



The Sharon Star

There Is A River

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As I was reading for my devotions in Psalm 46, I felt a surge of life as I came upon verse 4 and I quote, "There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High."

The narrative goes on to talk of the City, the Holy place of the tabernacles of the most high, and that God is in the midst, and shall help her. It then goes on to speak of the raging of the heathen and the kingdom falling and even the melting of the earth. This sounds like another description of the world of chaos in which we are living today. But there is a real note of victory here; it says God is in her midst, that He is with us and that He is our refuge.

Back to the theme, I would like to speak of the flow and effect of the River. I believe as our dear Brother Charles S. Price has conveyed, that we are simply the riverbed through which the River flows, but oh how wonderful to feel the life as it flows on. A wonderful thing about a river compared to a still body of water is that it purifies the water as it flows over the riverbend. I am told that any impurities in the water will be cleansed as it flows over the sand in just a few hundred yards. In the prophesy of Ezekiel it talks of how it began its flow from under the threshold of the temple but it kept gathering momentum as it flowed on. First to the ankles, then to the knees, then to the loins and then one that could not be passed over. I have also been told that the great Mississippi River begins as a little stream one can step over

in the North of Minnesota but as it reaches the Gulf it is so wide and deep that the mighty ships have sailed for miles carrying great cargo to many ports. On both sides of the river are many trees and meadows. We also speak of the mighty Amazon, which flows across the continent to the south of us and is a tremendous source of life to areas of Brazil.

Having described some of the wonders of these natural rivers I want to speak of Rivers of Life that flow to and from these channels of ours. In the book of Revelation it speaks of this river clear as crystal and on either side were the trees of life, whose leaves were for the healing of the nations. There is no death where this river flows. I want to quote a hymn, which I believe portrays this life-giving flow.

"There's a river of life flowing out through me,

It makes the lame to walk and the blind to see,

It opens prison doors, sets the captives free,

There's a river of life flowing out through me."

May this River not only flow to us, but out through us not only bringing healing but conquering death, bringing life and immortality to light. I believe that we live far below what God has for us, but may this be the dawning of that glorious day when we shall rise triumphant over death, hell and the grave.

I have only quoted two or three portions concerning this River but I want to quote a few more and pray that they will

so grip us that we will as Colossians the third chapter expresses it, I quote from verse one, "If ye, then, be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." Verse two, "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." Verse three, "For ye are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God." Verse four, "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory (manifestation)." Then in the verses following we are told to put off all the works of the flesh, but the only way we can put off these is to put on the fruits from the life in the Spirit.

Some people read these wonderful passages and put them off till a future day even as Martha did in the long ago, but Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me shall never die." Lord, help us to believe and lay aside all flesh and self, that we may be able to fully enter in. The Book of Ephesians is so full of expressions that these promises are for the here and now, not just the hereafter.

Back once again to Ezekiel 47 and verse 9 it says "that everything that moveth in the river shall live..." Another wonderful scripture is found in Psalm 1:3 and I quote, "And He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth its fruit in its season; its leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

I also would like to refer to a beautiful scripture in Isaiah 32:2,3, "And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind,

and a covert from the tempest; like rivers of water in a dry place, like the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken." May we have eyes to see and ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Also in Isaiah 43:19,20, He speaks of waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert to give drinks to my people, the chosen.

I believe one of the most potent of all the scriptures that I read is in John 7:38, 39, and I quote, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this spoke he of the Spirit, whom they that believe on him should receive;"

Now that I have brought to your attention a number of very positive scriptures concerning life as portrayed by the rivers, I want to say a few words of comfort to those who have had loved ones go by way of the grave.

This does not in any way take away from the truth I am endeavoring to present. My daughter whom God has just called to the other side of the river always said she appreciated my strong emphasis on the life message and my brother who passed away at the same time always appreciated our stand on the truths of the scriptures. But we do not know sometimes God calls some of the most mature saints to the other side of the River, which was the case of those in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. You read of the tremendous miracles they appropriated. Let me quote from verses 33-35. I quote, "Who, through faith, subdued kingdoms, brought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again, and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection." However, in the closing verses it declares that although they had obtained a good report through faith received not the promise, God having provided some better thing for us that they without us should not be made perfect. Even though Paul did not seem to have fully reached his goal, he kept pressing toward the mark of the out resurrection from among the dead. We thank God as Paul quoted that "We shall not all sleep (or go by way

of the grave) but we shall all be changed." I believe it will not be long till we see the fulfillment of that. I thought again of quote from an article by our Brother Charles S. Price (his articles were so anointed) where he said that the genealogies of the Old Testament would say, this one lived so long and died, that one lived so long and they died, but he said a new chapter is about to be written which will read like this, so and so lived so long and death had no more power over them.

I believe that is in harmony with 1 Thessalonians 5:23 and I quote, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

There was a prophecy given a number of years ago that we would go from Divine Healing to Divine Health and then to the Resurrection. What a wonderful progression.

Since I have been concentrating somewhat on the great River of Life I would like to quote the words of another old hymn:

Shall We Gather At The River

(1)

Shall we gather at the River,
Where bright angels feet have trod,
With it's crystal tide forever,
Flowing by the throne of God.

(2)

On the bosom of the River,
Where the Savior King we own,
We shall meet and sorrow never,
Neath the glory of the throne.

(3)

Ere we reach the shining River,
Say we every burden down,
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown.

(4)

Soon we'll reach the shining River,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver,
With the melody of peace.

(Chorus)

Yes we will gather at the River,
The beautiful, the beautiful,
the River,
Gather with the saints at the River,
That flows by the throne of God.

As I draw this article to a close I would like to urge us all to press toward the mark of the high calling in Christ

Jesus.

In this day we hear much in Christian circles about the coming of the Kingdom and rightly so for Matthew 24:14 says, "And this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come." However before that great event, we are told that the Kingdom would be within us, formed in the earth, which we are. He said it would not come by observation, although in its fullness would be seen in all the earth. He also said He would gather out of His Kingdom all things that offend. I believe a great transformation is ever now taking place in his Elect, and when he has completed the works in us, it will spread from shore to shore and from the rivers to the ends of the earth.

A chorus that was given to one of the sisters a few years ago in the form of a question speaks to my heart today. Listen carefully to its message.

"Will you be found in Him? Will you be found in Him?"

When the Kingdom of God is being ushered in.

Will you be led by His spirit, and filled with His love?

A total surrender, to be a Son of God."

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The Church - Which is His Body

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What Is The Church?

In Ephesians 1:22,23 we read, "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all." According to this passage, the Church is the BODY of Jesus Christ. Let us now read from Colossians 1:18, "and He is the head of the body the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he might have the pre-eminence." Then again in verse 24, "Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the Church." According to these three passages of Scripture, then, it is very clear that the Church is the Body of Christ, and the Body of Christ is the Church.

Now let be read also from 1 Corinthians 12:27, "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular, and God hath set some in the Church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles, are all prophets, are all teachers, are all workers of miracles, have all the gifts of healing, do all speak with tongues, do all interpret? But covet earnestly the best gifts; and yet show I unto you a more excellent way." Now this is very clear - not only is the Church the body of Christ, and the Body of Christ is the Church - but this 27th verse of 1 Corinthians 12 says, "Ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." Some time back you will remember that I said the Church was not the building that stands on the corner of the street. The Church is not the denomination or organization of which you are a member. But the Church is the Body of Christ, and "Ye are the body of Christ", and "members in particular" of that Body.

