

## *Lesson 69: God the Son, Part 10, 11*

Memory Verse: Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: 2 Timothy 1:9,10

### **X. Jesus' Resurrection and the New Life**

61. When did the resurrection take place and who came first to the tomb? **Mark 16:1-3**

"And \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had \_\_\_\_\_ sweet spices, that they might come and \_\_\_\_\_ him. And very \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the week, they \_\_\_\_\_ unto the sepulchre at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the sun. And they said among themselves, \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ us away the \_\_\_\_\_ from the door of the sepulchre?"

What did they find when they got to the tomb? **Mark 16:4-6**

"And \_\_\_\_\_ they looked, they \_\_\_\_\_ that the \_\_\_\_\_ was rolled \_\_\_\_\_: for it was very \_\_\_\_\_. And \_\_\_\_\_ into the sepulchre, they \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ man sitting on the \_\_\_\_\_ side, clothed in a long \_\_\_\_\_ garment; and they were \_\_\_\_\_. And he saith unto them, Be \_\_\_\_\_ affrighted: Ye seek \_\_\_\_\_ of Nazareth, which was \_\_\_\_\_: he is \_\_\_\_\_; he is not \_\_\_\_\_: behold the \_\_\_\_\_ where they \_\_\_\_\_ him."

**Note:** "He who died for the sins of the world was to remain in the tomb the **allotted** time. He was in that stony prison house as a **prisoner of divine justice**. He was responsible to the Judge of the universe. He was bearing the sins of the world, and **His Father only could release Him**. A strong guard of mighty angels kept watch over the tomb, and had a hand been raised to remove the body, the flashing forth of their glory would have laid him who ventured powerless on the earth." 5BC 1114.1

"There was only **one entrance** to the tomb, and neither human force nor fraud could tamper with the stone that guarded the entrance. **Here Jesus rested during the Sabbath**. But **prophecy** had pointed out that on the third day **Christ would rise from the dead**. Christ Himself had assured His disciples of this. 'Destroy this temple,' He said, 'and in three days I will raise it up.' Christ **never** committed sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. **His body was to come forth from the tomb untarnished by corruption.**" 5BC 1114.2

66. What did the angel tell the women to do? **Matthew 28:5-7**

"And the angel answered and said unto the women, \_\_\_\_\_ not ye: for I know that ye seek \_\_\_\_\_, which was crucified. He is not \_\_\_\_\_: for he is \_\_\_\_\_, as he said. Come, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ where the Lord \_\_\_\_\_. And go \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ that he is \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_; and, behold, he goeth before you into \_\_\_\_\_; there shall ye \_\_\_\_\_ him: lo, I have \_\_\_\_\_ you."

Did they do it? **Matthew 28:8** "And they departed \_\_\_\_\_ from the sepulchre with \_\_\_\_\_ and great \_\_\_\_\_; and did \_\_\_\_\_ to bring his \_\_\_\_\_ word."

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While the women were bringing the news to the disciples, who else got the news?

**Matthew 28:11**

"Now when they were \_\_\_\_\_, behold, some of the \_\_\_\_\_ came into the \_\_\_\_\_, and shewed unto the \_\_\_\_\_ the things that were \_\_\_\_\_."

What did they do about the testimony of the soldiers? **Matthew 28:12-14**

"And when they were assembled with the \_\_\_\_\_, and had taken \_\_\_\_\_, they gave \_\_\_\_\_ unto the \_\_\_\_\_, Saying, Say \_\_\_\_\_, His \_\_\_\_\_ came by \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ him away while we \_\_\_\_\_. And if this come to the \_\_\_\_\_ ears, we will \_\_\_\_\_ him, and \_\_\_\_\_ you."

What did the soldiers do? **Matthew 28:15**

"So they \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ as they were \_\_\_\_\_: and this \_\_\_\_\_ is commonly \_\_\_\_\_ among the \_\_\_\_\_ until this day."

