



LIFE IN THE CAMP

“...The Lord thy God walketh in the midst of thy CAMP, to deliver thee... THEREFORE SHALL THY CAMP BE HOLY: that He see no unclean thing in thee” (Deuteronomy 23:14).

Family Life:

1. Endeavour to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in LOVE (Ephesians 4:3,2).
2. Let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing (Philippians 3:16).
3. He that saith he abideth in Christ ought himself also so to walk, even as Christ walked. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. Christ also... leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps (1 John 2:6; 2 John 9; 1 Peter 2:21).
4. Be thou an example of the believers
 in word
 in conversation
 in charity
 in spirit
 in faith
 in PURITY.

Walk worthy unto all pleasing. Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called. Walk worthy of God (1 Timothy 4:12; Colossians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 2:12).

5. Let no filthiness, foolish talking, nor JESTING be once named among you, as becometh saints. Walk worthy (Ephesians 5:3,4).
6. Men ought always to PRAY, and not to faint. Follow His steps (Luke 18:1; 1 Peter 2:21).
7. Let not thy nakedness be discovered. Thou shalt make them... to cover their nakedness. The woman ought to cover her head because of the angels. Let the women adorn themselves in MODEST APPAREL with shamefacedness and sobriety, NOT with broided hair or gold, or pearls, or costly array. He that saith he abideth in Christ ought to walk, EVEN as Christ walked (Exodus 20:26; 28:42; 1 Corinthians 11:4-10; 1 Timothy 2:9; 1 John 2:6).
8. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together (Hebrews 10:25).
9. Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders... and let them pray over him... in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith shall save the sick (James 5:14,15).
10. Every word of God is pure: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not. Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, AND AVOID THEM. He that biddeth such God speed is partaker of his evil deeds (Proverbs 30:5; Deuteronomy 12:32; 2 John 10; Romans 16:17; 2 John 11).

“IF YE KNOW THESE THINGS, HAPPY [BLESSED] ARE YE IF YE DO THEM” (John 13:17).

RETREAT SONGS

JESUS ONLY IS OUR MESSAGE

1. Jesus only is our Message,
Jesus all our theme shall be,
We will lift up Jesus ever,
Jesus only will we see.

*Jesus only, Jesus ever,
Jesus all in all we sing;
Saviour, Sanctifier, Healer,
Baptizer and coming King.*
2. Jesus only is our Saviour,
All our guilt He bore away,
All our righteousness He gives us,
All our strength from day to day.
3. Jesus is our Sanctifier,
Cleansing us from self and sin,
And with all His Spirit's fulness,
Filling all our hearts within.
4. Jesus only is our Healer,
All our sicknesses He bare,
And His risen life and fulness,
All His members still may share.
5. Jesus only is our Power,
His the gift of Pentecost,
Jesus, breathe Thy Power upon us,
Fill us with the Holy Ghost.
6. And for Jesus we are waiting
Listening for the trumpet's sound
Then it will be us and Jesus,
Living ever with our God.

WHEN I SAW THE CLEANSING FOUNTAIN

1. When I saw the cleansing fountain
Open wide for all my sin,
I obeyed the Spirit's wooing
When He said "Wilt thou be clean?"

*I will praise Him, I will praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the Lamb for sinners slain:...
Give Him glory all ye people,
For His blood has washed away my stain.*
2. Though the way seemed straight and narrow,
All I claimed was swept away;
My ambition, plans and wishes,
At my feet in ashes lay.
3. Then God's fire upon the altar
Of my heart was set aflame;
I shall never cease to praise Him,
Glory! glory! to His name.
4. Blessed be the name of Jesus,
I'm so glad He took me in;
He has pardoned my transgressions,
He has cleansed my heart from sin.

JESUS IS THE SWEETEST NAME I KNOW

1. There have been names that I have loved to hear,
But never has there been a name so dear
To this heart of mine, as the name divine,
The precious, precious name of Jesus.

*Jesus is the sweetest name I know,
And He's just the same as His lovely name,
And that's the reason why I love Him so;
Oh, Jesus is the sweetest name I know.*
2. There is no name in earth or Heav'n above,
That we should give such honour and such love,
As the blessed name, let us all acclaim,
That wondrous, glorious name of Jesus.
3. And someday I shall see Him face to face,
To thank and praise Him for His wondrous grace,
Which He gave to me, when He made me free,
The blessed Son of God named Jesus.