Members In Particular

I would like to spend a little time just now to elaborate on this, "Ye are the Body of Christ..." Ye are! Ye are! Every man, every woman, who is born again of the Spirit of God is a member of the Body of Christ, as far as I can understand from the Word of God.

Listen to 1 Corinthians 12:13, "For by one Spirit, are we all baptized into One body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." Now my friends, let me take an illustration from the human body. As I take my finger I discover that on the top of it there is a joint, and that joint bends. A little further down in the middle of my finger there is another joint, and at the base of my finger, there is another. Then there is a joint in my wrist that turns this way and that way, and another one in my elbow, and another one at my shoulder. And all these joints work together, and all these fingers work together. Then I discover that there are not only joints, but there are muscles, and sinews, and finger nails; there are bones, there is skin. And Oh! So many things that go to make up that hand. Then in my body there is an eye which is a very, very precious gem to possess. That eye performs the miracle of seeing, so that I can tell what you look like. My ear is a member in my body that does the hearing. What would life be without ears? Then we have other members: the nose that performs the miracle of smelling; and the tongue and palate, that are able to taste - and speak. What would the body be without these members? Yes, what would the body be if these members were divided one from the other, so that the whole body was an eye, or an ear, or a nose? Would that not be the most terrible calamity? It certainly could not be a healthy body if it was divided one member from another. It could be nothing but a poor, weak, crippled body.

The Great Need For Unity

The truth that I would like you to see at the present time is this: that if our physical body were divided one member from another so that the eye did not work in co-operation with the ear, and the nose did not work in co-operation with the eye, and the hands did not work in co-operation with the feet, what kind of a body would we have? My friends, "Ye are the body of Christ..." Every one of you that have been born of the Spirit of God, according to God's Word - "Ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular" of that body. And God has set you in the

Church some of you have been made apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors, some teachers. Some have the gift of healing; others the working of miracles. Others have the gift of languages. Others have a ministry of showing mercy. Others the ministry of helps. Some, giving. Some intercession. And God has set every one in the Body - One Body - as it has pleased him, not as we please ourselves.

Christ Is Divided!

The sad thing about all this is that we are NOT one body. It matters nothing to me how much we may sing, "The Church has one foundation", or how much we sing, "We are not divided, all one body we", - the truth of the matter is that we are only kidding ourselves, because we ARE divided, and we are NOT one church, and we are NOT one body. This denomination is divided from that denomination, and this sect is divided from that, and all the people are divided. And there is not one fold and one shepherd-but there are many folds, and there are far, far, too many shepherds.

A Glorious Temple

This wonderful body of the Lord Jesus Christ is far more wonderful than we have ever deemed it to be. The Church of the living God is the Body of Jesus Christ, that body of which you are "members in particular" - "For ye are the body of Christ..." God says this wonderful thing about it. Ephesians 2:19, "Now therefore ye are no more strangers, and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone, in whom all the building fitly framed together, groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord, in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." I would like also to read this same passage of Scripture from Weymouth's translation, in which he says, "You are a building which has been reared on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. The corner stone being Christ Jesus himself. In union with whom the whole fabric truly bonded together is rising so as to form a holy sanctuary in the Lord,

in whom you also are being built up together to become a fixed abode for God through the Spirit." O what a mighty promise this is - that the Church, instead of being tossed about by every wind of doctrine, and divided one from the other is ordained in God's plan to become a fixed abode for God through the Spirit. Let me read it from Goodspeed's translation: "Through him every part of the building is closely united, and grows into a temple, sacred through its relation to the Lord. And you are yourselves built up into a dwelling for God through the Spirit." Now listen to this passage from 1 Peter 2:5, "Ye also as living stones are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." Every stone in this glorious Church is a living stone, and you are one of those living stones. Is not a building made from brick, and mortar and stone? But this is a building for a habitation of God through the Spirit that is composed of living stones.

Every One Of Them Precious

Every one of them is precious in the sight of God - every one chosen indeed of the Lord for a special glory and beauty, to be built up to be one glorious house: not many denominations, not many sects, but one glorious house, one glorious building, one glorious temple, in which the Lord God Almighty shall dwell for ever and ever, and it shall be his-habitation through the Spirit. In this Body He shall dwell throughout all eternity, and reign and rule over all the world with a rod of iron. What a calamity, my friends, that we have torn the glorious body of Christ apart by our wars and our fighting, and our dissensions. But oh, may it be that from this day and forward the Body of Christ shall begin to come together that it may be glorious Church, the habitation of God through the Spirit.

Christ The Head

In the studies that we have taken in the past we have learned that the Church is not a building, the church is not a sect, it is not an organization, it is not a denomination. Then we learned also that the Church is the Body of Christ and is also the Church. We also found that "Ye are members in particular," I would like to point out to you today, Colossians 1:13, "And he is the Head of the Body, the Church", - that is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God is the Head of the Body, which is

the Church. This "glorious Church" which is the Body of Jesus Christ has but one Head-not many heads, but just one Head. I am not the Head of that Body; you are not the Head of that Body. It makes no difference what position you hold; whether you have been appointed by man to be the leader of a great organization - you are not the Head of the Body which is the Church; but there is only one Head - and there is only one Body. The Truth has now come to the forefront that God Almighty is bringing the Body together out of all the organizations and sects, and out of all the denominations, to make one glorious Church, one glorious Body, with one Glorious Head - and that Head is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God Himself. "And He is the Head of the Body, the Church, who is the beginning, the first born from the dead, that in all things He might have the pre-eminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell." I do not think that we have any right to have any other interest, but His interests. I do not think that we should have any other ambition, than His ambition. And God's ambition is that the Church should be one glorious church, without any spots, and without any wrinkles. In Ephesians 5:22, we have this Scripture, "Wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands as unto the Lord, for the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the Head of the Church, and he is the savior of the body. Therefore, as the Church is subject unto Christ let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own body - he that loveth his wife, loveth himself, for no man ever yet hated-his own flesh, but nourisheth it and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the Church. For we are members one of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones."

An Illustration From Marriage

Let us stop here; just look into the Scripture for a little while. We have found in the past that the Church is the Body of Christ. "Ye are the Body of

Christ, and members in particular." Now notice in this passage that I have just read, he uses the relation of a husband and his wife, two whom God has made one, and of whom it is said, "Whom God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." And he says that as the husband and wife are two, and God has made them one - so God has made Jesus Christ the Lord and the Church to be one body - and Jesus Christ is the Head of that Body as the husband is the head of the wife, that He might present it to himself a glorious church. Verse 28, "So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies, he that loveth his wife, loveth himself..." I would to God that we could get the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy Spirit, to reveal unto us this very hour that we are actually members of Jesus Christ's body - that we are members of His body. We have been taught far too long that all we are is poor miserable worms of the dust - that all we are is lost, undone sinners. Now that is true- for we are lost and undone, we were far away from God, we were without hope and without Christ. We were aliens, we were enemies of God. But now we have been made nigh by the blood of Jesus Christ, and as a man leaves his father and his mother and is joined unto his wife, and the two are one flesh-so we who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ, and washed in that blood, and in whom dwells the Spirit of the living God - we have left the world as a man leaves his father and his mother, and we have joined unto the Lord Jesus Christ as a man is joined to his wife.

