  
To wake in peace and know no fear, just joy beyond compare,  
While still on earth you miss me yet, you wouldn't want me there.

If you could see where I have gone, Had made the trip with me,  
You'd know I didn't go alone, the Savior came with me.  
When I awoke, He was by my side, and reached down His hand,  
said, "Hurry, you are going home to a grand and glorious Land.  
Don't worry over those you love, for I'm not just with you,  
And don't you know with you at home, they'll long to be here too?"

If you could see where I have gone and see what I've been shown,  
You'd never know another fear, or ever feel alone.  
You'd marvel at the care of God, His hand on every life,  
And realize He really cares and bears with us each strife,  
And that He weeps when one is lost, His heart is filled with pain,  
But oh the joy when one comes home, a child at home again.

If you could see where I have gone, you'd know we'll meet some day,  
And though I'm parted from you now, that I am just away.  
So, thank you family, thank you friends, for living for the Lord,  
For encouraging me to love Him, to trust Him and His word.  
And now that I am home with Him secure in every way,  
I'm waiting here at Heaven's door to greet you some sweet day.

## SAFELY HOME

I am home in heaven, dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly  
Trod the valley of the shade?  
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined  
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me  
In that way so hard to tread;  
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,  
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,  
For I love you dearly still;  
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,  
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you,  
So you must not idly stand;  
Do it now, while life remaineth—  
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,  
He will gently call you Home;  
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,  
Oh, the joy to see you come!



When a Christian dies, people often say,  
"There they go." However, in Heaven they  
joyously say, "Here they come!"

## GIFT OF MEMORY

Among the priceless gifts, dear God,  
That you have given me,  
Is one I treasure in my heart,  
The gift of memory!  
That's all I need to stroll along,  
The corridor of time,  
With dreams of happy days when You,  
Made life and love sublime.  
In memory I see old friends,  
As they pass in review,  
And from the mists of yesterday,  
A whisper says, "I do."  
It is my magic carpet that  
Rolls back the years and seems,  
The absolute fulfillment of  
My most endearing dreams.  
That's why as days pass into months,  
And months slip into years,  
I thank You for this priceless gift,  
With all its smiles and tears.

-Bill McMorro

# Miscellaneous.

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\*EVENTS  
\*VIEWS.  
\*NEWS



## DOES GOD REALLY CARE ABOUT ME?

Everyone has a basic need for knowing that no matter what happens in our life there is someone who cares. We are told that the "silent scream" inside is caused by a suffering person feeling that no one cares.

Most every person in the world, sooner or later, will be brought to a place where they will ask, "Does God Care?" Sometime or somewhere in your life that question will come your way. The answer, of course, is "YES!" He does care. He always has and He always will.

God cares no matter what the world may think. It is wonderful to know that God takes notice of one little sparrow (Luke 12:6-7) and we're of more value than all the sparrows put together. The world may not put much value on a person, but Jesus cared enough to go to Calvary for you and me. He cares regardless of what people may think or say.

God cares no matter how low you may have sunk. No matter where you are in life, God still cares what happens to you. Sin will rob you and bring shame and loss, but the Lord cares for your soul and desires for you to have joy in your heart. No matter where you are, He has His eye on you.

God cares no matter what the uncertainties of life may be. Sometimes the demands of life seem to push us to the very edge and, if we're not careful, we will ask if life is worth the fight. But life is not a dead-end street. Remember that Romans 8:28 is still true. Let's go back and read it again: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

We should individually make it our goal to let someone know that we care. Very often a person can be lifted out of a depressed state by knowing that someone does care. Here is a wonderful promise that God gives us in I Peter 5:7: "Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you.

This is the way the disciples run:  
Peter and Andrew, James and John.  
Philip and Bartholomew,  
Thomas, next, and Matthew, too.  
James the less, and Judas the greater,  
Simon the zealot, and Judas the traitor.