**Note:** "While the women were making known their message as witnesses of the risen Saviour, and while Jesus was preparing to reveal himself to a large number of his followers, **another scene was taking place**. The Roman guard had been enabled to view the mighty angel who sang the song of triumph at the birth of Christ, and hear the angels who now sang the song of redeeming love. **At the wonderful scene which they were permitted to behold, they had fainted and become as dead men**. When the heavenly train was hidden from their sight, they arose to their feet, and made their way to the gate of the garden as quickly as their tottering limbs would carry them. Staggering like blind or drunken men, their faces pale as the dead, **they told those they met of the wonderful scenes they had witnessed**. Messengers preceded them quickly to the chief priests and rulers, declaring, as best they could, the remarkable incidents that had taken place." YI, August 4, 1898 par. 8

"The guard were making their way first to Pilate, but the priests and rulers sent word for them to be brought into their presence. These hardened soldiers presented a strange appearance, as they bore testimony to the resurrection of Christ and also of the multitude whom he brought forth with him. **They told the chief priests what they had seen at the sepulcher**. They had not time to think or speak anything but the truth. **But the rulers were displeased with the report**. They knew that great publicity had been given to the trial of Christ, by holding it at the time of the Passover. They knew that the wonderful events which had taken place – the supernatural darkness, the mighty earthquake – could not be without effect, and **they at once planned how they might deceive the people. The soldiers were bribed to report a falsehood**; and the priests guaranteed that if the matter should come to Pilate's ears, as it most assuredly would, they would be responsible for the action of the soldiers. **They bribed Pilate to silence**, and by special messengers **sent the report they had prepared to every part of the country**." YI, August 4, 1898 par. 9

61. Could the resurrection of Jesus so easily be hidden by the Jews? There were witnesses whom they could not silence. What happened on the Day of Pentecost?

**Acts 2:14** "But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye \_\_\_\_\_ of Judaea, and \_\_\_\_\_ ye that \_\_\_\_\_ at Jerusalem, be this \_\_\_\_\_ unto you, and \_\_\_\_\_ to my \_\_\_\_\_:"

**Acts 2:22-24** "Ye men of \_\_\_\_\_, hear these \_\_\_\_\_; Jesus of Nazareth, a man \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ among you by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, which \_\_\_\_\_ did by \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also \_\_\_\_\_: Him, being

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\_\_\_\_\_ by the determinate counsel and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, ye have \_\_\_\_\_, and by \_\_\_\_\_ hands have \_\_\_\_\_ and slain: Whom \_\_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_\_ up, having \_\_\_\_\_ the pains of \_\_\_\_\_: because it was not \_\_\_\_\_ that he should be \_\_\_\_\_ of it."

**Acts 2:29-36** "Men and brethren, let me \_\_\_\_\_ speak unto you of the \_\_\_\_\_ David, that he is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and his \_\_\_\_\_ is with us unto this \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore being a \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ had sworn with an \_\_\_\_\_ to him, that of the \_\_\_\_\_ of his loins, according to the flesh, he would \_\_\_\_\_ up \_\_\_\_\_ to sit on his \_\_\_\_\_; He seeing this \_\_\_\_\_ spake of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, that his \_\_\_\_\_ was not left in \_\_\_\_\_, neither his \_\_\_\_\_ did see \_\_\_\_\_. This \_\_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_\_ raised up, whereof \_\_\_\_\_ all are \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore being by the \_\_\_\_\_ hand of \_\_\_\_\_ exalted, and having \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth \_\_\_\_\_, which ye now \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. For David is \_\_\_\_\_ ascended into the \_\_\_\_\_: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my \_\_\_\_\_, Sit thou on my \_\_\_\_\_ hand, Until I make thy \_\_\_\_\_ thy footstool. Therefore let \_\_\_\_\_ the house of \_\_\_\_\_ know assuredly, that \_\_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_\_ that same \_\_\_\_\_, whom ye have \_\_\_\_\_, both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

The disciples freely and boldly preached of the resurrection of Christ and His ascension to heaven. They were preaching to all the people gathered before them which were from many parts of the world. (see Acts 2:8-11)

62. What does Paul say about the resurrection of Christ? **1 Corinthians 15:20**

"But now \_\_\_\_\_ Christ \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, and become the \_\_\_\_\_ of them that slept."