A God Of Ever-Increasing Revelation

And now we, too, are one body, and one flesh. My brother, I want you to know that we are not only members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones - but we have been all made to drink into one glorious Spirit. I cannot help but think just now of the law of continuity - it starts away back in the Garden of Eden where God made man in His own image. And then man sinned and fell short of the glory of God, and was cast out of that beautiful garden where God had placed him. And then the Word says that a flaming sword was put at the entrance to keep the way of the tree of life, lest man should eat of the tree in his sinful condition, and live forever. But God Almighty in His great love and mercy could not even enter-

tain the thought of living separate from the creature he had created. Therefore he made them both coats of skin; and after he had driven them out of the garden, where he had at first placed them - then he said later to Moses: "Let us make a tabernacle, where I may dwell among them," and then for some 40 years in the wilderness, and many years in the promised land, God dwelt over the Tabernacle in a cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night, and His glory lit up the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle. But God said that was not enough that I should dwell among them. I must do better than that. So God Almighty was manifest in the flesh, and Jesus Christ the Son of God came down from the glories of Heaven into the Virgin's Womb, and then was born and placed in the manger of Bethlehem, and grew in stature and in favor with God and man, and walked on the shores of Galilee...he patted the children on the head, and picked them up in his arms, and blessed them. He put his hands upon the blind eye, and they could see. And he stood by the bier of the bereaved mother, and raised the young man to life again. He was the same Christ that dwelt among us, who walked on the water, and bid the winds to cease from blowing, and the waves to be calm. He was God-Immanuel-God with us, God dwelling among us.

Christ In You

But do you know? One day Jesus Christ who dwelt among us, and was such a blessing to us - He said, "It is expedient for you that I go away, for if I go not away the Comforter will not come unto you, but if I go away, I will send Him unto you, and He will be with you, and He shall be in you." And on the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit descended from Heaven, and He came and dwelt in His people. First of all we have God in the Tabernacle dwelling among them. Then we have God in Jesus Christ dwelling with them. And then God in the Holy Spirit dwelling in them - and Christ in you, my brother and my sister, is the hope of glory. Not only the hope of heaven - yes. He is the hope of heaven too - but the hope glory, the hope of power. Christ in you. And God was not satisfied just to dwell with us; God had to come and dwell within us.

I would like to discuss a passage of Scripture that is found in 1 Corinthians 12. Let us read from verse 12, "For as

the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member but many. If the foot shall say because I am not the hand, I am not of the body, is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say because I am not the eye, I am not of the body, Is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole body were the hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God SET the members every one of them in the body as it has pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body?"

The Human Body, A Type Of The Church

Now to go over this passage of Scripture again it says, "For as the body is one, and hath many members..." Now the body of Jesus Christ which is the church, as we learned in our previous studies in the Word of God, is like the human body. It is composed of many members, yet there is but one body. There are so many bones in the human body, and every one has a function of its own. We have hands, we have fingers, we have eyes, ears, a nose; we have a tongue, teeth; we have a heart, lungs, a stomach. We have feet, and toes; - Oh hundreds upon hundreds of members in the human body. And every last one of them has a job all of its own to do. Yes there are many members of the human body, but all these members being many, are only one body. We do not have another body every time we have a member - but all these members work together in perfect harmony one with the other to form one body. So also it is with Jesus Christ. I received a little article recently telling some very amazing things about the human body. It says, "God's work exceeds the understanding of man." Our amazement grows as we acquire knowledge. Man has 9,000 muscles, 1000 miles of blood vessels, 350 main arteries, 1,500,000 sweat glands, and the lungs are composed of 7,700,000 cells. At 70 years of age, the heart has lifted by its throbs 500,000 tons of blood. The nervous system has 3 trillion nerve cells. And the blood has 13,000,000 white corpuscles and 100

trillion red ones. Do you know the Lord Jesus Christ? If not, lift your face to heaven above, and let the stars speak to you. The moon is 240,000 miles and the sun 90,000,000 miles, distant from the earth - and the sun is a million times as large as the earth. And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was "very good". David said, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made". Indeed, the human body, which is only made out of the dust of the earth, is fearfully and wonderfully made. But when we come to think that the human body is just a little type or picture of the glorious mystical Body, the Church - then we begin to see what a glorious thing God began when He formed the Church to make a habitation for Himself through the eternal Spirit of the living God. Now, every man and woman who is born of the Spirit of God is a member of this mystical body, which is the Church. "By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, and have been all made to drink of one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:13). Now "by one Spirit are we ALL baptized into one body." How then, if we are all members of this one body - how dare we ever have the audacity to separate ourselves one from the other by some form of sectarianism? The more I see the divisions in the Body of Christ, the more I realize how sinful man has been in the sight of God. And what a great crime we are committing against God's body, which is the Church, by dividing the members one from the other. "There shall be one fold, and one shepherd." But we have made a thousand different fences inside of that one fold, and put a shepherd over every little division in it - and kept the sheep one from the other so that the body could not possibly function as a body.

The Walls Must Be Broken Down

Now he goes on to say, "And all the members of that one body, being many, are one body. So also is Christ." I must see it, and so also must you, that every fence and every division in the body of Christ at the present time, is broken down, that the Body of Jesus Christ may come together, that there may be one fold and one Shepherd, and one Church, and one Lord, and one faith, and one baptism, and one God and Father of all. This must come to pass; and it must come to pass in our day! If

indeed this glorious church is the bride of Christ, then we know beyond the shadow of a doubt that she will not be a dismembered woman when the Lord comes for her, but a glorious church without spot and without wrinkle. For in the verse 13, it says, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles..." Now this is the most amazing thing - that the God of the Jews and Gentiles has made in himself of twain "one new man" - breaking down the middle wall of partition that was between them, making peace - surely, surely, it must be that God is able to take those of us who are already members of the mystical body of Christ, the church, and take away the divisions that exist between us, and bring us together, that we may also be one glorious body without spot and without wrinkle, or any such thing. Then he declares that He has made us all to drink into one Spirit: we are one body, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. Therefore, there is no cause of division among us whatsoever - for the body is not one member, but many.

Different Functions, But One

In verse 15 he declares, "If the foot shall say because I am not the hand, I am not the body-is it therefore not of the body? If the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body, Is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole body were hearing, were the smelling?" Now there is not one member in the human body that is able to say to the other member of that body, "I have no need of you..." If, for instance, you want to go to the

library and read a passage from a certain book - it is not enough that you have a pair of eyes in your head, however good they may be. First of all, you must have feet to carry you over to the library. Then you have to have hands to reach in the library, and you have to have the eyes to tell you which book to take out. Then, after you have taken it out, you have to have fingers to turn the pages. And then, after you have turned the pages, you have eyes to see the print there. Then you need a tongue, and vocal organs, that you may be able to speak the words so that others can hear and understand that which is being read. Every member works in harmony and in conjunction with every other member, and we cannot say that we have no need of any member of the body. I must have you, and you must have me, and until we see that - we will be like a body in which the eye says, "I have no need of the ear," and the ear says, "I have no need of the eye" - and they try to work independently one of the other. This cannot possibly be a body.

"If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members, every one of them, in the body as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body?" Now God hath set us all in the body, as it hath pleased him. Perhaps he has made you to be an eye, he has made someone else to be a hand or foot. God has set us to work together in absolute harmony in the body. What is wrong with the Christian Church in this particular day? It is that we are trying to get along without the other members of

the body.

All Members Are Necessary

I would like to draw your attention to this fact; Jesus Christ Himself is the head of the body. Now remember that Jesus Christ is the head of the body. And the feet belong to the body. But in verse 21 of this chapter we read, "The eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of thee; nor again the head to the feet. I have no need of you." Now Jesus Christ is the Head of the body, and the head cannot say to the feet which are members of that body, "I have no need of you." How are we ever going to say that we can get along without each other, when Jesus Christ who is the Head, cannot get along without us who are the feet! Then how can I ever hope to get along successfully without you in the body. "Nay, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be more feeble are necessary." In verse 24 we are told that, "God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked." Now notice this verse, verse 25, "that there should be no schism in the body." Schism is a division. A division takes the form of a sect, or a denomination. "I am of Paul, I am of Apollos, I of Cephas,...of Christ..." Go on now and name all the denominations you can think of, and see how contrary that is to God's will and God's mind. "That there be no schism," saith the Lord, "but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffers, all the members suffer it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it: For ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."

