

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

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WHAT IS LOVE

It is Silence
when your words would hurt.
It is Patience
when your neighbor is curt.
It is Deafness
when a scandal flows.
It is Thoughtfulness
for other's woes.
It is Promptness
when stern duty calls.
It is Courage
when misfortune falls.

Love is like magic.
And it always will be.
For love still remains
Life's sweet mystery!
Love works in ways
That are wondrous and strange.
And there's nothing in life
That love cannot change!
Love can transform
The most commonplace
Into beauty and splendor
And sweetness and grace!
Love is unselfish.
Understanding and kind.
For it sees with its heart
And not with its mind!
Love is the answer
That everyone seeks
Love is the language
That every heart speaks

A MAN MAY GO TO HEAVEN...

Without health
Without wealth
Without fame
Without a great name
Without learning
Without big earning
Without culture
Without beauty
Without friends
Without many things



BUT HE CAN NEVER GO TO HEAVEN

WITHOUT JESUS CHRIST! Jesus
said in John 14:6: "I am the
Way, the Truth, and the Life;
no man cometh unto the Father
but by Me." What will you
do with Jesus?

THE PROMISE OF SPRING

Springtime is a green time
When the leaves come bursting out,
Springtime is a new time
With vitality about.

Springtime is the seed time
When the plants begin to grow,
Springtime is nesting time,
When the birds fly to and fro.

Springtime is a fresh time,
When we can begin anew,
Praise the Lord for springtime,
For everything pure and true.

Lily S. Thomas

FOR SALE: The farmer had been taken in so many times by the local car dealer that when the dealer wanted to buy a cow, the farmer priced it to him like this:

Basic Cow: \$200; two-tone extra, \$45; extra stomach, \$75; product storage department, \$60; dispensing device, four spigots at \$10 each, \$40; genuine cowhide upholstery, \$125; dual horns, \$15; automatic fly swatter, \$35.

Total: \$595



GOD'S SIMPLE PLAN OF SALVATION



FIRST All Have Sinned: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

SECOND Sin Must Be Paid For: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life..." (Romans 6:23).

THIRD Jesus Christ Has Paid For Our Sin: "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

FOURTH What We Must Do: "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13).

FIFTH Assurance: "He that believeth on the Son hath (continues to have) everlasting life..." (John 3:36)

Emmanuel

A temple was designed
Within the flesh I wear;
Lo! by a miracle
My Lord abideth there.

His Holy Spirit stood
Without my unlatched door,
Until I asked Him in
To dwell forevermore.

My plain exterior
Conceals His fine abode;
Inside, His Spirit glows
As in a hall of gold.

He feeds me with His flesh
That I may live forever;
My thirst He quenches with
His well of living water.

The Vine sustaining me
Contains His awesome power;
My body is revived,
My spirit comes to flower.

He touched mine eyes to see
The wonder of His Word;
He opened mine ears to hear
That song the shepherds heard.

My lips are formed to tell
The glory of His love;
My hands and feet are quick
To serve Him here . . . above.

My days are fully blest
For Christ has come indeed;
On earth as if in heaven
He meets my every need!

—Margaret S. Urann

THE BEST DEFINITION

A clergyman wrote to a wealthy businessman requesting help for a worthy charity. He promptly received a curt refusal which ended by saying, "As far as I can see, this Christian business is just one continuous give, give, give."

The clergyman wrote back, "I wish to thank you for the best definition of the Christian life that I have yet heard."

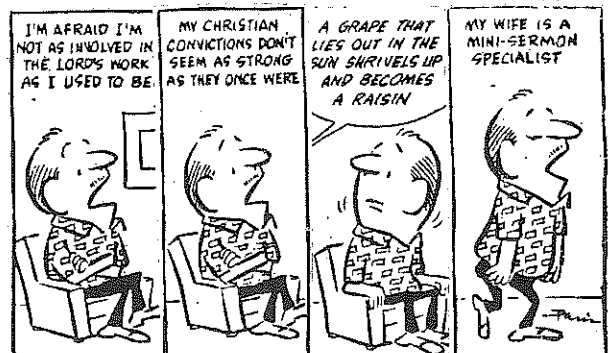
THE APPLE AND THE WORM



How does a worm get inside an apple? Perhaps you think the worm burrows in from the outside. No, scientists have discovered that the worm comes from the inside.

But how does he get in there? Simple! An insect lays an egg in the apple blossom. Some time later, the worm hatches in the heart of the apple, then eats his way out.

SIN, like the worm, begins in the heart and works out through a person's thoughts, words and actions. For this reason, David once wrote in Psalm 51:10, "Create in me a clean heart, O God."



Miscellaneous-

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A Silent Sermon

Grandfather would tuck his Bible under his arm and walk through the small town he lived in to Sunday School and church services. For the last five years of his life he could not hear, and he never heard a word of any sermon, yet he continued to go. One day I asked him, "Grampa, why do you keep on going to Sunday School and church when you can't hear a word that the preacher says?"

"I keep on going," he replied, "even if I don't hear, because I want people to know whose side I'm on."

Do people know whose side you're on? Do you want them to know? It is time for Christians to take a stand for Christ. We must be different from the world if we are to help it. Until we make it clear who it is we serve, no one will ever pay attention to us. An evaluation of some Christians' lives would lead one to believe that God "really isn't that big of a deal." Make sure the world knows whose side you're on.

"...as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

God sometimes sends us challenges as blessings in disguise,

To make us stop and think along the way...

To make us search our hearts and souls and take time to discover,

A little more about ourselves each day....

To lovingly remind us just reach out to Him in prayer,

For any answers that we long to know....

God sometimes sends us challenges, as blessings in disguise

To guide us and inspire us as we grow...

May God who watches over us and blesses us each day,

Help you find the strength to meet what life may send your way.

May He guide your footsteps and hear your every prayer,

And in the days to follow keep you always in His loving care....

The bad things in life open your eyes to the good things you weren't paying attention to before.

Appropriate Church Behavior Gives Opportunity

A. To give God the glory due His name as we worship Him

B. For the Word of the Lord to have free course unhindered by distraction