

"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN"

WHEN Nicodemus, that proud Pharisee, came to Jesus by night (perhaps ashamed to come by day lest he be mocked), Jesus said to him, "Ye must be born again" (John 3:7).

Salvation does not consist in merely joining a church and striving to live up to Christian principles, but in living to please God, which means living without sin. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God" (I John 3:9),

You must either accept or reject the Gospel. To accept, means life everlasting. To reject, means eternal damnation. Be ye reconciled to God. Jesus was made sin for us that we might be saved from wrath through Him. Oh, it was the marvellous love of God that sent Jesus Christ into the world to redeem the lost and save them from their sins!

You will exalt the Blood of Jesus Christ when you have been saved through the Blood, for it is only the Blood of Jesus Christ that can make you whole in spirit, soul, and body. "And without shedding of blood is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22).

Every man's work will be revealed as to what sort it is. "He that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Galatians 6:8). When the day comes in which Jesus Christ shall judge the quick and the dead, it is going to take nothing short of the new birth to be able to stand.

Peter confessed, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said, "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven," thus signifying that a saving knowledge of God's grace is of divine and supernatural origin (Matthew 16: 16, 17).

HEAVEN - A WONDERFUL PLACE

"The street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass." "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 21:21, 27).

God revealed to John marvellous things from Heaven. The Book of Revelation is a revelation from Jesus Christ of the glories of Heaven that shall come to His people. Heaven was real to John as he saw the Holy City come down from God, out of Heaven. He even tells us the dimensions of the City — 1500 miles square and 1500 miles high. A wonderful place!

Heaven's gates on every side are each of one pearl. The streets are pure gold. There are many mansions, made by the mighty hand of our God. The City has no need of the sun. The light and glory of that place is from God and the Lamb of God. The light that Paul saw on the way to Damascus, brighter than the noonday sun, was the glory of that heavenly light. Why should we need the sun any more, or the natural things? We shall have the eternal.

Some people are laying up treasures on earth, where thieves can break through and steal, and moth and rust corrupt; but some are laying up treasure in Heaven. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." The Lord has prepared glorious things for "them that love him."

The only people who will enter this Holy City are those who obey the Word of God and have their names

written in the Lamb's Book of Life. It will pay us to go through any affliction, or endure any suffering, to possess the place that God has prepared for us.

Heaven is not only a wonderful place, but it is where God is, where the angels dwell; where the redeemed of the Lord, from all ages, will have their home. Jesus told us, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2).

He has told us in His Word that these things are real. The walls about the place are of jasper — great and high - - and the people of God enter there. "There shall be no night there." God's people are always rejoicing, praising Him. There will be beautiful music and songs. No tears or sorrows are there, for God Himself shall wipe away all tears from our eyes. A glorious place! He has given every one of us the privilege of obeying His Word, that we might make Heaven our home and be with Jesus in the Holy City that John describes.

ETERNITY BOUND

Sinner friend, the world has no power over your immortal soul to save or to destroy it; but the mighty God of Heaven someday will summons you before the eternal Throne and then and there you will stand before Him to give account of how you have received the Word of His Gospel.

Absolute justice will be meted out when we stand before that final Court. There will be no bribing of the jury, no evidence lacking. Every act will have been written down, just as men have lived. Nothing escapes the all-seeing eye of God. Jesus said, "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment" (Matthew 12:36). People like to think that God is so loving and so indulgent that He overlooks all the shortcomings of man. Let us not be deceived; "God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7). It is certainly true in this life, and just as true in the life to come.

Some say, "I will take the world; and when I am old and well stricken in years, I will seek the face of God, that I might go into eternity in peace with Him." That is a cowardly thing to do, to say the least. Why wait till you are ready to pass out of this world before seeking the face of Him who created you to love and serve Him?

It is not all of life to live, nor all of death to die, "but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).