The Glory of God's Son By His Holy Spirit

By A.V. York

From a taped message.

We do not know as yet how much glory God has shared with us. We look at things with natural eyes too often. But if we wait on God and by the anointing of the Spirit realize how much He has done for us, we would measure it more by the things that are written.

I was reading some of them this week. I would like to turn to one of them in Matthew the sixteenth chapter. (The Glory that was in the overwhelming presence of God in the mountain that day. That glory caused them to realize that the natural couldn't stand in the presence of that glory.) Amen. In the beginning of

the chapter He's talking about the sign that the world always wants. The religious structure of that day wanted signs to prove that what was being done by Jesus was accurate and was from God. He denied them that. He didn't want them to know Him by the signs. Now there was a time when He said "You

believe because you see the signs". But that wasn't His ultimate, He wanted them to know Him by the spirit. In Matthew 16:4 it says, "A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonah. And he left them, and departed." You know repentance was the message Jonah brought to the city of Nineveh. That was the thing that the pharisees needed, but they didn't catch the message. And a sign wouldn't have changed their attitude. But, as was read, those that believe in the Son of God, that is what changes the natural into the spiritual. He creates that wonderful marvellous grace that He is causing to flow.

I want to go a little further over in the chapter. He was asking what His identity was in the eyes of the people and Peter told Him, "You are the Son of God." And to Peter He said in Matthew 16:17, "And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." Except by the Spirit there is no way that a man could have found that out. Peter couldn't have found that out without Him seeing it by the Spirit. The marvellous thing about the Holy Spirit is the changing of a man's heart toward the heavenly things, and getting a perception of those heavenly things, and not measuring them by the natural things. For the natural mind receives not the things of the Spirit of God. It just is foolishness. There is such a chasm in between the two it's unbelievable. And so the glory that you've received is far greater than you really understand. Amen. He said, "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you, that you are Peter, (little stone) and on this rock (petra) I will build my church; and the gates of hell (hades) shall not prevail against it." Now that is a tremendous scope that is brought forth here by divine truth. He was a little rock, but the big one is Christ himself. He's the foundation, Glory to God. And the gates of hell will not prevail against it. We're all moulded together, brought together by the mortar of the Holy Spirit to build a temple, a spiritual house, glory to God, that shall be the place where the nations of the ages will come and worship. The gates of hell will not prevail. Now they (the nations) look like they are pretty strong today, but I always in my meditation, in looking to

God, realize more and more that for the saints sake, hell shall not prevail. The glory of the truth, the glory of victory, the glory of the kingdom, all of that glory shall prevail.

Matthew 16:19, "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Now some of that has occurred occasionally, but we're going to see far, far more of the power of that in the coming days. Hallelujah. In the days that are just ahead of us as the Holy Spirit brings forth the truth, "Glory to God", and causes men to see the way in which God is leading, hearts will be changed.

Now, Jesus started telling them about the things that God had ordained for Him to do in order that this glory would come in a greater measure. And you know, I always get a God-fearing feeling when I read this scripture, Matthew 16:22, "Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee." It's not going to take place that you're going to be treated like you say you're going to be treated. Jesus knew better. Matthew 16:23, "But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." Measuring too many things by the measure of men instead of measuring them by being mindful of the things of God is where confusion enters in. Thank God we can put our confusions under the blood of Calvary, if we realize that He is leading us on. If we realize that there are many, many experiences in the realm of the Spirit for us to explore and God has so much, far beyond our understanding. The more we are mindful of the things of God and less mindful of the things of men, the more we will behold the glory of God. This rebuke was such that Jesus might have sided with Peter and said, "Well, it's too hard for me to go to the cross, too hard for me to bear the sins of the whole world," and so on. But Jesus, for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the Father in heaven. Amen.

Matthew 16:24 & 25, "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any (man) will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my

sake shall find it." This is the measure of truth. Amen. Hallelujah. This is where the glory is built, upon the foundation of divine principle. Glory to God. Matthew 16:26, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" We've heard thousands of sermons on that text and it's been used to persuade men to come to Jesus, and many have heard and they believe. But more than that, Matthew 16:27, "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works." The glory of the Father, that is what He will come in. Not in the glory of anything that is built upon the principles of man or anything where the mind of man is fitted into it. It's the will of God. Matthew 16:28, "Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom."

Now in the following chapter we find that Jesus had taken Peter, and James and John on a high mountain and was transfigured before them. This is six days after. Matthew 17:2, "And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light." If you were to bring the full glory of the Son into this room we would all prostrate ourselves on the floor. His clothing became as white as the light. That light, hallelujah, exceeds and destroys any darkness.

Matthew 17:3, "And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elijah talking with him." I don't know what the conversation was. My imagination sometimes gets carried away and I can imagine what their conversation was. I'm sure it centered on the glory of the Father and the glory of His will and what He had said unto Moses, "that a prophet like unto me shall arise," but here he was on the mountain. Glory to God. The man Moses wasn't able to go into the land of Caanan, as he saw it from afar, but he had been faithful in leading the nation. He had been faithful in giving them the law and the commandments. He had been faithful in all of these things. And here he was conversing with our Lord, with Elijah, talking with Jesus. Matthew 17:4, "Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Isn't that like us, we

always have a little plan of our own. It would have been marvellous, but, God has a greater plan. Like Peter we may too often settle for smaller things when God is moving us on and we don't realize that He is. But let us keep our hearts and minds open so that we can move on in experience. But you would think that it would be honouring to God just to build those tabernacles and let it be. But you know the story as it unfolded, Jesus would not be on the cross, nor remitting your sins nor my sins nor the sins of the whole world. (Nor each man fulfilling his place and his purpose in the glory of the Father). Matthew 17:5, "While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." Listen to Him, obey Him, let Him be everything to you.

Now, I am sure as you read the account in Hebrews it says that so fearful was the sight on the mount of Horeb of the glory of God, that the mountain shook at the time of the giving of the commandments. That glory was such that they couldn't look upon the face of Moses. That had such a traumatic affect on natural things that even the beasts couldn't come near to the mountain where the glory of God was. But God is moving His plan on, He is causing it to unfold. And His message to that generation, and

to this generation is: listen to the Son of God. Hear Him. Hallelujah. Matthew 17:6, "And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid." Wouldn't you be, wouldn't I? Absolutely. But God in His great mercy, and His great peace, and His great wonder, and His great love has chosen Him as the head of the body. He has given gifts to the church. (Those gifts by which He speaks to the church, He speaks those words of encouragement and comfort, so that it doesn't terrify us when He brings the knowledge of the truth.)

So this morning I am so grateful that God just doesn't shake the building, aren't you? How many want to see the building shake? Any earthquake will do that. I'd far sooner see and hear Jesus speak through you. I almost got up this morning, but I thought maybe it would offend somebody. But I almost said, "People, prophesy about the peace that Jesus brings." Hallelujah. I only say that just to encourage you in further meetings. When the Spirit of God starts to bring those messages of peace, the glory of God, the love of God, or faith, or whatever it is, just bring those messages. They're in your heart, Jesus has put them there. Ask him for the anointing that you may encourage another. Amen. Glory to God. I'm glad the building is not shaking, but I'm happy that the presence of Jesus brings His peace and comfort to these

mortal hearts that are so prone to all the earthly things. I pray more and more each day that my heart will be prone to the glory of the coming age, the glory of His kingdom, the glory that He is bringing into our hearts and our lives by the Holy Spirit. Glory to His name.

