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Welcome

This is our special Christmas issue of Discipleship Devotional Magazine. Merry Christmas! May this season open up in your heart the ever presence of Christ so that you may extend your hand in love to others. During the season, more than, any other time of the year the atmosphere is strong with the Love of Christ.

Learn to go deep in your silence to experience the joy of Jesus in the cradle of your heart. Many are suffering yet as you read this you are well off. Therefore, share your wealth. Give away your heart to others and share. It is so joyful to give rather than to receive.

Jesus awaits you! He loves His people and when one strays He knows. This season take the time to reach out and extend your heart in love. Tell others of the Love of Christ. How Jesus has touched your heart and changed you, your family and your neighbor for the joy of Christ now.

It is this joy that money, can not buy nor any amount can fill. It is the joy of knowing you are in communion with Jesus! Yes, Jesus does speak with you.

You were chosen from the alter of Christ's Love to be His own. Now reflect this truth. Jesus is calling you into a greater relationship with Himself.

Grow in your Holy Listening! Allow this Christmas to be a season of serving others through giving away of Thyself!

Merry Christmas to you and your family! Happy New Year!!

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A Christmas Message

When Will You Know That Christ Is With You?

Jesus was born in the cradle of Christ Consciousness twenty centuries ago. His universal Christ Consciousness is reborn in every born again person. Are you ready in the coming Christmas to expand your soul to behold within yourself the birth of the Omnipresent Christ?

To observe the birthday of Jesus with gifts and festivities shows some respect and attention to the ideals of his life. But to meditate and prepare your mind for the holy occasion of Christmas, that you may experience within yourself the birth of a new consciousness of universal brotherhood and love for all living creatures, is to really celebrate Christmas. Drive away from your mind all pride and prejudices that you may fittingly hold the omnipresent of Christ in your love-expanded bosom.

If at Christmas you find your strong will unconquered by the tests of temptations, know that Christ is born within you in reality.

If in the coming Christmas you can maintain inner peace when crucified with disquietude, know that Christ is with you.

If at Christmas you can meditate with deep joy in spite of the restless horde

of invading thoughts, know that Christ as the divine joy of meditation has manifested within you.

When you cannot be roused to wrath by crucifixion through others' wickedness, know that you are ready for Christ. When you feel love for all in spite of any hatred toward you know that an altar for Christ is created within you.

When all the time you can feel within you the ecstasy of unbroken joy of communion, know that Christ is with you evermore, and that within your deathless consciousness you will celebrate the true Christmas experience every moment, every minute, every day, every year, unto eternity.



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A Christmas Message

Realizing the Christ Presence

Do not think of Christ in the manger at Bethlehem as a helpless little baby; for even as the tiny infant Jesus, within his consciousness was omnipresent God. How else could he, when only a young boy, talk in a manner that startled even the wise men of the temple? While he had a little boy brain, behind it and manifesting through it was the Almighty spirit of God. The universal spirit of Christ consciousness was with him from the beginning.

That is the real reason why we should celebrate his birthday - to remind ourselves of the divine qualities of Jesus, and to awaken ourselves to a realization of the enlightening, loving Christ Presence in our own consciousness. It is a pity that so many people forget entirely the real purpose of the Christmas celebration and lose themselves in the material side only of the joyous festivities.

Christ has been unknown to you because you have kept the gates of your devotion closed. Take this Christmas celebration seriously and through deep and sustained communion invite Christ to manifest Himself to you. His beloved disciple Saint John said: "As many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." Then why not make yourself ready to receive him now? It is easier at this season than any other time, for a spirit of goodwill, love, and peace radiates throughout the

world. The entire cosmos celebrates the season of joy for the light that permeates all space.

Remember what Jesus was in reality. But he came on Earth as a human being and went through all the struggles and suffering of a human being and came through victoriously. That is why he can be an example for us, an ideal toward which we may strive. If he could succeed, we may also.

We must live life unselfishly as He lived it and must faithfully practice the method of interiorization for realizing the presence of that Almighty Grace within - the method of persistent meditation. Christ must come in the cathedral of inner silence. Go so deep within the great silence that you feel the one Life that pervades all creation. Then you will find the Christ Presence.

Christ is born in the cradle of each loving heart. So you must prepare your consciousness to receive him. Instead of enjoying just the material aspects of this Christmas celebration, no celebration, make your heart a cradle where Christ can be born again.