**Note:** "The resurrection of Jesus was a **type of the final resurrection** of all who sleep in Him. The **countenance** of the risen Saviour, His **manner**, His **speech**, were all **familiar** to His disciples. As Jesus arose from the dead, so those who sleep in Him are to rise again. **We shall know our friends**, even as the disciples knew Jesus. They may have been deformed, diseased, or disfigured, in this mortal life, and they rise in perfect health and symmetry; **yet in the glorified body their identity will be perfectly preserved**. Then shall we know even as also we are known. (1 Corinthians 13:12). **In the face radiant with the light shining from the face of Jesus, we shall recognize the lineaments of those we love.**"  
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63. What does Jesus say about His death and resurrection? **John 10:17,18**

"Therefore doth my Father \_\_\_\_\_ me, because I \_\_\_\_\_ down my \_\_\_\_\_, that I might \_\_\_\_\_ it again. No \_\_\_\_\_ taketh it \_\_\_\_\_ me, but I \_\_\_\_\_ it down of \_\_\_\_\_. I have \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ it down, and I have \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ it again. This commandment have I received of my \_\_\_\_\_." Jesus has life in Himself. **Only He** has the power of life.

"I am the resurrection, and the life.' He who had said, 'I lay down my life, that I might take it again,' **came forth from the grave to life that was in himself**. Humanity died: divinity did not die. In his divinity,

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Christ possessed the power to break the bonds of death. He declares that he has life in himself to quicken whom he will." YI, August 4, 1898 par. 1

**All created beings live by the will and power of God.** They are recipients of the life of the Son of God. However able and talented, however large their capacities, they are replenished with life from the source of all life. He is the spring, the fountain, of life. **Only he who alone hath immortality**, dwelling in light and life, could say, 'I have power to lay down my life, and I have power to take it again.' " YI, August 4, 1898 par. 2

64. Why did Jesus die? **1 Peter 3:18** "For Christ also hath \_\_\_\_\_ suffered for sins, the \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_, that he might \_\_\_\_\_ us to \_\_\_\_\_, being put to \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ [made alive] by the \_\_\_\_\_."

He died because it was the only way to B\_\_\_\_\_ us back to harmony with God. Our sins demanded the just sentence – death. This penalty He took for us because He was J\_\_\_\_\_.

He was the **only** One who could take this death penalty and live again.

**Isaiah 42:21** "The LORD is well pleased for his \_\_\_\_\_' sake; he will \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and make it \_\_\_\_\_."

He died to magnify the \_\_\_\_\_ and make it honourable – to maintain the justice of God's laws.

**Romans 7:12** "Wherefore the law is \_\_\_\_\_, and the commandment \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_."

He died because it was the only way that the \_\_\_\_\_ could be upheld as holy, just, and good.

**Note:** "The words of Christ, 'I am the resurrection, and the life,' were distinctly heard by the Roman guard. The whole army of Satan heard them. And we understand them when we hear. Christ had come to give his life a ransom for many. As the Good Shepherd, he had laid down his life for the sheep. It was the **righteousness** of God to **maintain his law by inflicting the penalty**. This was the **only way** in which the law could be maintained, and pronounced holy, and just, and good. It was the **only way** by which sin could be made to **appear exceeding sinful**, and the **honor and majesty of divine authority be maintained**." YI, August 4, 1898 par. 3

**"The law of God's government was to be magnified by the death of God's only begotten Son.** Christ bore the guilt of the sins of the world. Our sufficiency is found only in the incarnation and death of the Son of God. He could suffer, **because** sustained by divinity. He could endure, **because** he was without one taint of disloyalty or sin. Christ triumphed in man's behalf in thus bearing the justice of punishment. **He secured eternal life to men, while he exalted the law, and made it honorable.**" YI, August 4, 1898 par. 4

65. What promise did He give to His followers? **John 10:10** "The \_\_\_\_\_ cometh not, but for to \_\_\_\_\_, and to \_\_\_\_\_, and to \_\_\_\_\_: I am come that they might have \_\_\_\_\_, and that they might have it \_\_\_\_\_." He promises a more \_\_\_\_\_ life.

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**John 6:54** "Whoso \_\_\_\_\_ my flesh, and \_\_\_\_\_ my blood, hath \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ; and I will \_\_\_\_\_ him up at the \_\_\_\_\_ day."

He promises \_\_\_\_\_ life to be given at the time He R\_\_\_\_\_ them up at the last day.