So; this is My beloved son in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him! And when the disciples heard it they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. Matthew 17:7, "And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid." Have you ever been flat? Right out of it? Almost? Flat? Here were three disciples, the majesty of God was so great that they were flat. They were afraid. You and I would be too with such an experience as this. But Jesus touched them. At the touch of Jesus changes occur. Amen. And He touched them and said arise and do not be afraid, my peace I am giving you. Amen. My peace. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. In My father's house are many abiding places. Hallelujah. Do not be afraid. The Holy Spirit has had to get us off the ground in many experiences. It's only the touch of Jesus that can get us from on the ground to walking again. Jesus said arise and do not be afraid. Matthew 17:8, "And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only." I love this. Amen. He's the one.

Perfection

By A.M. Hinchliff

In Hebrews 6:1-3 we read, "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on to perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do if God permit."

In the Move of the Spirit, God has restored the foundation for His church. As Isaiah prophesied, the Lord has performed "Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation." Isa. 28:16. Ephesians 2:19 "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and

foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord." God has also proven the words of Paul in 2 Tim. 2:19. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His."

God wishes to lay this foundation in the lives of all His people. But once it is laid He doesn't want to have to be laying it over and over, again and again. He is very longsuffering and patient and will do it if it becomes necessary. His best for us is that once that founda-

tion is laid we remain secure upon it, neither turning to the left hand or to the right, but pressing on in the things of the Kingdom of God.

Everyone who is new to the ways of God must have this foundation laid in his life and experience. The acceptance of Christ is the beginning of the work of God in our lives. That is where God starts. We can never forget the first principles of the doctrine of Christ any more than we can forget the first principles of mathematics and go to the study of higher mathematics. If we ever forget that one and one makes two we could never go any further. It is the same in the things of God. We must remember the foundation and build on it; but we should not have to be con-

tinually laying it again in our life and experience. As the student learns that one plus one equals two and it becomes a part of his knowledge, so the things of the foundation that God lays should become a part of our life and experience. It should become something we walk and live in.

Many things in our life change according to need or circumstance, but the foundation of the church never changes.

The writer of Hebrews says, "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on to perfection." What I am interested in is where this takes us. What do we go on to? What is our goal? What does God have in mind for His people? How do we attain it? I am sure that these questions are in the mind of every growing Christian. They are a cry from deep within the soul.

In considering these questions the first thing the Spirit of God brings to our mind is that we must enter into the rest of God. There is no way we can force God to reveal Himself or His ways. If we walk with Him He will lead us; we can lean upon Him and rest in His love. "I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also dwells secure. For thou dost not give me up to Sheol, or let thy godly one see the Pit. Thou dost show me the path of life; in thy presence is fullness of joy, in thy right hand are pleasures for evermore." *Psa. 16:7-11*. David had learned the security of resting in the Lord.

It is important to yield ourselves to Him and be led of His Spirit. The carnal nature never rests. It is continually striving, striving to overcome the Christ who dwells within. But our victory is not in striving, but in yielding to the moving of the Holy Spirit. "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." *Heb. 4:9-11*. We must cease from our own works, be led of the Spirit and enter into His works. "Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight

to do thy will, O my God; yea thy law is written within my heart."

Psa. 40:7,8.

We often sing a song;
I delight to do thy will O Lord,
I delight to do thy will,
And to walk with Thee is not grievous unto me,
I delight to do thy will.

In *Heb. 5:9*, speaking of Christ, the writer says, "And being made perfect..." This was something that was accomplished during His earthly ministry. We have thought that Christ was always perfect but He was made perfect. It is perfection that we desire to go on to and since we are following Christ who is our Shepherd let us find out what made him perfect.

In *Heb. 5:8* we read, "Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered." Christ had to learn obedience. Before He could be made perfect He had to be tested by suffering. Suffering, trial and difficulty will test us to see if we can be obedient. His obedience under these circumstances is what made Him perfect. He had to be tried and so must we be tried before we can enter the realm of perfection.

The Greek word that is translated perfect in this scripture means complete. The word perfection in *Heb. 6:1* comes from the same Greek word. Christ was made complete by the test of obedience. He was able because of this completeness to carry out the purpose of God for Him. Our Father wishes that we also attain completeness that we may be able to carry out His purpose for us. God's purpose for Christ was that, "He became the author (or originator or source) of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him." *Heb. 5:9*.

As we have been taught our salvation reaches much further than the salvation of our souls. Before we could believe to the saving of our soul our spirit had to be made alive so we could be conscious of the voice of God speaking to us. Most of us have gone through a period, before we have accepted Christ as our Saviour, when God was speaking to us about our need. Our spirit had come alive. Then with our believing and accepting Christ our soul received life.

It remains then for our bodies to attain life. When we speak of life to the body we speak of that glorious resur-

rection life that Paul mentions in *Phil. 3:10,11*. "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead."

Paul's attaining of this experience hinged upon, first of all, faith for the saving of his soul. "And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith." *Phil. 3:9*.

Secondly, Paul attaining the resurrection rested on his obedience. He suffered the loss of all things that he might win Christ. We may think he was speaking of the loss of material things, but it wasn't that. *Phil. 3:4-6* tells us what he lost. *Philippians 3:4* "Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless."

It was all those things that separated him from Christ. If he walked in those things he couldn't be obedient to the heavenly vision (*Acts 26:19*) and would miss that glorious earlier resurrection from among the dead.

Entering into that earlier resurrection is synonymous with the manifestation of the sons of God spoken of in *Rom. 8:19*. In fact the resurrection is the proof of sonship. It was so in the case of Jesus and it will be the same with us. Let us read *Rom. 1:4* where Paul is talking about Jesus. "And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection of the dead." His resurrection proved that He was a Son.

In *Rom. 8:23* Paul speaks of "the adoption" or the placing as a son (which is the same as the manifestation of the sons of God) and the same experience as the redemption of our body. "And not only they, (speaking of the creation) but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."

If we are going on to perfection we

must learn and practice submission. Without being submissive it will be impossible for us to inherit the kingdom of God. Submission must be taught and practised in the church. We must submit to those who have an office of authority over us which is given by God. Children must submit to and obey their parents. Wives submit to their husbands. The people submit to the elders and deacons of the church. The elders are under the care of the apostolic ministries and the apostolic ministries must be submissive to Christ who is the Head of His body, the church. And the Head of Christ is God. In this order God's authority reaches right from Himself to the smallest child and includes everyone. Nobody is exempt and all have a covering if they will walk in its shelter. We thank God for this order and appreciate it with all of our hearts.

There is another aspect of submission that I would like to speak about. In Eph. 5:21 we read, "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." This applies in the order I have just written about but it also applies in a broader sense.

Every ministry and gift in the body of Christ is a manifestation of Christ. As a ministry or gift operates it is Christ who dwells within the person who is ministering. If someone prophesied in the Spirit it is Christ who is prophesying. If someone exhorts by the Spirit it is Christ who is exhorting. No matter who ministers in the Spirit we must all submit to that ministry. If someone feels led of the Spirit to show mercy toward another person or if someone feels to exercise their ministry of helps we must submit. Sometimes some of us are so independent we don't want to accept help in any way, but we have to submit. It may be a humbling experience, but we are recognizing the Christ who dwells in our brother. To grow and go on to perfection we need the ministry of every part of the body of Christ. "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that WHICH EVERY JOINT SUPPLIETH, according to the effectual working in the measure of EVERY PART, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." Eph. 4:15, 16.