Be sure that love and goodwill accompany the gifts you give, and recognize the spirit in the hand of the Father and those you receive. Give extra time to meditation for at least a week

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preceding Christmas, devoting several hours to divine communion on one of those days; and be sure to meditate on Christmas morning. Except this great gift of the life of Jesus, which the Father meant for you. Do not let Jesus' living in his suffering be in vain. He came to bring you joy, and glory, and peace, and light. These He offers to you always, but with especial tenderness and love at this holy season. Wake up and accept the Christ-gifts of life.

Crisis the joy felt in communion. Crisis the perception realized in the deepest hours of silence. Clear away all the bars of material desire and let Christ into your heart. Open the portals of devotion and meditate until the Christ child is born within you.

May you have a very merry Christmas, and may you receive the greatest gift that anyone can wish for you - the perception of the Christ spirit in your own heart. May you feel his presence on Christmas Day and everyday throughout the New Year. Open your heart to receive the wonderful gift of Light. Pray. Pray until you get results. The answer is sure if you persist. Love, serve, pray.




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A Christmas Meditation

Come to the Land Where Christ Reigns

Today we celebrate Christ in Spirit; tomorrow we celebrate the coming of Christ in the body of Jesus. We shall prepare our minds and consciousness that in true understanding we may observe Christmas as the birth of Christ in the cradle of our souls in all mental and physical expression of our lives.

Thousands around the world are celebrating Christmas; for most it is primarily a time for festivities and the exchange of presents. But Christmas is far more than a holiday celebration for the masses. For me, Christmas has a greater meaning: the consciousness of the significance of Christ—an individualistic consciousness wherein I find Christ as the Universal Spirit manifesting in my own consciousness. That is what is most important—to bring the actual realization of Christ into our observance of Christmas.

When a great personality has come on earth, it is customary for a special day to be set aside to honor that figure, often in a social or material way. If this is the only manner in which one observes the birth of Christ, I think it is an insult to him, and is not a proper celebration. I have often said that Christ was crucified at the hands of ignorant people not one once, but that he is being crucified all the time by those who do not know the

true meaning of the life and teachings of Christ. Ignorant people desecrate their souls by nonunderstanding and their own misguided actions.

Of course, homage paid to Christ in whatever manner always does some good. Christmas festivity evokes the sentiment of the peace of this divine soul who came into the world to serve as a beacon of light to guide stray hearts. There is also the spirit of joy that abounds in traditional Christmas observances. Perfect joy, joy that is connected with purity, is the joy of God. Those who celebrated even from the material standpoint will experience something of this joy. They will find, at least for a time, a certain sense of freedom from their cares and sorrows, and from some of the inimical and evil thoughts of love in the elements of sacrifice and friendship experienced in the giving of gifts. Love, the divine love of God, is the most inspiring truth that Jesus demonstrated; it was the power by which he could return love and forgiveness for the hatred he received. To express hate for hate is easy and basically human, but to love in the face of vicinity and unkindness is greatness. Love is the stronger weapon; it can destroy hatred. The remembrance of the exemplary divine goodness of Jesus that was manifested in all he did, the thought of the divine love he gave,

and that in that Love he lived and died to uplift the world and—that is the spirit predominant at Christmastime period all this is what Christmas stands for.

I give you this talk that you may know the purpose of this our Christmas Day. It is the preparation to receive the baby Christ on the altar of our awakened spiritual consciousness. But the Baby needs a cradle. His presence is spread all over the stars and universes—omnipresent, in everything. But he loves the cradle of hearts, the cradle of our own divine consciousness. And so, we prepare that cradle for him today.

Prepare for Christ the cradle of your consciousness

The divine way Christ in the form of Jesus came on Earth, the way he was tested to bring mankind a new Light, a new Glory—showing that by attunement with the Invisible Light that leads to God the human heart may be freed of all despair and mortal darkness - that is what we should remember today as we make ready the inner cradle of consciousness to receive and hold him.

You must plunge deeper and deeper into the spirit of Jesus, to where the mind crosses the entrenchments of bad habits of physical and mental restlessness and arrives at the sanctuary of peace and bliss. The deeper the meditation, the easier it becomes to perceive Christ. Those who are intimidated by the effort required, and hence give up, never get beyond the obstacles of the body

and mind. The greatest victory to be achieved is over our own selves; it lies in the conquering of mental deficiencies and wrong habits. I want you to go with me to the land beyond, where Christ reigns. It is very easy for me. Everyday is a Christmas, for eye revel in the glory of the Lord, yet be of the Lord, and I find that the baby Christ as Christ Consciousness is cradled always in my own consciousness. I want you to have that realization.