**John 4:14** "But whosoever \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ that I shall give him shall never  
\_\_\_\_\_ ; but the \_\_\_\_\_ that I shall \_\_\_\_\_ him shall be in him a \_\_\_\_\_ of water  
springing up into \_\_\_\_\_ life." Jesus promised that He would satisfy our  
T\_\_\_\_\_, our longing for something we need and don't have – for Jesus. He brings us  
\_\_\_\_\_ life.

**Note:** "Christ was invested with the **right to give immortality**. The **life** which he had laid down in  
**humanity**, he again took up and **gave to humanity**." YI, August 4, 1898 par. 5

66. What is it that makes eternal life possible for us? Jesus explained in **John 6:56, 57:**

"He that \_\_\_\_\_ my flesh, and \_\_\_\_\_ my blood, \_\_\_\_\_ in me, and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ the living Father hath sent \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ live \_\_\_\_\_ the Father: so he that  
\_\_\_\_\_ me, even he shall \_\_\_\_\_."

Why is Christ able to give us eternal life? He tells us in **John 14:19:**

"Yet a \_\_\_\_\_ while, and the \_\_\_\_\_ seeth me no \_\_\_\_\_ ; but \_\_\_\_\_ see me: \_\_\_\_\_  
I \_\_\_\_\_, ye \_\_\_\_\_ live \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "All who are **one with Christ** through faith in him **gain an experience** which is life unto eternal  
life. 'As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live  
by me.' He 'dwelleth in me, and I in him.' 'I will raise him up at the last day.' 'Because I live, ye shall live  
also.' " YI, August 4, 1898 par. 6

67. What does Jesus say about those who believe in Him? **John 11:25,26**

"Jesus said unto her, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ : he that \_\_\_\_\_ in  
me, though he were \_\_\_\_\_, yet shall he \_\_\_\_\_ : And whosoever liveth and \_\_\_\_\_  
in me shall \_\_\_\_\_ die. Believest thou this?"

**John 8:51** "Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man \_\_\_\_\_ my saying, he shall \_\_\_\_\_ see  
\_\_\_\_\_."

Why did Jesus say this when everybody does die? He could say this because He was  
speaking of the second, eternal death. The first death is not eternal and Jesus calls it  
S\_\_\_\_\_.

How do we know? What did He say about Lazarus? **John 11:11** "Our friend Lazarus  
\_\_\_\_\_ ; but I go, that I may \_\_\_\_\_ him out of \_\_\_\_\_."

Was Lazarus sleeping like you do every night?	YES	NO
Or had Lazarus died the first death?	YES	NO

**John 11:13,14** "Howbeit Jesus spake of his \_\_\_\_\_ : but they \_\_\_\_\_ that he had  
spoken of taking of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. Then said Jesus unto them \_\_\_\_\_, Lazarus is  
\_\_\_\_\_."

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The Jews didn't understand what Jesus meant in John 8:51.

What did they say? **John 8:52:**

"Then said the \_\_\_\_\_ unto him, Now we \_\_\_\_\_ that thou hast a devil. Abraham is \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_; and thou \_\_\_\_\_, If a man \_\_\_\_\_ my saying, he shall \_\_\_\_\_ taste of \_\_\_\_\_."

But Paul understood this as he tells us in **1 Thessalonians 4:14:**

"For if we \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ again, even \_\_\_\_\_ them also which \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ will God bring with him."

**Note:** "Christ became one with humanity, **that humanity might become one in Spirit and life with him.** By virtue of this union in obedience to the word of God, his life becomes their life. He says to the penitent, 'I am the resurrection, and the life.' Death is looked upon by Christ as **sleep**, – silence, darkness, sleep. He speaks of it as if it were of **little moment**. 'Whosoever liveth and believeth in me,' he says, 'shall never die.' 'If a man keep my sayings, he shall never taste of death.' 'He shall never see death.' And **to the believing one**, death is but a small matter. With him to die is but to **sleep**. 'Them also which sleep in Jesus God will bring with him.' "

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68. What is the question asked in **Job 14:14**? "If a man \_\_\_\_\_, shall he \_\_\_\_\_ again?"

How does Job show his faith in a resurrection? **Job 14:14,15** "All the \_\_\_\_\_ of my appointed time will I \_\_\_\_\_, till my \_\_\_\_\_ come. Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_, and I will \_\_\_\_\_ thee: thou wilt have a \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of thine hands."