I wondered for many years what

John the Baptist was talking about when he said Jesus would baptize us with fire. Matt. 3:11. "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire."

Also in Acts 2:3 we read, "And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them."

Luke wasn't speaking of the languages they were given when he spoke of tongues of fire. We have all watched a fire burn and have seen the flames rise in what is often referred to as tongues of flame. They spoke in many different languages by the Holy Spirit, but the tongues of fire were for a different purpose. In speaking of the fire that is spoken about here, many people think of the boldness that the Holy Spirit gives. They think of a preacher becoming fiery in his speech and actions. The Holy Spirit will do this, but this is not what the scripture is talking about.

Let us read Mal. 3:1-3. "Behold I will send my messenger, and He shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming? And who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap: and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness."

Malachi is talking here about the work of the Holy Spirit. This is the fire God has sent to refine His people. This is the fire that Jesus has baptized us with. This is the fire that rested upon His disciples on the day of Pentecost. God wants us to partake of His Holy Spirit that the fire may refine and purify us.

I once visited a silver refinery. As one looked in through the door of the furnace you could observe a beautiful sea of molten silver. The flames were reflected mirror-like in the melted metal and one would doubt if anything could be more pure.

Then the operator of the furnace added a chemical reagent and within

minutes none of that beautiful silver was visible. The material that was added reacted with the impurities in the silver and these impurities rose to the top. The beauty was completely obscured. The operator then used a long handled tool to rake all these impurities out the door of the furnace. The silver then returned to its original beauty.

Another reagent was added and the same thing happened. This process went on for about a week, and by then the silver was over ninety nine percent pure.

This is similar to the work of the Holy Spirit in us. We may look at one another and think we all reflect the beauty of Christ from within. Then God allows some circumstances to arise and we find that beauty clouded over. Many times things come to the surface that we didn't know were in our lives. We are then able by the help of the Holy Spirit to remove those ugly things that were hidden beneath the surface of our lives. We must pray that the process will go on until we are completely in His image and likeness.

To have this work done in us by the Holy Spirit is not easy on the flesh. (By the flesh we mean the carnal nature, as opposed to the nature of Christ.) "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." Gal. 5:17. We must submit to this process if we desire to be among the overcomers who sit with Christ in His throne.

When the writer of Hebrews mentioned going on to perfection or completion he was talking about the Melchisedec priesthood. Hebrews 7 gives a description of this priesthood. Melchisedec was first of all "King of righteousness". To be righteous simply means to bear the attributes of He who is right. Righteousness is one of the elements of the kingdom of God. It includes righteous living, righteous thinking and righteous judgment. It includes dealing with everyone and everything in a right manner. In Matt. 5:20 Jesus says, "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." In the next two chapters of Matthew, Jesus takes the law out of the realm of the letter into the realm of the Spirit. Our righteousness does not come by obeying the letter of the law which

is written on tables of stone, but by having the law written upon our hearts by the Spirit of God, and walking in and being led by the Spirit.

Melchisedec was also King of Peace, another element of the kingdom of God. The Greek word here translated peace literally means peace, unity or concord. Concord means agreement and harmony. That is what the church needs and that is what the world needs. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you." Jn. 14:27. We need to enter into the peace given by the author of peace. The earth is in a constant state of turmoil and restlessness, but those who are going on to perfection need not abide there. David knew the peace of God and we find many times in the Psalms a psalm will begin in a state of unrest, but as he ministers in song before the Lord, God's peace reigns in his heart.

In Heb. 7:3 we see that Melchisedec had gone beyond the realm of the natural or physical. I'm sure he had a mother and father and there was a time when he was born. But these natural connections were overshadowed by the Spiritual realm. He had gone on to perfection. He was made like unto the Son of God. Abraham recognized him because he paid him tithes.

"After the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life." Heb. 7:15, 16. This is speaking of Christ who, though He died and by His blood has purged our sin, ever LIVETH to make intercession for us. Through Him we have the power of His resurrection. Christ was resurrected and has left open the door for us to enter into that same realm of life; for we shall be "conformed to the image of His Son that He might be the firstborn among many brethren". Rom. 8:29. This priesthood includes more than the Christ Himself. It includes His body, the members of which shall be made in His image.

In Heb. 5:5-10 we have Christ described as a priest called after the order of Melchisedec. Verse 7 describes His life of trial and tears. Here is recorded His experience in the garden of Gethsemane where He prayed, "Father if it be possible let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless not my will but thine be done." His Father was able to

save Him from death and also heard His prayer, but the work of redemption had to be carried out.

"Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered." Christ's obedience had to be tested. It is the same with us. We never know whether we can be obedient unless it involves suffering. If we can obey in the face of suffering then we know, and God knows, that we can be obedient.

"And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation." Heb. 5:9 It was His obedience that brought about Christ's perfection. You may ask, "Was Christ not always perfect?" In the sense of sinlessness, yes; but in the sense of completeness, no. He couldn't be complete until he had been tested. "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Heb. 4:15 He overcame and was complete or perfect, and we have the opportunity to go on to perfection through Him if we are willing to go through the testing.

"For it became (was suitable to) Him (God the Father), for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation (Christ), perfect through sufferings." Heb. 2:10. Then in Rom. 8:29 we have these words; "For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."

It is God's purpose that not only should Christ the Head be made perfect, but also the members of the Body of Christ be made perfect. He wants us to be so made that we conform to the image of His Son or in other words, "to be made like His Son."

Many things are made in a form. First you have a form or a mould. Then a liquid or semi-liquid is poured into the form. The liquid is allowed to harden and then the form is removed. The substance that was put into the form comes out in the exact shape and size as the form. Likewise God wants us to conform to the image of His Son Jesus who was made perfect. He wants us to so conform to Christ's image that we will be recognized as His brothers.

When Israel was tested in the wilderness they failed the test. We must be careful that we do not likewise fail in the testing that our Heavenly Father

allows to come our way. "Take heed brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end." Heb. 3:12-14.

After Paul had been stoned at Lystra, and taken out of the city as dead, he ministered to the saints there saying "that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." Acts 14:22.

In Philippians chapter three, Paul speaks of himself as not having already attained perfection, but he was pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Speaking of the work of the apostolic ministry in the church, Paul speaks of it as 'for the perfecting of the church'. God's purpose for the church is that it will grow in unity, faith, and knowledge of the Son of God until it becomes a PERFECT man, and has attained the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Eph. 4:12-14. When he wrote to the Colossians, (Col. 1:27-29) he speaks of Christ in us being "the hope of all the glorious things to come. Whom we preach warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man PERFECT in Christ Jesus."

The church going on to perfection, full maturity or completeness is very important to God, and it should be to us, too. We must attain that measure of experience if we are going to inherit the kingdom. Israel missed the promise of God. "Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. So I swear in my wrath, they shall not enter into my rest." Heb 3:10-11. "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." Heb. 4:1.

Be sober, be vigilant (very watchful); because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour; whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after ye have suffered a while, make you PERFECT, stablish, strengthen, settle you." 1 Pet. 5:8-10.