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Understanding the Holy Spirit

Growing in understanding of the Holy Spirit is so important in one’s faith because the Holy Spirit is your constant companion. Thanks to God through Christ the Holy Spirit has been given to us for various reasons. This body of work has been written to support this fact. One’s faith must continue to grow in order to better serve the Lord in all our endeavors.

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Inspirational Reading

True Worship of Christ

What is Christ Consciousness? The infinite Christ is the “only begotten son” of God the Father, the only pure Reflection of Spirit in the created realm. You, too, are a child of God. The same consciousness can be yours. That is what you must always remember. I give you the testimony of Saint John, who spoke of reviving that divine consciousness which was in Jesus: “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God.”

So it is true that Christ is the only begotten Son of God - not the only, but the Christ consciousness that was in Jesus.

The divine power of Christ realization is an internal experience; may be received through unalloyed devotion for God and for his reflection as Christ. The power of the church and the temple will vanish. The spirituality shall come from the temples of great souls who are day and night in the ecstasy of God. Such souls as I have seen in Insurpass the glory of all temples. Remember, Christ seeks the temple of true souls. He loves the quiet shrine of devotion in your heart where you abide with him, there in the sanctuary aglow with the altar of light of your love. Those who meditate devoutly will receive Christ on the altar of calmness in their own consciousness.

The star of the East that led the Three Wise Men to Christ was not a physical star, but rather a spiritual star. It would be impossible for a planetary body to suddenly appear and remain so close to the Earth without a collision.

The star of the East that leads to Christ

Absence of the visible material light is darkness. But behind material darkness is the spiritual love which is everywhere. When you pierce the darkness of closed physical eyes, you behold the light of the spiritual eye - the intuitive, seeing eye of the soul. Through the spiritual eye you can enter the era of awakened silence. It is there, behind the clouds of darkness, as you perceive Christ. Today we will prepare our minds by meditation until our entire consciousness passes through that telescopic eye and beholds the overspreading divine consciousness of the Infinite Christ.

Just imagine! If you were living in this one room all your life Kama having no contact with or knowledge of what is beyond these walls, you would say that this is the whole of your world. But if someone were to take you into the world outside, you would realize

how infinitesimal your “world” was. So it is with the perception of Christ Consciousness. The scope of mortal consciousness by comparison is like observing only the area of a tiny mustard seed to the exclusion of the rest of the cosmos. Christ Consciousness is Omnipresence, the Lord spread over every pore of infinite space and permeating every atom. When in deep meditation we peer through the spiritual eye, we behold God’s creation-evolving spiritual light afloat in the vast sphere of our awakening in Christ.

Let us today prepare our consciousness to celebrate spiritually the birth of Christ. Let Christ, who is the only pure reflection in the creation of the Consciousness of God the Father, enter into our consciousness.

All those who have attained Christhood can retain the physical likenesses of their incarnations on earth, and they can manifest those forms to their true devotees. If you are not able to see Jesus when you pray to him, it is because you do not really try. If you want to perceive Christ, the way is through intensity and perseverance in meditation. Sacrifice sleep, discipline the body, control the mind; burn the darkness of closed eyes with your meditation. Then you will have Christ with you. As God is true, your prayer will be answered if you make the right effort.

A vision of Christ

Many lack faith in God unless they receive evidence of His powers. Faith is very important, because receptivity to divine power is shut off by negative thoughts and doubts. Faith grows as you exercise it; and when you have faith, you can do everything. If you can hold on to an idea long enough, and do not give up when opposed by contrary evidence, even if the whole world says it’s impossible; if you can fight the negative thoughts of people and keep your own thoughts strong while working towards your goal, it will manifest.

Know that God is your own

When we wish for God, there is nothing we have to create or acquire. We have him already. He is with us, buried beneath the debris of doubts and unbelief. All you have to do is know that God is your own. With material things, you do not own anything; you have to beg for everything you get. Why degrade yourself to the status of a beggar when you are a child of God? Do not go on desiring too many things. Just say to the Lord: “I am having a good time participating in Your cosmic drama, and I am happy with whatever You send to me.” That is living in the real spirit of Christ.

Anything you enjoy apart from God is potentially destructive to your true happiness. If the senses are connected with God they will serve you; but if they are not settled in God, they will destroy you. To remain drunk with materiality is to be tossed about like waves in a storm; but when you are safe on the Divine

Shore, then you will see all waves of life as a part of the Ocean of God - the Sea of Christ Consciousness. Ordinary people are buffeted about by the winds of emotions and desires, unable to see the Infinite Ocean as the essence of their life and being. Meditation gives you a chance to realize that we are all waves of life dancing on the Sea of Christ Consciousness in God. Do not live in ignorance; do not die in delusion.