How has this question been answered? **2 Timothy 1:9,10** "Who hath \_\_\_\_\_ us, and \_\_\_\_\_ us with an \_\_\_\_\_ calling, not according to \_\_\_\_\_ works, but according to his own \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, which was \_\_\_\_\_ us in Christ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the world began, But is \_\_\_\_\_ made \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath \_\_\_\_\_ death, and hath brought \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to light through the \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "Christ is life itself. He who passed through death to destroy him that had the power of death is the **Source** of all vitality. There is balm in Gilead, and a Physician there. Christ endured an agonizing death under the most humiliating circumstances **that we might have life.** He gave up His precious life that He might vanquish death. **But He rose from the tomb**, and the myriads of angels who came to behold Him take up the life He had laid down heard His words of triumphant joy as He stood above Joseph's rent sepulcher proclaiming: 'I am the resurrection, and the life.'" 6T 230.2

"**The question, 'If a man die, shall he live again?' has been answered.** By bearing the penalty of sin, by going down into the grave, Christ has brightened the tomb for all who die in faith. **God in human form has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.** In dying, Christ secured eternal life for all who believe in Him. In dying, He condemned the originator of sin and disloyalty to suffer the penalty of sin – eternal death. 6T 230.3

"The **possessor** and **giver** of eternal life, Christ was **the only one** who could **conquer** death." 6T 231.1

69. Where does our assurance come from? **Acts 17:30,31** "And the times of this \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ at; but \_\_\_\_\_ commandeth \_\_\_\_\_ men \_\_\_\_\_ where to

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\_\_\_\_\_ : Because he hath \_\_\_\_\_ a day, in the which he will \_\_\_\_\_ the world in \_\_\_\_\_ by that man whom he hath \_\_\_\_\_; whereof he hath given \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_ men, in that he hath \_\_\_\_\_ him from the \_\_\_\_\_."

Our assurance comes from the fact that Christ has risen from the dead.

Look at **Romans 8:11**

"But \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of him that \_\_\_\_\_ up Jesus from the dead \_\_\_\_\_, he that raised up \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead shall \_\_\_\_\_ your mortal bodies \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ you."

**Note:** "The resurrection and ascension of our Lord is a **sure evidence** of the **triumph** of the saints of God over death and the grave, and a **pledge** that heaven is open to those who **wash their robes of character** and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. Jesus ascended to the Father as a **representative of the human race**, and God will bring those who **reflect** His image to **behold** and **share** with Him His glory." 9T 286.1

"There are **homes** for the pilgrims of earth. There are **robes** for the righteous, with **crowns** of glory and **palms** of victory. **All that has perplexed us in the providences of God will in the world to come be made plain.** The things hard to be **understood** will then find **explanation**. The mysteries of grace will **unfold** before us. Where our finite minds discovered only confusion and broken promises, **we shall see the most perfect and beautiful harmony.** We shall know that infinite love ordered the experiences that seemed most trying. As we realize the **tender care** of Him who makes all things work together for our good, **we shall rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.**" 9T 286.2

**Pain cannot exist in the atmosphere of heaven.** In the home of the redeemed there will be **no tears, no funeral trains, no badges of mourning.** 'The inhabitant shall \_\_\_\_\_ say, I am \_\_\_\_\_: the people that dwell therein shall be \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_.' **Isaiah 33:24.** One rich tide of **happiness** will flow and **deepen** as eternity rolls on. 9T 286.3

70. How did Paul show his trust in the promises of God? **Philippians 3:13,14**

"Brethren, I \_\_\_\_\_ not myself to have apprehended: but this \_\_\_\_\_ thing I \_\_\_\_\_, forgetting \_\_\_\_\_ things which are \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ forth unto \_\_\_\_\_ things which are \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ toward the \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ calling of God \_\_\_\_\_ Christ Jesus."

What counsel does he give each of us? **Galatians 6:8,9**

"For he that \_\_\_\_\_ to his \_\_\_\_\_ shall of the flesh \_\_\_\_\_ corruption; but he that \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ shall of the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ life everlasting. And let us \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ doing: for in due season we shall \_\_\_\_\_, if we faint \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "We are still amidst the shadows and turmoil of earthly activities.

Let us **consider most earnestly** the blessed hereafter.