VICTORY IN JESUS

1. I heard an old, old story,
How a Saviour came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me;
I heard about His groaning,
Of His precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins
And won the victory.

*O victory in Jesus, my Saviour, forever,
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him,
And all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood.*

2. I heard about His healing,
Of His cleansing pow'r revealing,
How He made the lame to walk again
And cause the blind to see;
And then I cried, "dear Jesus
Come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and bro't
To me the victory.
3. I heard about a mansion
He has built for me in glory,
And I heard about the streets of gold
Beyond the crystal sea;
About the angel singing
And the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there
The song of victory.

YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN

1. A ruler once came to Jesus by night,
To ask Him the way of salvation and light;
The Master made answer in words true and plain,
"Ye must be born again!"

*"Ye must be born again!"
"Ye must be born again!"
I verily, verily say unto thee -
"Ye must be born again!"*
2. Ye children of men attend to the word
So solemnly uttered by Jesus the Lord,
And let not this message to you be in vain,
"Ye must be born again!"
3. O ye who would enter that glorious rest,
And sing with the ransomed the song of the blest;
The life everlasting if ye would obtain,
"Ye must be born again."
4. A dear one in heaven thy heart yearns to see,
At the beautiful gates may be watching for thee;
Then list to the note of this solemn refrain,
"Ye must be born again."

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Saviour,
And life more abundant and free!

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.*

2. Thro' death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
Over us sin no more has dominion -
For more than conq'rors we are!
3. His word shall not fail you - He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

BIBLE STUDY 1

CHRIST'S ATONING BLOOD

Hebrews 9:15-28

Our text focuses on one of the most important subjects in Scripture – atonement by the Blood, escape from death through the death of an innocent Substitute, redemption, remission of sins and righteousness through the sacrifice and death of our perfect, pure and righteous Saviour. God's covenant demanded that someone would die in our place. Christ gave His life so that we could “receive the promise of eternal inheritance.”

From the time of the fall, it had been repeatedly demonstrated that an innocent One must bear our guilt and punishment before we could be pardoned and set free. This message of the means of redemption runs like a scarlet thread throughout the Scripture. Repentance alone never brought forgiveness, there must be atonement through the blood. The sacrifices of the old covenant were repeated so often until Christ came. He came as the final “**Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**” His Blood cleanses us from all sin.

1. REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD

*Hebrews 9:15-17; 8:6; 1 Timothy 2:5,6; Romans 3:24,26; Ephesians 1:7;
1 Peter 1:18,19*

Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord has “**obtained eternal redemption for us**” (*Hebrews 9:12*). “**He is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions**” that we “**might receive the promise of eternal inheritance**” (*Hebrews 9:15*). By God's standard of righteousness and justice, the soul that sins must die (*Ezekiel 18:4*). The only way a person could come to God was to have the penalty of his sins paid. This payment has been provided by Jesus for everyone who turns away from sin and trusts Him. In so doing, He became the only Mediator, the only **Bridge** between God and men. Now God is satisfied and man is pardoned when he puts his faith in the shed blood of Christ.

2. REMISSION THROUGH HIS BLOOD

*Hebrews 9:18-23; Exodus 24:6-8; Leviticus 17:11; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 1:5,6;
Revelation 5:9,10*

“**And without shedding of blood is no remission**” (*Hebrews 9:22*). “**For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins**” (*Matthew 26:28*). These verses in Hebrews chapter 9 emphasise three things which are related: a testament demands death, forgiveness demands blood, and judgment demands a substitute. A will, that is a testament, does not take effect until the one who made it dies. The benefits and provisions of the will only come to the beneficiaries after the death of the testator.

Remission of sins and the provisions of the New Covenant are now ours through the blood of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. He had ratified the New Covenant through His own blood, just as the Old Covenant was ratified by Moses with the blood of animals.