I used to pray urgently to God: "Hours are passing, days and years will go by, but I will not give up until You come to me; I want You, my Beloved, only You." He came at last, and is always with me now. Nothing can take Him away. It does not matter to me whether the world accepts or forsakes me, or whether friends support or leave me. I have God. When He is with you, He makes you fearless, secure in His love.

Never go to bed until you have made real contact with God. Then in the daytime you will be able to conquer all the temptations and destructive forces that confront you. Nobody can take your peace away from you. Nothing can take that divine love between you and God. Be determined!

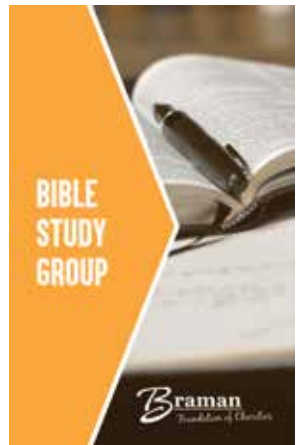
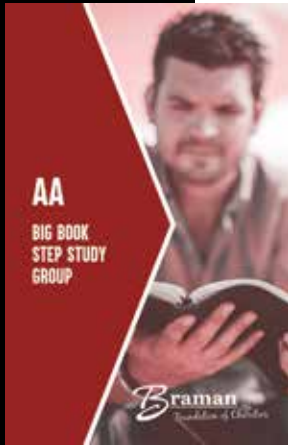
The Lord is waiting to see if perchance we use our God-given freedom to seek Him, our own Beloved. When we do, that pleases Him more than anything else. If instead we use our freedom to cast Him away, then He is filled with sorrow. When freely we give our love to Him - not because He is great and all-powerful, but because He is our own, and because we are His children, expressions of His

One Consciousness - that is what he loves.

And so on this Christmas meditation day, with adamant heart, prepare your mind. In divine perception, everything will melt into the love of Christ Consciousness. To me, everything is One-aflame with the same one consciousness of God. Today meditate so deeply and so intently that you feel Christ, that you know he is real, and not just a natural idea spread by the intellectual exultation of others. Let Christ become a reality in your consciousness, that your life may reflect love to all whom you contact.

Christ is real. He must come to you. In the divine love He gave.

Amen.



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Discipleship

Every Tuesday, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

In the BFC Defined Discipleship Training literature, we examine the state of the church in America today. We spend time with the teachings of the great writings of: A.W Tozer, Thomas A Kempis, & A.B Simpson. There is time spent on the effects of Christ centered meditation, its scriptures and the significance of purifying the ego. We discuss regeneration, salvation, daily repentance and coming into a closer relationship with our creator. Finally we speak on a lifetime of devotion to God and Christ. Recommit your life as a Christ follower and continue your journey.

Worship Service

Every Thursday, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Starting in September 2021, our worship service is a time to meet to praise, worship, pray to God and receive a teaching (sermon) based on the Bible along with a weekly communion.

Bible Study

Every Friday, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Joining a small group is the best way to experience the incredible community here at BFC.

Healing & Restoration

Every Saturday, 10:00am - 11:00am

As a brief history, we will explore the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Founded in June, 1935 the A.A. Program has helped millions recover from alcoholism. The essence and the backbone of the Program is the 12 Step Method. Healing & Restoration not only uses the 12 steps in a Christ centered format, it teaches CBT, meditation and has a focus on the body with nutrition and exercise.

AA Meetings

Big Book Step Study Every Saturday, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

12 Step Women's Group Every Wednesday, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Big Book Step Study Every Thursday, 7:30pm - 9:00pm

The purpose of this meeting is to help alcoholics fully recover by the studying, discussing, and practicing of the twelve steps as they are laid out in the Big Book. It has been our hard-learned experience that other methods did not work with us. Some of us have tried other methods and our results were disastrous, until we looked at the basic and simple approach the Big Book offers.