Let our faith **pierce** through every cloud of darkness and **behold Him who died for the sins of the world.** He has **opened the gates of paradise** to all who **receive** and **believe** on Him. **To them He gives power to become the sons and daughters of God.**

Let the afflictions which pain us so grievously become instructive lessons, teaching us to press forward toward the mark of the prize of our high calling in Christ.

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Let us be **encouraged** by the thought that the Lord is **soon** to come.

**Let this hope gladden our hearts.**

'Yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry.' Hebrews 10:37.

**Blessed** are those servants who, when their Lord comes, **shall be found watching.**" 9T 286.4

70. Go forward! Don't quit or say "It's too hard." Never give up! Jesus WILL come! **Heb.**

**10:35-37** "Cast \_\_\_\_\_ away therefore your \_\_\_\_\_, which hath \_\_\_\_\_ recompence of \_\_\_\_\_. For ye have \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, that, \_\_\_\_\_ ye have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, ye might \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. For yet a \_\_\_\_\_ while, and \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ come \_\_\_\_\_ come, and will \_\_\_\_\_."

James tells us the same thing in **James 5:7,8**: "Be \_\_\_\_\_ therefore, brethren, unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ fruit of the earth, and hath \_\_\_\_\_ patience for it, until he \_\_\_\_\_ the early and latter \_\_\_\_\_.

Be \_\_\_\_\_ also \_\_\_\_\_;

stablish your \_\_\_\_\_:

for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ draweth \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "**We are homeward bound.** He who loved us so much as to die for us hath builded for us a city.

The New Jerusalem is our place of rest. **There will be no sadness in the city of God.** No wail of sorrow, no dirge of crushed hopes and buried affections, will evermore be heard.

**Soon the garments of heaviness will be changed for the wedding garment.**

Soon we shall witness the **coronation of our King.**

Those whose lives have been **hidden with Christ,**

those who on this earth have **fought the good fight of faith,**

**will shine forth with the Redeemer's glory** in the kingdom of God." 9T 287.1

**It will not be long** till we shall see Him in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered.

And **in His presence**, all the trials and sufferings of this life will be as **nothingness.**

"Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry.' Verses 35-37.

Look up, look up, and **let your faith continually increase.**

Let this faith **guide you along the narrow path** that leads through the gates of the city of God into the great beyond, the wide, unbounded future of glory **that is for the redeemed.**

'Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.' James 5:7, 8." 9T 287.2

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71. What is the greatest Gift that God gave to us? **John 3:16**

"For God so loved the world, that he \_\_\_\_\_ his only begotten \_\_\_\_\_, that \_\_\_\_\_ believeth in him should not \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ everlasting \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "The heart of God yearns over His earthly children with a **love stronger than death**. In giving up His Son, **He has poured out to us all heaven in one gift**."

☒ The Saviour's life and death and intercession

☒ The ministry of angels

☒ The pleading of the Spirit

☒ The Father working above and through all

☒ The unceasing interest of heavenly beings

– all are enlisted in behalf of man's redemption." SC 21.2

**"Through that gift there comes to us day by day the unfailing flow of Jehovah's goodness.**

Every **flower**, with its delicate tints and sweet fragrance, is given for our enjoyment through that one Gift. The **sun** and **moon** were made by Him; there is not a **star** that beautifies the heavens which He did not make. There is not an article of **food** upon our tables that He has not provided for our sustenance. The superscription of Christ is upon it **all**. **Everything is supplied to man through the one unspeakable Gift, the only-begotten Son of God**. He was nailed to the cross that all these bounties might flow to God's workmanship." FLB 45.3

"Christ bowed down in unparalleled humility, that in His exaltation to the throne of God, **He might also exalt those who believe in Him, to a seat with Him upon His throne.**" FLB 45.5

72. When Jesus came to earth what did He reveal to mankind? **John 1:14**

"The Word was made \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ among us, (and we \_\_\_\_\_ His glory, the \_\_\_\_\_ as of the only begotten of the Father,) \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

And **John 1:12** tells us "as many as \_\_\_\_\_ Him, to them \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the sons of God, even to \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ on His name."