3. RIGHTEOUSNESS THROUGH HIS BLOOD

Hebrews 9:24-28; 7:25,27; 9:12,14; 10:10; Titus 2:13,14; John 14:3; 1 John 3:2,3

“**Now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to PUT AWAY SIN by the**

sacrifice of himself" (Hebrews 9:26). **"And ye know that he was manifested to TAKE AWAY OUR SINS; and in him is no sin"** (1 John 3:5). He died in our place **"that we might be made the righteousness of God in him"** (2 Corinthians 5:21). We were to face the judgment of God for the sins we had committed. Through faith in Christ, our sins are forgiven and will never be remembered; our hearts are cleansed and we are made righteous. We have passed from judgment unto life. Christ has, through His death and blood, obtained redemption, remission of sins and righteousness for us. Believe in Christ and be made righteous.

BIBLE STUDY 2

FINALITY OF CHRIST'S SACRIFICE

Hebrews 10:1-18

The Apostle had been talking about the Old and the New Covenants. He speaks of them as the first and second covenants (Hebrews 8:7). In the chapters that follow, the Apostle gives reasons why the New Covenant is a better covenant: (1) In the New Covenant, God writes His laws in the hearts of His children (Hebrews 8:10). (2) The service of the Old Covenant was only a type (figure) of the New and was limited (Hebrews 9:1-7). (3) The Old Covenant could not perfect those who offered the sacrifices (Hebrews 9:8,9). (4) The Old Covenant was temporary (Hebrews 9:10). (5) The New Covenant through Christ's sacrifice brought cleansing, eternal redemption and eternal inheritance (Hebrews 9:11-15). (6) The New Covenant was dedicated by the blood of Christ (Hebrews 9:16-24). (7) The Old Covenant had many sacrifices but the New Covenant has been established through one final, perfect, efficacious sacrifice (Hebrews 9:25-28).

As we have already learnt, the epistle speaks of Christ as the fulfilment of the Old Covenant and as the Mediator of the New Covenant. He sits **"down on the right hand of the Majesty on high"** (1:3) and He is **"so much better than the angels"** (1:4). God has **"put all things... under his feet"** (2:8). He is the **"faithful High Priest"** (3:2,1), **"counted worthy of more glory than Moses"** (3:3,4), greater than all the priests of the Old Covenant (4:14). Christ is revealed as a Priest of a higher order than that of Aaron (5:4-6), a High Priest after the order of Melchisedec (6:19,20). He is **"holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners... higher than the heavens – surety of a better testament"** (7:26,25,22). Occupying a position higher than that of any other. He is the Mediator of a better Covenant (8:1,6). His Blood purges the conscience, puts away sin and obtains eternal redemption for us (9:14,22,26,12).

Our present study concentrates on Christ's final sacrifice and its benefit for all who believe.

1. SHADOW AND INSUFFICIENCY OF THE OLD COVENANT

Hebrews 10:1-4; 8:5; Colossians 2:16,17; Hebrews 7:18,19; 9:9; 10:11; Romans 8:3; Galatians 2:16; Acts 13:38,39

The Old Covenant with its sacrifices and ceremonies was given to Israel by God. It was a shadow of the substance which was still to come – **"a shadow of good things to come"**. Christ is the fulfilment of the good things to come – full salvation and eternal blessings. As a shadow, it had a purpose but it was not a substitute for reality and substance. The Old Covenant sacrifices were insufficient, ineffective and incomplete. They could not make the people perfect. The sacrifices could not fully **"take away sins"**. Only Jesus Christ by His sacrifice could satisfy God and completely take away our sins. Only His death could be the ultimate and the only effective sacrifice.

2. SUBMISSION AND SACRIFICE OF CHRIST

Hebrews 10:5-9; Psalm 40:6-8; Matthew 26:39; Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 9:26; 10:11,12; Galatians 1:4; 1 Peter 2:24; Hebrews 8:13

The Apostle quoted the Old Testament (Psalm 40:6-8) to show that even under the Old Covenant, God was not satisfied with mere sacrifice. **"Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire."** **"Bring no more vain oblations...your hands are full of blood"** (Isaiah 1:13,15). Without repentance and sincere willingness to forsake their sins, their sacrifices were unacceptable.

"...The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart,

O God, thou wilt not despise" (Psalm 51:16,17).

Jesus Christ came to do the will of God. The ultimate will of God was to offer His perfect blood, pay the full penalty for our sins and be our perfect Substitute. His supreme mission on earth was to do His Father's will – to do **only** the father's will. His sacrifice was perfect because it was offered in perfect obedience to God.