December
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December 1, 2021

Wednesday

DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT YOUR LIFE

*“Do not be anxious about your life...
But seek ye first His Kingdom and His
righteousness, and all these things shall
be added unto to you... Let the day's own
trouble be sufficient for the day.”*

– Matthew 6:25-33

The world can creep in quickly. We must be on guard for this always. First surrendering our day daily in prayer and meditation on His word brings our focus into Him. Knowing the word helps keep our mind focused on Him. It is worldliness that is trying to steal you away. In the form of your money or lack thereof, perhaps your family and their troubles, perhaps your church, maybe it is your work or your health that is distracting the joy, the love, the peace of the Spirit of the Lord. Regardless, this is why Christ spends so much time on this subject. Let not this world and the cares of this world remove you from His presence. Live in today, just today and know that through His sacrifice you are forever in His Grace. He has gone before you. He is your great protector. He knows your cares, your plans and has a path for your salvation. Seek Him first and always and you shall always be free. Surrender!!

December 2, 2021

Thursday

ARE YOU LIVING A CONSECRATED LIFE?

“This is he who hears the word, but the cares of the world and its pleasures and delights and clamor of riches and deceitfulness of riches choke and suffocate the word, and it yields no fruit.”

– Matthew 13:22

This world yields an illusion that it lasts forever. That somehow all that is here is so real. Think of the Lord’s words: “Consider the lilies of the field. They neither toil nor spin yet are in their full splendor. Are you not more than they?” We spend so much time figuring out our lives. Yet if we would just be still and grow where we are planted all would be fine. We must stop deciding how to serve the Lord, run our lives and allow the cares of this world to be surrendered in the Lord. Start by spending more and more time in reading the word. If you say I am too busy then ask the Lord to help you slow down. Try getting on your knees as you roll out of bed and ask for forgiveness. Ask to be forgiven for running the show. Spend time in prayer, fasting, meditation. Separate yourself from the world through an annual retreat. Remember soon you will be leaving here so why don’t you get acquainted with your true home. You are wasting time, God already has a plan for you.

December 3, 2021

Friday

ARE YOU LEAVING ROOM FOR GOD?

“Seek first the Kingdom of God...”

– Matthew 6:33

Is our agenda in our lives or in our work or business or our personal lives more important than the presence of God? Does your church acknowledge the presence of God? If God showed up would we say: “Oh no none of that!! We must preach our sermon!!!!” Our lives are an agenda. We are the god of our lives, doing works that we believe we are called to do “In the name of Christ.” Yet we lack power. Are lives changing in your congregation? If God showed up would you know that presence? Seek the Lord before all you do and ask that His presence be in you and around you. Before embarking upon works in the name of the Lord, first ask: “Lord is this what you want of me?” Then listen to the still small voice. Change yourself so that you know His presence and you will reform hundreds perhaps thousands. Make God your heart song: Above your spouse, your children, your money, your works and yes even your church. Try not to allow your works in your church be another way into which you seek recognition.

December 4, 2021

Saturday

WE ARE SERVANTS

“And there shall be no more curse: But the throne of God and of the Lamb of God shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him. And they shall see His face and his name shall be on their foreheads.”

– Revelation 22:3-4

We have been chosen by Christ to serve Christ. We have confessed our sin, we have turned to the Lord and we have taken a public declaration of that fact through Baptism. If this is you; then you are working through your salvation through regeneration. You are being changed from Glory to Glory and your life is not your own. Therefore, STOP telling the Lord what you are going to do and then asking Him to Bless it or whatever you are doing. Daily confess and daily die to self. Change your life so you are kingdom minded and not caught up in this world. Soon you will not even be here, so why do you toil as if it is so important? You are here today and gone tomorrow. Is not now the time to get right with God? Just ask someone who is about to make his or her transition. What is important, provided you are a believer, is our Lord. He is ruler over our government we are His servants. Get on with serving NOT controlling. In the end your life is moving on as is everyone. How important is your work here? What are you doing to serve?

December 5, 2021

Sunday

ONENESS IN CHRIST

“But the person who is united in the Lord becomes one spirit with the Lord.”

– 1 Corinthians 16:17

We must boldly daily die to self. We must ask more and more of thee and less and less of me. This is the mystery of our faith for we, on our own effort cannot complete this task. No matter how hard we toil to relinquish self it is the work of Grace. Only through surrender and seeking He that is greater than us all can you find this unification in Christ. This work is done in the solitude of your prayer closet. Ask yourself this question: Am I growing stale to the wonder of being born again? Am I chasing that feeling of oneness I once had in Christ? If so get at repentance. Get down on your knees and ask for forgiveness. Surrender my friend and now that there is only one way to fill your void. Know Christ!!!!

December 6, 2021

Monday

YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN

“Do you not know that your body is the temple of the holy spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body.”

