



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

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GOD'S SIMPLE PLAN OF SALVATION

- I. All have sinned, Romans 3:10, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God..." Romans 3:23
- II. Sin must be paid for. Romans 5:12, "for the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life..." Romans 6:23.
- III. Jesus Christ paid for our sins. Romans 5:8, "but God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
- IV. What we must do. Romans 10:9-13, "For Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."
- V. How we can know we are on our way to Heaven. John 3:36, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life..."
- VI. Assurance I John 5:14 and 15, "And this is the confidence that we have in him..."

Don't Be a Carping Critic

As a minister waited to be served breakfast in a railway dining car, a husband and wife were seated by the waiter. When the meal was being served, the wife began to complain: "This omelet is cold and tasteless, and this grapefruit is not chilled." On and on she complained, ad nauseum.

To clear the atmosphere of complaint, the minister asked the gentleman, "What business are you in?"

"I am a manufacturer." Continuing, he said, "My wife, too, is a manufacturer."

"How interesting," said the minister. "What does she manufacture?"

"She manufactures misery for herself and others!" he replied.

Some people are happy only when they are miserable and when making others miserable:

A CROOKED MAN

*There was a crooked man
Who had a crooked smile,
Who made a crooked fortune*

*In a very crooked style.
He lived a crooked life,
As crooked people do,
And wondered how it turned out*

*His sons were crooked,
too!*

Days Gone By

On August 20, 1741,
Alaska was discovered.

*Some people devote
all their religion
to going to church*

It Don't Take Much

It don't take much to make men glad,
To cheer folks up when folks get sad.
When crops look poor, and things go wrong,
It don't take much, it don't take long,
Whoever any fellah is,
To slip your arm inside of his
And let him know a friend he's got
Who's still a friend, no matter what.
He'll chirp right up at just a touch
Of friendliness—it don't take much.



It don't take much to make men smile—
Why, folks just want to all the while!
And all they need to make 'em start
Is just to meet one merry heart.

It don't take much to set men right;
One candle's bigger than the night
If someone sees it who's astray
And finds the right and proper way.
You don't need scold, you don't need preach,
Just all you need to do is reach
Your hand and find some fellah's hand
And help him back to solid land.
A friendly hand, a kindly touch,
That's all they need—it don't take much.

—Source Unknown

Wonderful Story

Wonderful story of infinite grace,
Story of One crucified in my place,
Hanging forsaken between earth and sky,
Shamed and tormented and left there to die,
His kingly head bowed with the weight of my sin,
Foul was I, Lord, without and within.
Angels still carol the story through space,
Wonderful story of infinite grace!
Wonderful story of infinite love,
Wanting me there in Heaven above,
Seeing me, blood-washed, as spotless as He,
Building a home for a sinner like me.
O, how it eases the pain I must bear,
Only to dream of that home waiting there,
Its windows aglow with the light of His face!
Wonderful story of love and of grace!

—Martha Snell Nicholson

HEAVEN CAN BE YOURS

• Realize God loves you. He has a plan for your life.
"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

• The Bible says all men are sinners. Our sins have separated us from God.
"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

• Sin must be paid for.
"For the wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23

• Christ paid for our sin. All our sins were laid on Christ on the cross. He paid our sin debt for us.
"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

• We must personally pray and receive Christ by faith as our Saviour.
"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13

• Pray and receive Christ as your Saviour. Lord, I know that I am a sinner. If I died today I would go to hell. Forgive my sin, come into my heart and save me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

When a man says he is going to do this or that tomorrow, ask him what he did yesterday.

Some people major in minor things.

The happiness of your life depends upon the character of your thoughts.

Joint Heirs With Him!

A forsaken old mother at close of day
With trembling heart would kneel down to pray.
Her soul lifting Heavenward with sweet acclaim,
Softly, so softly she whispered the name—
Of JESUS.

A poor, ragged beggar, defiled and diseased,
Would pause each night when his troubles had eased;
Then stretching himself right across his cot prone,
He humbly, yet boldly, approached the throne
Of JESUS.

A fragile young stripling who dwelt in the street,
Running odd errands for something to eat,
Each evening would pray with a childlike belief,
Touching the heart (I'm assured, with his grief)
Of JESUS.

Though wretched, these souls could yet earnestly sing,
"Glory to God, I'm a child of a King!"
Beggar and waif and forsaken old mother,
All rightful heirs and claiming as Brother—
This JESUS.

Children of royalty at poverty's door?
Can regal splendor be theirs evermore?
Yes! Not a one of them shall suffer a loss
Since, searching, they found the old rugged cross
Of JESUS!

—Lorraine Johnson

Oh, be kind and understanding when you judge another's acts,
For you may not know his problems or be sure of all the facts.
Let the law of love control you, do not hastily decide;
Breathe a prayer for those who stumble, lift the fallen—don't deride!

—G. W. Crofts

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DEFINITIONS THAT MAKE SENSE

HUMILITY is that precious quality that makes us feel smaller as we grow greater.

FORGIVENESS is the fragrance the violet sheds on the heel that crushes it.

TACT is the unsaid part of what you think.

CHARACTER is what a man is in the dark.

HAPPINESS is a perfume you can't pour upon others without getting a few drops on yourself.

A SMILE is a gently curved line that sets a lot of things straight.

MARRIAGE (a successful one) is more than finding the right person; it's being the right person.

HAPPINESS is something we create in our mind, by daily acts of thoughtfulness in the art of being kind.

GREATNESS lies not in trying to BE somebody, but in trying to HELP somebody.

FAILURE is merely an opportunity to start over again, wiser than before.

A MOTHER is not someone to lean upon, but someone who makes leaning unnecessary.

LETTERS are smiles across the miles.

HURRY is the mother of most mistakes.

PRAYER is the pause that empowers.

PRAYER is also telling God your life story, punctuating it with exclamation marks instead of question marks.

PRAYER is the vital breath of the soul; without it the Christian soon turns blue.

TRUE PRAYER is a way of life, not just an emergency route.

SERVICE is love in working clothes.

TRUE BEAUTY is found in inner grace, rather than in a handsome face.

GRACE is everything given to someone who deserves nothing.

FAITH is trusting God in all circumstances; believing what God says without asking any questions; believing not only that God can, but that He will.

COURAGE is fear that has said its prayers.

A CHRISTIAN is a little Christ who imitates Christ, making Him attractive to others.

REPUTATION is what people think you are; CHARACTER is what God knows you are.

TODAY is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.

GRACE: God's Riches At Christ's Expense