Fruit of the Spirit

By P.J. Mathew

Fruit of the Spirit is not a natural operation, but it is spiritual and visible in the children of God. It is a new way of living, brought forth in the people of God, who live in the realm of the Spirit, and it is also the order of the family of God. In Galatians 5:22-26, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance." All of these referred as singular fruit of the Spirit. In other words, the fruit of the Spirit cannot operate in its fullness if we miss any one of them. Like the different organs of a natural body, these characteristics together bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. In Matthew 7:16, Jesus said, "Ye shall know them by their fruits." Each one in the body of Christ is reminded here that, we are known by our fruits. Jesus teaches about a good tree that bears good fruit and a bad tree that bears evil fruit. However, a good tree cannot bear an evil fruit and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.

In John 15:1-6 Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself, it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" (N.I.V.). It is a fact that a farmer sows the seed, manures the ground, raises the saplings, takes good care and patiently waits for the yield or fruit. During the period of waiting the farmer is attentive and patient toward his farm or garden. Each day the farmer examines his plant and provides the necessary care according to the need of the plant. He is there in winter, summer, cold and storm, watching over his garden. The plants know the soft touch and the presence of the gardener. On a stormy or windy day, the gardener pays special attention to his young and fruit bearing plants as a shepherd cares for his sheep.

When God created Adam and Eve,

He came down to the earth and took clay to make man in His own image. Then He inhabited them in the Garden of Eden, blessed them and said to them "Be fruitful and multiply". God commanded them to eat every fruit of the garden, except that from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. To be fruitful or to bear fruit, is the plan of God and He enables His creation to bring forth that fruit. His creation includes the whole universe, and each of His handiwork has a function to perform. In Psalm 19:1-6, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other, nothing is hidden from its heat."

God has a great purpose in creating this whole universe. The solar system has been doing its work faithfully. The earth being one of the planets in the solar system is obeying God's word by rotating on its axis and revolving around the sun. Such a function of the earth causes day and night and seasons in the earth. The earth is the abode of man and God designed the earth for the inhabitation of His creation. It brings forth crops for food, herbs and plants for medicine, and water for the entire creation of the almighty God. Man being the crown of all creations, has a greater accountability to fulfill God's plan in his life. No other creation of God can do the will of God as man can. Man is created in the hands of God and Psalmist refers to man as the handiwork of God. He did not breathe the breath of life on any other creation, but only on man to make him a living being. Man became the very image of God because of His life is flowing in him. As the husbandman is waiting patiently for the precious fruit of the earth, God is anticipating in us so that we may bear fruit. Jesus said, "If you abide in me

you will bear fruit." When we abide in Jesus we dwell in Him and our nature is transformed into the nature of Jesus Christ. In II Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if any man is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" In Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." It is a great commitment with submission to say that my old nature has changed; I don't live any more but Christ lives in me.

It is like the caterpillar transforming to be a beautiful butterfly. It is like an egg waiting to be transformed into a beautiful Blue Bird. When it is still an egg we do not notice what that egg would grow like. Hallelujah! When we are changed we receive newness of life, and like the butterfly, or the beautiful Blue Bird, we will soar to a higher level and begin to experience the new life. Apostle Paul writes to the Ephesian Church explaining that we are seated in the heavenly places with Jesus. Ephesians 2:1-8, "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of the world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we died in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus." When we are transformed or quickened, we are moved to a higher place in Christ and seated with Him in heavenly realms. When we experience the life of the heavenly realms, we receive the divine nature and the fruit of the Spirit comes into operation in our earthly life. We would begin to depend on him entirely for all

our needs. We will move in him and walk not by sight but by faith. His church that experiences this new life puts on the divine nature as written in 2 Peter 1:3-7, "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. For this reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love." In Galatians 5:22-25, we read about the fruit of the Spirit operating in the lives of His children, Apostle Paul gives a list of the fruit of the Spirit which is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, and temperance. Let's examine each of the fruit of the Spirit.

Love: is a precious fruit of the Spirit; as all others are, it come from God. The Bible mentions about the love that is divine; or a love that is born of God, and we read about that love in I Corinthians chapter 13. Our love must contain that supreme quality of divine love as mentioned in the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians. This love for one another must be unselfish, and willing to sacrifice our comforts, ambitions and even life. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" John 15:13. Many times our love and loyalty to one another is lost when we are put to severe test. Apostle Peter is an example, who betrayed Jesus by denying three times at the time when Jesus needed support and love. The New Testament word for love is "agape" in Greek, which means unconquerable benevolence. It means that we seek nothing but the best in those who seek the worst for us. Among this many teachings, Jesus taught us in Matthew 5:44, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." Matthew 22:39, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself". In order to exercise this fruit of the Spirit, it has to flow from our Lord Jesus Christ. In Ephesians 3:17-19, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith: that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints,

what is the breadth, and length, depth and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge." (KJV) We will never be able to bring forth this previous fruit if we do not comprehend and experience the love of Christ on a personal level.

Joy: Joy in Greek is (chara) meaning, the feeling of gladness based on the love, grace, blessings, promises and nearness of God that belong to those who believe in Christ. It is not the joy that comes from earthly things, or from triumphing over someone else in competition. It is a joy whose foundation is in God. In John 15:11 Jesus spoke, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full". It is clear that we have a joy that is given by Jesus to all those who believe in Him as Savior. In Nehemiah 8:10, "the joy of the Lord is your strength". In other words, the joy of this world is temporary and it weakens you instead of strengthening and building you in Christ. But the joy of the Lord is permanent, real, and always comforting our soul. Isaiah 35:11, "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." The redeemed children of God will have the joy, and the world will see this fullness of joy present in them. In Romans 14:17, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." The fruit of the Spirit operates in the kingdom of God, which is a wonderful blessing to the inhabitants of God's kingdom. Jesus prayed, "Let thy kingdom come" and it is being formed in His People first and the world will see it. Habakkuk 3:17-19, "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls; Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places." Prophet Habakkuk is not concerned of his lack of material wealth, but he is rejoicing in God and trusting in God for his restoration. A believer draws his/her joy from God who is the source of one's joy. Sometimes, the problems look like a mountain and you feel that you are ripped apart; you feel empty and helpless, but we have Habakkuk who re-

joices in his despair and helplessness. Let no one take away our joy, because our joy was given to us by our Lord Jesus through His death on the cross of Calvary.

Peace: The word peace in Hebrew is "shalom" and in Greek "eirene" which means not just freedom from trouble but everything that makes for a man's highest good. Here it means that tranquility of heart, which derives from all-pervading consciousness that our times are in the hands of God. Peace and patience are the important components of the Spirit-filled life of a person.

In Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God". We, as the peacemakers, are to live peaceably with all men. The world of today is crying out for peace and order in their families, nations and regions because of the forces of darkness have invaded their lives and destroyed their peace and security. Such a life is producing doubt, uncertainty, insecurity and hopelessness in the hearts of the people. Jesus has given this peace to us and His body should be able to manifest and minister the peace that comes from God to the rest of the world through our daily walk. In Ephesians 4:1-3, "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." So long as self is at the center of things, oneness and the bond of peace cannot fully exist. When the self dies and Christ springs to life within our hearts, then comes the peace, the oneness, which is the great hallmark of the true Church, which is His body. In Colossians 3:15, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace."

Longsuffering (Patience): - According to Webster's dictionary the word "Patience" is defined as "the quality or habit of enduring without complaint", "Forbearance towards the faults or infirmities of others", "Ability to await events without perturbation" Patience and longsuffering are closely connected words, because patience is the result of longsuffering. In Greek it is (makrothumia) meaning endurance, patience being slow to anger or despair. Patience is the mother of all virtues. In our dealings with our fellow men we must reproduce this loving, forbearing,

forgiving, patient attitude of God within ourselves. Such a virtue is definitely from God, and we must practice patience in a time such as this. We are living in an age of subtlety, capriciousness, and certainly, we need the wisdom of God to exercise patience.