– 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

If you are a believer and you have surrendered your life in Christ OR to Christ, then you have been bought by a price: Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. Therefore, your body is not your own. And the Holy Spirit dwells within you. Ask this: Does what I eat, what I say, and what I do Glorify God all the time? If not continue to surrender more and more until it does. This is a command as a disciple of Christ. Your body is not your own.

December 7, 2021

Tuesday

THE LORD FIGHTS OUR BATTLES

“The Lord will fight for you while you keep silent.”

– Exodus 14:14

“For the Lord Thy God is the one that goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you Victory.”

– Deuteronomy 20:4

My battles are not my own. Even if through sin I have created them. If I am overly stressed and not manifesting the fruit of the spirit, Gal 5:22, then self is manifesting. I as self am not in charge of my life. It is God through the Holy Spirit that goeth before me to open doors and close doors that no man can open. I in the Holy Spirit, that is I have been transformed through regeneration in Christ, doeth the works. This is the real battle. More and more of thee and less and less of me, (self). This is what Christ meant: IT IS NOT I THAT DOETH THE WORKS BUT HE THAT DWELTH WITHIN ME THAT DOES. This is the Lord’s work. There is effort, but it is the final battle is through Grace, through mercy. Paul speaks of this when he states; “I die daily.” If you cannot understand this or you lack this realization, then you will need to go much deeper in your walk with the Lord. If you have for several decades served the Lord as a Pastor or a minister and you struggle between self and oneness of the Spirit I encourage you to go deeper. Do not measure your spiritual growth with others. Rather know the goal: Complete unification in the Holy Spirit.

December 8, 2021

Wednesday

CORRECTION

“Then they will comfort you when you see their conduct and actions, for you will know that I have not done in vain whatever I did to it, declares the Lord.”

– Ezekiel 14:23

We want to grow closer in our walk with the Lord, yet we struggle when we go through correction. We try to avoid correction through aversion, yet it is this very correction that brings us in a deeper relationship with the Lord. Or we would hope our circumstances would be different as we compare our lives with others. Yet we forget that as believers we are in covenant with the Lord. He is our protector, He is guiding our every step, He is bringing us into a deeper relationship with Him. So, when you seek: “more and more of Him and less and less of me”; do not be surprised if your correction is painful or if He sends you someone to work with and pray with that rub you the wrong way. The Lord is in control even when you think not.

December 9, 2021

Thursday

JUDGE NOT

“Then let us no more criticize and blame and pass judgement on one another, but rather decide and endeavor never to put a stumbling block or an obstacle or a hinderance in the way of a brother”

– Romans 14:13

This judging is rooted in Pride and Fear. We need to go to God in Christ and ask forgiveness, seek a deeper level of repentance to be restored in His love. Our self must continually be purified once we have sought through salvation “The Way” in Christ. In other words, if you can identify the day you were saved then your regeneration has begun and as a follower repentance is key. Ask in your daily prayers: “Lord reveal to me the pride and fear the separates me from the love of Thee and the love of my fellow-man. If sincere listen to the still small voice within and you will be guided to deeper repentance and sorrow for the separation caused by your sin. Then renounce this in His name you will be forgiven. Go to Him and seek deeper levels of commitment to “The Way.”

December 10, 2021

Friday

CHRIST IS WITH YOU

"...go unto the cities and see that you hasten the matter..."

– 2 Chronicles 24:5

When you know you have a task to perform before you get it done. For some of us we struggle with a lack of success or we could be used through God by a greater extent if we preformed the tasked at hand and move on to the next project. Yet we become stuck, working under half-measures, similar to an automobile that needs a "tune up." Others, through self-will perform tasks thinking that what they are doing is in the will of God only to realize when done, later down the line, that the direction in which they moved was wrong and now correction is needed. Regardless of your lot move forward. In this new year finish tasks that you have put off so that greater tasks will be given to you. Ask the Lord; "Please show me where I am slothful and reveal to me the fear that is motivating this sloth." Remember always that God has not given us a spirit of fear but a spirit of power, love and self-control. However, you must ask to receive.

December 11, 2021

Saturday

CONTINUE TO PRAISE

"Count it all joy my brothers when you meet trials of various kinds."

– James 1:2

Whether the sun is shining or not lift your hands to the Lord. Let not your heart be troubled rather praise the Lord. It may be dark you may be depressed but lift your hands to the Lord and thank Him. Do not stop praising until you feel His presence within you. Trials will come, life will be stressful, and circumstances may not go your way but praise the Lord anyway. Surrender all to the Lord. Know that the Lord is with you always. Count these difficulties joy that bring you closer to the Lord. Renounce those tendencies that are destructive in your life. Then you will be of greater use, of a greater capacity to be used through your surrender. Praise the Lord.