3. SALVATION AND SANCTIFICATION IN THE NEW COVENANT

Hebrews 10:10-18; John 1:29; Hebrews 9:12,14,22,26; Acts 4:12; 1 John 2:1,2; Hebrews 13:12,20,21; 8:10-12

Christ's sacrifice dealt with sin in such a way that all the Old Testament sacrifices could not. The Old Testament sacrifices (all put together) could never take away sins but Christ's sacrifice took away all our sins. Full salvation has been provided through the sacrifice of Christ. When we truly believe in Him, we are saved, all our sins are forgiven; we are cleansed and our lives are changed; we have grace and power to live victoriously. More than this, we can be sanctified (made holy). "**For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified**" (Hebrews 10:10,14). Christ's sacrifice is effective and efficacious for our sanctification. The sanctification that true believers receive is not only positional sanctification but a practical one.

Sanctification is the will of God (1 Thessalonians 4:3), the provision of Christ (Hebrews 13:12) and the work of the Spirit (Romans 15:16). It is received by faith (Acts 15:9). Our hearts must be purified through cleansing by Christ's blood and our lives must remain holy continually if we hope to see God and live with Him eternally (Hebrews 12:14; Matthew 5:8).

BIBLE STUDY 3

ENCOURAGEMENT TO CHRISTIAN PERSEVERANCE

Hebrews 10:19-39

These verses exhort and encourage us to endure and continue in the Lord, in submission and devotion to Him. As usual, practical exhortation after the establishment of sound doctrine. This Epistle had laid a strong foundation of doctrine. Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone of the new Temple, the Foundation of the spiritual Building has been revealed in every chapter. We have had the teaching on the final, perfect, efficacious sacrifice of Christ. He has been presented as the great High Priest. The invitation now comes to true believers to draw near with a true heart. We are also warned of the danger of backsliding and the damnation of apostates. Then we are challenged to remain faithful and to abide in Christ till the very end. The believer who endures till the end is assured of final rewards and everlasting joy in the eternal presence of God.

1. CALL TO DEVOTION AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

Hebrews 10:19-25; 9:8,12; John 10:9; Hebrews 4:14-16; Ezekiel 36:25; Acts 2:42

Here we are exhorted to "**enter in**", "**draw near**", "**hold fast**", "**provoke one another to love**", "**not forsake the assembling of ourselves together**". The whole passage is introduced with "**therefore**". The exhortation is based on the truth of the finality of Christ's sacrifice. Because of the establishment of the New Covenant by Jesus Christ, the Mediator and perfect Sacrifice, we can enter with boldness into the holiest by the blood of Jesus. The new possibility opened to all Christians is that of free access to the very presence of God. The way has been opened for us by Jesus. It is a new way which did not exist in the Old Covenant. Jesus is the new and living way (John 14:6). This way remains permanently open without barrier or hinderance.

What is more, through the efficacious sacrifice of our great High Priest, we become part of the household of faith. Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ continually provides and satisfies all needs of all members in the family of God.

What is required in order to appear in God's presence? (1) "**A true heart**" (2) "**in full assurance of faith**" (3) "**cleansed, washed conscience**" (4) steadfastness – holding fast our profession of faith without wavering

(5) influencing others to love and to good works (6) worshipping God with people of like precious faith.

Steadfastness, perseverance and constancy are all necessary. We must not abandon our assurance of faith even if some promises have not been fulfilled. True children of God remain immovable, assured of the faithfulness of God, who has promised.

We are warned not to yield to the lukewarm spirit of the last days. Believers are rather to keep on encouraging one another as we approach the final day of judgment and rewards.