"When God gave Jesus to our world, He included all heaven in that one gift. He did not leave us to retain our defects and deformities of character, or to serve Him as best we could in the corruption of our sinful nature. He has made **provision** that we may be **complete** in His Son, not having our own righteousness, but the righteousness of Christ. **In Christ** every storehouse of knowledge and of grace is at our command; for in Him dwells 'all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.'" HM, March 1, 1898 par. 1

"While the people are looking for earthly good, **Jesus points them to a heavenly reward**. But He does not place it all in the future life; **it begins here**. The Lord appeared of old to Abraham, and said, 'I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.'

**This is the reward of all who follow Christ.** Jehovah Emmanuel

– He 'n whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,'  
in whom dwells 'all the fulness of the Godhead bodily' –

to be brought into **sympathy** with Him,

to **know** Him,

to **possess** Him, as the heart opens more and more to receive His attributes;

to **know** His love and power,

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to **possess** the unsearchable riches of Christ,  
to **comprehend** more and more 'what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;  
and to **know** the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge,  
that ye might **be filled** with all the fulness of God,'

'**this is the heritage of the servants of the Lord**, and their righteousness is of Me, saith the Lord.' "  
ST, 2-10 09.8

73. How much is Jesus worth to us? **Matthew 13:45,46**

"Again, the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven is like unto a \_\_\_\_\_ man, seeking \_\_\_\_\_ pearls:  
Who, when he had \_\_\_\_\_ one pearl of \_\_\_\_\_ price, went and \_\_\_\_\_ that he  
had, and \_\_\_\_\_ it."

**1 Corinthians 1:30** "But of him are ye \_\_\_\_\_ Christ Jesus, who of \_\_\_\_\_ is made \_\_\_\_\_  
us \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_."

**Colossians 2:3** "In whom are hid \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "That we might have eternal life, God's only-begotten Son suffered the deepest humiliation and  
agony, and died a shameful death on the cross. **This precious salvation is presented to those for  
whom this sacrifice was made, but many refuse to accept it.** 'Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a  
bride her attire?' God asks. 'Yet My people have forgotten Me days without number.' Yet in Me is found  
salvation, **the pearl of great price.**" ST, November 24, 1898 par. 2

"**The blessings of redeeming love our Saviour compared to a precious pearl.** He illustrated His  
lesson by the parable of the merchantman seeking goodly pearls 'who, when he had found one pearl of  
great price, went and **sold all that he had**, and bought it.' **Christ Himself is the pearl of great price.** In  
Him is gathered all the glory of the Father, the fullness of the Godhead. He is the brightness of the  
Father's glory and the express image of His person. The glory of the attributes of God is expressed in His  
character. Every page of the Holy Scriptures shines with His light. The righteousness of Christ, as a pure,  
white pearl, has no defect, no stain. **No work of man can improve the great and precious gift of God.**  
It is without a flaw. In Christ are 'hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.' Col. 2:3. He is 'made  
unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.'

1 Cor. 1:30. All that can satisfy the needs and longings of the human soul, for this world and for the world  
to come, is found in Christ. Our Redeemer is the pearl so precious that in comparison all things else  
may be accounted loss." COL 115.1

74. What is Jesus for us? **John 8:12** He shines the L\_\_\_\_\_ of God's G\_\_\_\_\_ [character]  
into our H\_\_\_\_\_ so that this L\_\_\_\_\_ may shine to others and they will give G\_\_\_\_\_ to  
God.

"Then spake \_\_\_\_\_ again unto them, saying, I \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_: he  
that \_\_\_\_\_ me shall not walk in \_\_\_\_\_, but shall \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_."

**2 Corinthians 4:6,7** "For \_\_\_\_\_, who commanded the \_\_\_\_\_ to shine out of  
\_\_\_\_\_, hath shined in our \_\_\_\_\_, to give the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of God in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ. But we have this \_\_\_\_\_ in earthen  
vessels, that the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ may be of \_\_\_\_\_, and not of \_\_\_\_\_."

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**Matthew 5:14-16** "Ye are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. A city that is set on an \_\_\_\_\_ cannot be hid. Neither do men light a \_\_\_\_\_, and put it \_\_\_\_\_ a bushel, but on a \_\_\_\_\_; and it giveth \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_ that are in the house. Let your \_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_ before men, that they may \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ works, and \_\_\_\_\_ your Father which is in heaven."

