

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

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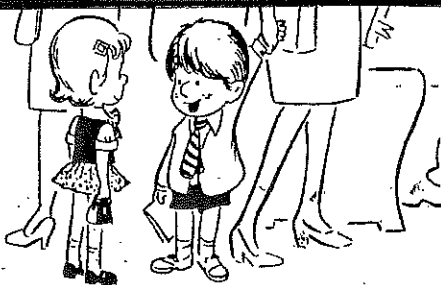
PRAYER

I know not by what methods rare,
 But this I know: God answers prayer.
 I know not when He sends the word
 That tells us fervent prayer is heard.
 I know it cometh soon or late;
 Therefore, we need to pray and wait.
 I know not if the blessings sought
 Will come in just the guise I thought.
 I leave my prayers with Him alone
 Whose will is wiser than my own.

WHAT IS EFFICIENCY?

The right man in the right place at the right
 time doing the right thing in the right way.

*When you can't put your
 prayer into words,
 God hears your HEART*



"SIT IN TH' PEW BEHIND US, AN' I'LL MAKE SOME OF
 MY BEST SILLY FACES FOR YOU."

The Unknown Workman

He was a humble workman
 With the tools with which he
 wrought
 And he built a common stable—
 Or so it was he thought!

And he fashioned there a manger
 Where cattle could be fed,
 Never thinking that the Savior
 Would pillow there His head.

He had only built a stable
 With a manger in the stall,
 Yet it cradled there the Christ-
 Child
 Who is King and Lord of all!

So although our task be humble,
 Let us work each day with care;
 For we may not know God's
 purpose
 Or why He placed us there.

For the manger that formed the
 cradle
 Of our Lord and Savior then
 Was built by a humble workman
 In the town of Bethlehem.

—Henry B. Knox

In Days Gone By

On Oct. 17, 1931, Al Ca-
 pone was convicted of
 income tax evasion and
 sentenced to prison.

What God Did for Us the Moment We Believed

The Bible clearly reveals the exceeding greatness and mighty power of God's salvation. Since the blessings involved in salvation are simultaneous, there is no chronological or logical order for them.

1. He forgave us (Eph. 1:7; Acts 10:13).

2. He regenerated us (John 3:3-7), or granted us the new birth (1:14).

3. He quickened us, or made us alive (5:25; Eph. 2:1).

4. He justified us (Rom. 3:28; 5:1; Acts 13:38, 39).

5. He sanctified us in our relationship to Him (Heb. 10:14; 1 Cor. 1:30).

6. He perfected us forever (Heb. 10:14).

7. He cleansed and washed us (Rev. 1:5; Titus 3:5).

8. He sealed us by the Spirit (Eph. 1:13; 4:30).

9. He made us the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19).

10. He delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son (Col. 1:13).

11. He raised us up and made us sit together with Christ in the heavenlies (Eph. 2:6).

12. He saved us (Acts 16:31; John 10:9).

13. He opened our eyes spiritually (3:3; Acts 26:18).

14. He turned us from darkness to light (John 8:12; Acts 26:18).

15. He gave us rest (Matt. 11:28; 29; Heb. 4:3).

16. He gave us eternal life (John 3:16; 5:24; 10:28).

17. He made us saints (Rom. 1:7; 1 Cor. 1:2).

18. He adopted us and made us children of God (John 1:12; Eph. 1:5).

19. He delivered us from condemnation (John 5:24; Rom. 8:1).

20. He made us free (John 8:36; Rom. 8:2).

21. He gave us peace (5:1; Eph. 2:14, 17; John 14:27).

22. Christ the Son and God the Father took us into their hands for safekeeping (10:28-30)

23. Christ became our righteousness (Rom. 1:17; 10:3, 4, 6), our wisdom, our sanctification, our redemption (1 Cor. 1:30).

24. He made us a new creation (II Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15).

25. He made us His heritage (Eph. 1:11, 18).

26. He made us complete in Christ (Col. 2:10).

27. He gave us access into His grace in which we stand (Rom. 5:2).

28. He delivered us from the curse of the law (Gal. 3:13).

29. He made us heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ (vs. 29; 4:7).

30. He blessed us with all spiritual blessings in the heavenlies in Christ (Eph. 1:3-14).

31. He made us a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people (1 Pet. 2:9).

32. He made us nigh by the blood of Christ (Eph. 2:13).

Many of the above items may be synonymous, but bringing them together enables us to understand the many-sidedness of our salvation.

—Faris D. Whitesel

DON'T STAY AWAY FROM CHURCH

- Because you are poor. There is no admission charge.
- Because you are rich. We can help you cure that.
- Because it rains. You go to work in the rain.
- Because it is hot. So is the golf course and the beach.
- Because it is cold. It's warm and friendly inside.
- Because no one invited you. People go to the movies without being invited.
- Because you have little children. What if you didn't have them? We have a supervised nursery.
- Because you don't like the preacher. He's human, like you.
- Because your job makes you tired. You may lose your job.
- Because there are hypocrites. You associate with them daily everywhere.
- Because you have company. They will admire your loyalty if you bring them along, or tell them to wait until you get back.
- Because you need a little weekend vacation, occasionally. If your soul takes a vacation from God, it's not good.
- Because your clothes are not expensive. Our church isn't supposed to be a fashion show anyway.
- Because our church standard is too high. Take a look at the Bible standard if you think ours is high!
- Because the church always wants money. So does your grocer.
- Because you have plenty of time ahead of you to get saved. Are you sure?

HOW BIG IS GOD'S CREATION?

If you could bore a hole in the sun it would be possible to put one million, four-hundred thousand worlds inside the sun, and they would still have room to rattle around!

DON'T FROWN! SMILE INSTEAD!

To make a smile come, so they say, Brings 13 muscles into play, While if you want a frown to thrive, You've got to work up sixty-five,

ABE LINCOLN: You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

ALWAYS keep your head up, but be careful to keep your nose on a friendly level!

A TINY LITTLE MINUTE

I have only just a minute, only sixty seconds in it, forced upon me—can't refuse it, didn't seek it, didn't choose it; but it's up to me to use it. I must suffer if I lose it, give account if I abuse it. Just a tiny little minute—but eternity is in it!

Miscellaneous.

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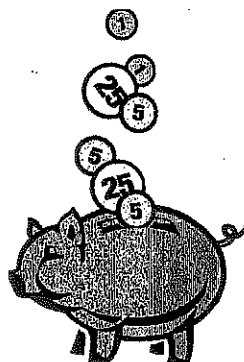
Letters to the Pastor

Dear Pastor, I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance?

Love, Patty. Age 10

Dear Pastor, I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland. Loreen. Age 9

Dear Pastor, I liked your sermon where you said that good health is more important than money but I still want a raise in my allowance. Sincerely, Eleanor. Age 12



Dear Pastor, I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there. Stephen. Age 8

Dear Pastor, I know God loves everybody but He never met my sister. Yours sincerely, Arnold. Age 8

Dear Pastor, Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, Pete. Age 9

"Great marriages don't happen by luck or by accident. They are the result of a consistent investment of time, thoughtfulness, forgiveness, affection, prayer, mutual respect, and a rock-solid commitment between a husband and a wife."

Sign outside a church in Edmond, OK: "America's hope – not in the elephant, not in the donkey, but in the Lamb."

"When I have learned to love God better than my earthly dearest, I shall love my earthly dearest better than I do now." ~C. S. Lewis

One who uses his Bible as his guide never loses his sense of direction.