Proverbs 19:11, "A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offence. **Colossians 1:10-12,** "And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way; bearing the fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light," (NIV) **Colossians 3:12,** "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." (NIV) Apostle Paul emphasizes the need of clothing ourselves with the fruit of the Spirit, so that the world will see His body as a chosen people, holy and beloved unto God.

Gentleness: In Greek the word gentleness is "Praotes" meaning, mildness, meekness and gentleness. In the New Testament it has three main meanings. (a) It means being submissive to the will of God (Matthew 5:5, 11:29, 21:5), (b) it means being teachable, being not too proud to learn (James 1:21), (c) most often of all it means being considerate (1 Corinthians 4:21, 2 Corinthians 10:1, Ephesians 4:2). As the body, we have to submit to the will of God daily, willing to be taught by the word of God and to be considerate to one another. **Philippians 4:5,** "Let your gentleness be evident in all. The Lord is near" (NIV) Apostle Paul is encouraging the Church at Philippi to be moderate in their dealings, meaning that you let others see how you react in a troubled situation. It teaches us to bear the mark of gentleness so that everyone else will see it as evident to us. A believer has to emulate the example of Jesus in order to show forth His gentleness.

Goodness: In Greek the word (agathosune) is used for goodness. It displays a zeal for truth and righteousness, and hatred for evil: it can be expressed in acts of kindness, or in rebuking or correcting evil. Jesus showed "agathosune" when he cleansed the Temple and drove out those who were

making it a marketplace. Kindness and goodness are closely connected words. The believer needs that goodness which at one and the same time can be kind and strong. **Luke 6:35-36,** "But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your father is merciful" (NIV) **Luke 6:45,** "The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks." (NIV) Jesus clearly speaks of his role of a believer in bringing forth the fruit of goodness into this world, so that the world will see that goodness and kindness in us. Our life must be a repository of good things from which others are benefited.

Faith: In Greek (pistis) for faith, meaning: faithfulness, firm and unswerving loyalty and adherence to a person to whom one is united by promise, commitment, trustworthiness, and honesty. We are united to Christ as a Bride unto the Bridegroom, and He is preparing to present us as a Bride (or the Church) to himself, as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish but holy and blameless. The Church as a bride has to remain holy and blameless, because He is preparing us to be His perfect bride. **Ephesians 1:4,** "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love". It is vital that the Church of God grows in the beauty of holiness and remains faithful.

Meekness: It means a gentle and long-suffering disposition, submissive and compliant, humble, and lowly. A believer must be able to bring forth meekness in all his/her life. Jesus spoke about meekness in His Sermon on the Mount given in **Matthew 5:5,** "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth". Numbers says of Moses, the greatest leader and the greatest law-giver the world has ever seen: "Number 12:3 Moses was no milk and honey character: he was no spineless creature: he could be blazingly angry: but he was a man whose anger was on the leash, only to be released when the time was right. The writer of proverbs says: "He that rules his spirit is better than he who takes a city". **Proverbs 16:32,** An individual who cannot control himself will not be able to

have any good effect on others. But the man/woman gives himself/herself into the complete control of God will gain this meekness, which will indeed enable him/her to inherit the earth. The full translation of this third Beatitude **Matthew 5:3** must be read. O THE BLISS OF THE MAN WHO IS ALWAYS ANGRY AT THE RIGHT TIME AND NEVER ANGRY AT THE WRONG TIME, WHO HAS EVERY INSTINCT, AND IMPULSE, AND PASSION UNDER CONTROL, BECAUSE HE HIMSELF IS GOD CONTROLLED, WHO HAS THE HUMILITY TO REALIZE HIS OWN IGNORANCE AND HIS OWN WEAKNESS, FOR SUCH A MAN IS A KING AMONG MEN! (William Barclay)

Temperance: In Greek (egkrateia) meaning, having control or mastery over one's desires and passion, including faithfulness to one's marriage vows; also purity and chastity. In **2 Corinthians 9:25,** "And every man that strives for the mastery is temperate in all things." It compares the athlete's discipline of his/her body. Self-control is the key to overcome every temptation, and God will help those who desire to exercise this fruit of the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 9:27, "But I keep under my body, and bring it unto subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway, (disqualified)" **Romans 13:14,** "Let us be Christ's men from head to foot, and give no chances to the flesh to have its fling" (Phillips) It is our strong belief and experience that we died with Christ and rose again to life, new and clean, in which the evil things of the old self were gone and the lovely things of the spirit had come to fruition.

A child of God must possess the fruit of the Spirit. This fruit is made up of nine qualities as we have discussed above. These qualities are from one source, and function as one body. It works together to produce the divine nature of Jesus in us. There are also other divine qualities that we need to consider in our daily walk with our Lord Jesus. **Romans 12:9-19,** "Let us have no imitation of Christian love. Let us have a genuine hatred for evil and a real devotion to good. Let us have real warm affection for one another as between brothers, and a willingness to let the other man have the credit. Let us not allow slackness to spoil our work and let us keep the fires of the spirit burning, as we do our work for the Lord. Base your happiness on your hope

in Christ. When trials come endure them patiently, steadfastly maintain the habit of prayer. Give freely to fellow Christians in want, never grudging a meal or a bed to those who need them. And as for those who try to make your life a misery, bless them. Don't curse, bless. Share the happiness of those who are happy, and the sorrow of those who are sad. Live in harmony with each other. Don't become

snobbish but take a real interest in ordinary people. Don't become set in your own opinions. Don't pay back a bad turn by a bad turn, to *anyone*. See that your public behavior is above criticism. As far as your responsibility goes, live at peace with everyone. Never take vengeance into your own hands, my dear friends: stand back and let God punish if he will" (Phillips).

PINELOW FALL CAMP FAMILY CAMP

November 8-11, 2002

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In Loving Memory of *Peter W. Berg*

Born: August 5, 1913
Warman, SK

Passed Away: April 26, 2002
North Battleford, SK

By Merv Smith

Bro. Berg's ministry will live long in our memories.

I met Brother Berg shortly after WW2 when he had just received his discharge from the Canadian Army. He came to Bethel Bible Institute in Saskatoon, where I was attending, to complete his Bible studies in preparation for the Ministry to which he had devoted his life. We both graduated with the class of 1946. As soon as the door opened, he entered the full-time ministry service.

In 1948 the Holy Spirit moved in a very

wonderful and sovereign manner at Sharon Bible College, North Battleford, SK. Bro. Berg and his wife Clare soon joined with the ministering brethren of "The Move of the Spirit" (Global Missions Inc.). He traveled with them in Canada and the United States ministering the wonderful truths of the coming together of the Body of Christ and the Kingdom of God.

In 1978 Bro. Berg asked me to accompany him on a missionary journey to India. After much consideration and prayer, we were sent to India by the brethren. I appreciated the opportunity to travel together with him then, and later to other places. Needless to say, we both learned many things from each other as well as from the wonderful people of India.

Unfortunately, for health reasons, Bro. Berg was unable to travel again to India. However, he was always eager to hear of the new developments in that rapidly growing field and continued to correspond with the brethren of India.

I will never forget how he was moved upon by the suffering from the poverty we saw there, especially that of the children. He had a great love and compassion for them and continued to be a generous supporter from his own personal means.

We learned many things from our brother and appreciated the good his ministry accomplished. He ministered at many camp meetings and special services in local churches as long as he was able.

We bid him farewell as the earthly part of his life is now complete.

"God be with you till we meet again."

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