"As we keep Christ in view, the bright rays of the Sun of Righteousness shine upon us, and flood the chambers of the mind and heart, and fill the soul-temple with light. As the Light of the world shines upon us, we diffuse it to those around, 'as when the bright shining of a candle doth give light.' **The soul that is stayed upon God, commits to Christ all that perplexes, all that annoys, all that gives anxiety.** The light of Christ shines in the soul in all goodness and peace; for in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." YI, September 14, 1893 par. 9

75. If we continue to behold the lovely character of Jesus what will it do for us?

**2 Corinthians 3:18** "But we \_\_\_\_\_, with open face \_\_\_\_\_ as in a glass the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord, are \_\_\_\_\_ into the same \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to glory, even as by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord."

**Note:** "Those who behold Christ will never plead that their own will may be done, or that their old ways and habits may be left undisturbed. As they behold Jesus, his image becomes engraved on heart and soul, and in all their practices they reflect his example upon the world. Day by day, the **hands**, the **feet**, the **tongue**, follow the dictates of the spiritual nature, and faith makes their path a path that grows brighter and brighter unto the perfect day.

**Everything that keeps us from attaining unto the likeness of Christ, is working out for us eternal loss.** Then let no one plead for a continuance of his own way.

Let no one seek to excuse his deficiencies of character by saying, It is 'my way.'

Cooperate with Jesus Christ, and you will see that your own way is a way full of deficiency and fault, and that if it is not corrected, it will cause you to put into your character-building, traits that will be as rotten timbers that will not stand the test of the judgment.

**Let none of your own way appear;**

**let nothing of these defects of character be found in your building.**

**Build on the rock Christ Jesus."** YI, September 14, 1893 par. 10

76. When we give ourselves to Christ, what will we do? **Romans 12:1,2**

"I \_\_\_\_\_ you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice, holy, \_\_\_\_\_ unto God, which is your \_\_\_\_\_ service. And be not \_\_\_\_\_ to this \_\_\_\_\_: but be ye \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of your mind, that ye may \_\_\_\_\_ what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, \_\_\_\_\_ of God."

**Ephesians 2:10** "For we are \_\_\_\_\_ workmanship, \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus unto \_\_\_\_\_ works, which \_\_\_\_\_ hath before \_\_\_\_\_ that we should \_\_\_\_\_ in them."

**Note:** "The Lord directs every mind that yields to the power of his love, and **reveals to it** the mystery of godliness.

**Yield yourself entirely** into his keeping; for his love is **everlasting** and **unchangeable**.

**Consecrate** your powers to him.

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The **divine influence of his love** will diffuse itself through the chambers of your **mind**;  
your **soul-temple** will be cleansed from all selfishness;

your **heart**, filled with all that is pure and lovely, **will reveal the mysteries of redeeming love.**

**Then you shall be indeed God's workmanship**, 'created in Christ Jesus unto good works,'  
'sanctified, and meet for the Master's use.'" ST, November 19, 1896 par. 12

76. What gift did Jesus promise to give His followers when He ascended to heaven?

**John 14:22-26** "Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ is it that thou wilt  
\_\_\_\_\_ thyself unto \_\_\_\_\_, and not unto the \_\_\_\_\_?"

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man \_\_\_\_\_ me, he will \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_: and  
my \_\_\_\_\_ will love him, and we will \_\_\_\_\_ unto him, and make our \_\_\_\_\_ with  
him.

He that loveth me \_\_\_\_\_ keepeth \_\_\_\_\_ my sayings:

and the \_\_\_\_\_ which ye hear is not \_\_\_\_\_, but the \_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_ me.

These things have I \_\_\_\_\_ unto you, being yet \_\_\_\_\_ with you.

But the \_\_\_\_\_, which is the \_\_\_\_\_, whom the \_\_\_\_\_ will send in  
\_\_\_\_\_ name, he shall \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ things, and \_\_\_\_\_ all things to your  
\_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever I have \_\_\_\_\_ unto you."

**Note:** "Christ determined that when He ascended from this earth He would bestow a gift on those who  
had believed on Him and those who should believe on Him. **What gift could He bestow rich enough to  
signalize and grace His ascension to the mediatorial throne? It must be worthy of His greatness and  
His royalty. He determined to give His representative, the third person of the Godhead. This gift  
could not be excelled.**

He would give all gifts in one, and **therefore the divine Spirit, converting, enlightening, sanctifying,  
would be His donation.**" ST, December 1, 1898 par. 2