December 12, 2021

Sunday

CONTINUE TO SURRENDER

“Draw near to God, and He will draw near unto you. Cleanse your hands you sinners and purify your hearts you double minded.”

– James 4:8

As children of God we are to continue to draw near unto God always. As we grow in our salvation from the day we were saved we must continue to renounce destructive patterns that are rooted in sin. Our sin nature is rooted in the Fall, generational curses and just sin behavior. Today in our churches we do not speak of sin or our sin natures. We tend to Praise and worship as if we are whole, not sinful through our self. Yet look at our society. Our nation would be completely different if the church, the body of believers, were following Christ commandments: mainly to love Thy neighbor as ourselves. And yet we continue to push others away because they are different: Poor, homeless, addicted, messy, trans-gendered, homosexual, filthy and mean. Ask yourself what would Christ do? Ask God are you really drawing unto Christ daily? Do you judge the fruit of the Spirit solely through your abundance of your purse? Are you really happy to see our nation struggling so that you continue to Praise God and Worship as if nothing is wrong in American Society? When will you reach out to the suffering? When will you love others.? If we were truly drawing onto God, we would be so sick of what is happening around us that we would ask God to use us to change our world?

December 13, 2021

Monday

GIVE OF YOURSELF

“Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and myrrh.”

– Matthew 2:11

From John Ellerton: “Give yourself anew to God and to God’s Service, and He will give you the desire and the power to open your treasures; and give to Him, be it wealth, it may be time, it may be personal service, it may be life itself. In His store there is a place for all, for all tears of the penitent, the barley loaves of the child, the two mites of the widow, and the savings of the Philippians, deep poverty, as well as Mary’s ointment, for the land of Barnabas, for the gold and incense and myrrh of the Eastern ages. And if the vision of Christ be before His eyes, and the love of Christ be in His heart, the man of wealth will give his large offering, the man of learning his dear bought knowledge, his man of business his hard-earned leisure, for the glory of God, for the benefit of His fellow-man, for the church or for the poor, to feed the hungry, or to teach the ignorant, to help the struggling, or to guide the erring; and each gift will be welcomed by Him who gave Himself for us all; and who asks in return for ourselves as a living sacrifice to Him.”

December 14, 2021

Tuesday

THE WORD IS ALIVE

“The word of God is living and breathing and active and sharper than any two-edged sword and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

– Hebrews 4:12

As a believer in Christ, as His follower you are given the Word of God as a living and breathing document. If the word says it will protect you it is true. If the word says that you must overcome fear and to be strong you need to summon the courage to overcome. If the word says you are part of His royal family, the apple of His “I” then you are so. If the word says “NO”, then be obedient to the word. For many believers say they hear from God yet their lives are futile. It is very difficult to know the difference from self-speak and the Holy spirit. It takes an abandonment of one’s self and to be filled with the Holy Spirit in total to hear from God always. But you can always hear from God through the Word. This is true. Therefore, study the word, memorize the word, preach the word and let it always be your true guide.

December 15, 2021

Wednesday

DO YOU LOVE CHRIST?

“How blessed is everyone that fears the Lord. Who walks in His ways. When you eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy, and it will be well for you. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive plants around your table. Behold for thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.”

– Psalm 128:1-4

As a believer in the Lord you are given Divine Favor. In fact, the deeper your walk with the Lord the greater your Favor. Yielding to self and overcoming this world. When more and more of the Holy Spirit is in you and less and less of self; then favor will increase. There are rewards for being in this relationship. Protection is favor. Wherever you go the hand of the Lord is upon you. The Lord goes before you and prepares the way. The Lord provides healing: Whether emotional, mental, spiritual or physical. Yield to the Lord. Ask Him to guide you and walk with you. Speak to the Lord and be close. Develop a deep relationship.

December 16, 2021

Thursday

GOD IS AND SHALL ALWAYS BE

*“For this God is our God forever and ever;
He will be our Guide.”*

– Psalm 48:14

God is the same today yesterday and always. At times our faith may be shaken, and we ask ourselves, “Is God really in control? Look at the world and look at the darkness.” Yet we must remember that God, in this drama has given man free will. A will that when out of Grace and Mercy is controlled solely through the law of sowing and reaping. Unbelievers are governed through self. The natural fall through Adam. As that result unbelievers suffer and are lost to their unbelief. We as believers must love them as Christ has asked us to love our neighbor. So, understand that God is was and shall always be regardless of what is happening outside of yourself in this world. This world is ever-changing and is not your home. You are going to spend your eternity with Christ in the heavenly realm. You have been given that security in your faith. You must act upon that faith and bring others home also. This is the great commission.