2. CONSEQUENCE OF DELIBERATE REBELLION

Hebrews 10:26-31; 2 Peter 2:20-22; 2 Thessalonians 1:8; Hebrews 2:2,3; 6:4-8; Luke 12:5; Jude 10-16

What is in view in this section is the deliberate rebellion of apostates. The inspired writer describes the apostate who deliberately continues in apostasy – fighting against God and resolutely rejecting the means of his restoration to the grace of God. The apostate is described as one (1) who was “**Once enlightened**” (Hebrews 6:4), (2) who had “**tasted of the heavenly gift**” (Hebrews 6:4), (3) who was “**made partaker of the Holy Ghost**” (Hebrews 6:4), (4) who had “**tasted the good word of God**” (Hebrews 6:5), (5) who had “**tasted the powers of the world to come**” (Hebrews 6:5), (6) who was “**sanctified with the blood of the covenant**” (Hebrews 10:29). BUT NOW, he (1) has “fallen away” (Hebrews 6:5), (2) has “**crucified again the Son of God afresh**” (Hebrews 6:6), (3) has “**put Him to an open shame**” (Hebrews 6:6), (4) has continued to “**sin wilfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth**” (Hebrews 10:26), (5) “**hath trodden under foot the Son of God**” (Hebrews 10:29), (6) “**hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing**” (Hebrews 10:29), (7) “**hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace**” (Hebrews 10:29).

What judgment is awaiting the apostates? (1) It is “**impossible to renew them again to repentance**” (Hebrews 6:4,6); (2) “**There remaineth no more sacrifice for sin**” (Hebrews 10:26); (3) “**a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation**” (Hebrews 10:27); (4) “**much sorer punishment**” (Hebrews 10:29). “**It is a fearful thing to fall into the Hands of the living God**” (Hebrews 10:31).

The Spirit of God has been warning sinners, backsliders, and apostates from the beginning of the Epistle. “**How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation**” (Hebrews 2:3). “**Take heed brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God**” (Hebrews 3:12). “**Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it**” (Hebrews 4:1). “**If any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him**” (Hebrews 10:38).

3. CONTINUING STEADFASTLY TILL RAPTURE AND REWARDS

Hebrews 10:32-39; John 8:31; Acts 14:21; Colossians 1:23; Revelation 3:11; Matthew 10:22; 24:13

After speaking of the worst possible situation, apostasy and consequent judgment, the writer now speaks to encourage believers to steadfastness and perseverance. **Looking back**, the believers were told to remember the afflictions they had endured in time past. **Looking forward**, they should be assured that in heaven, a better and an enduring substance awaited them. The Suffering of the past endured and the glory of the future being expected should encourage them to persevere till the end.

These faithful people showed evidence of genuine faith. After being “**illuminated**”, they endured afflictions, they endured reproaches, they took the spoiling of their goods joyfully and remained in fellowship with others who were being persecuted. They were (as we are being) encouraged to keep the confidence they had in the Lord. We should all “hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering” until the end.

Faithful believers are reminded of the sure promise of eternal rewards if we will endure till the end. He assures us that the coming of the Lord is very near. Saved by grace through faith, we must continue to live by faith and never draw back from the Lord. Only then are we sure of a glorious end.

DECEMBER 2019 RETREAT PROGRAMME

Theme: The Final Solution: JESUS

| Day & Date | Faith Clinic 6.30-7.45am | Morning Message 9.00-10.15am | Bible Teaching 10.30am-12noon | Bible Study 12.15-1.30pm | Life and Ministry 4.00-5.30pm | Evening Message 5.45-7.15pm | Revival Session 7.30-9.00pm | |
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| Saturday Dec. 21 | <i>Come and taste the goodness of God</i> | | | | | | | The Uniqueness of Jesus |
| Sunday Dec. 22 | Abundant Life in Jesus | Victory over sin, the world and the devil | Conquering giants through Christ | Christ's atoning blood Hebrews 9:15-28 | The wise and the foolish in the last days | The fruit of the Spirit in a godly family | Tested, and triumphant in Jesus | |
| Monday Dec. 23 | The Healing stripes of Jesus | Faithfully serving God in troublous times | Our sevenfold privilege in Christ | Finality of Christ's sacrifice Hebrews 10:1-18 | Evangelising the world with the Word | Escaping hell and entering heaven with Jesus | The supplication and sacrifice of Jesus | |
| Tuesday Dec. 24 | The all-sufficient name of Jesus | Watchfulness and perseverance in the last days | Conditions of security in Christ | Encouragement to Christian perseverance Hebrews 10:19-39 | Confusing man's traditions with God's truth | Spiritual fruitfulness with gifts of the Spirit | The first faith and the first love for Jesus | |
| Wednesday Dec. 25 | Looking unto Jesus | | | | | | | <i>Go on trusting the grace of God</i> |