December 17, 2021

Friday

PUT AWAY THE OLD SELF

*“And put on your new Self which is in
the likeness of God created in Holiness,
righteousness and truth.”*

– Ephesians 4:24

We cannot be effective to the Lord in our old self. Therefore, we must ask the Lord to regenerate our lives daily. This process of regeneration can be quickened through doing all that you do, speak or think in the name of Christ. Our old self will wither away. However, if we will continue to hold fast to tendencies, strongholds, habits that have been useful to the natural self or to the world or not compatible with Kingdom building this will stunt our growth with working with the Lord. We must put away this self and put on our new likeness in Christ. But how you ask? Through His Grace, through asking and through daily surrender of the old self. Let your new year take on new meaning as you put away the old and take on new, the newness the likeness of Christ.

December 18, 2021

Saturday

LOOK AT YOUR OWN SIN

“He among you that is without sin cast the first stone.”

– John 8:7

It is so easy to look at someone’s life and say: Oh, if he or she would only do this or that then they would be fine. Why can’t they just follow my suggestion. As if God has anointed you Christ and you are here to redeem the world!!!! First of all, it is hard to look at your life, your actions, your hurts, your trouble and admit: I, too, am sowing and reaping daily. I may be saved by Grace but through my regeneration I am sowing and reaping daily. I am responsible for everything that happens to me. This is a spiritual fact; Disease, car accidents all things are governed by this principle and through Grace we are given unmerited favor. We do not get what we deserve. Think about the idea of loving your neighbor instead of judging just because he or she does not meet your standard. Or if you are on the depressive side and see yourself as less than others, ask this: Why don’t you give yourself a break and let God led you. You’re not a bad person just sick and need of restoration. Regardless of our lot, **IF WE HAVE SURRENDERED TO CHRIST**, we are all going through a regeneration. Bless one another and love one another. Put on the likeness of Christ!!

December 19, 2021

Sunday

FORGIVENESS

“Be yea kind to one another, tenderhearted, FORGIVING one another as Christ has forgiven you.”

– Ephesians 4:32

Reflect on the child likeness of forgiveness. Now reflect upon your bitterness or resentment or grudge you hold toward others. Perhaps an ex-spouse, a team-mate, a sibling, a parent it could be anyone. Now think of that bitterness times billions of souls holding grudges throughout the world. Very sad no wonder the world is in the shape it is. Very difficult for the sun light of the Spirit to penetrate such bitterness. There is very good energy all around this time of year. Billions are celebrating religious festivities. individuals are excited with the new year approaching. New plans, new relationships, healing of old ones. Spend some time this season and forgive those individuals you have been resenting or holding a grudge. Why not give them a break Christ has given you a break?

December 20, 2021

Monday

IN WHOM IS YOUR SALVATION?

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved”

– Acts 4:12

Consider your salvation and where it comes from now. Ask yourself is Christ the center of my life my salvation or are there more important circumstances or situations? Perhaps your spouse, your disabled child. Perhaps your family is more important than your salvation. Perhaps the church in which you serve. Maybe a committee you chair in that church is more important. Perhaps is your money, your career that is your salvation. If you are depressed and lonely maybe it's your depression medication that is your salvation. If you are using street drugs maybe those or alcohol.

December 21, 2021

Tuesday

TRUTH

“And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created Him, both male and female.”

– Genesis 1:27

Also read: Gen 5:1, 1 COR 11:7, Luke 17:21, John 14:23 & James 3:9

It is vital to gain this truth. For every soul you encounter is made in the likeness of God. Regardless of the flawed exterior, the shallow emotions, or mental dullness you are in the presence of God. Of course, as Law writes to really activate, to be conscious of this truth we need to be born again. Yet it too is only a beginning. The real work of salvation is elimination of self in which is mainly through the Grace of God. So, remember this truth the next time so and so offends you or a driver cuts you off. Send them a well wish, a blessing or better yet why not pray for those that persecute you???? What an idea!!!!

December 22, 2021

Wednesday

COMPLETE SURRENDER

“Jesus saith, ‘I am the way the truth and the life no one comes to the father except through me.’”

– John 14:6

He goes on to write that it must be a force of his will to conform to Christ. To be determined to overcome this world. This speaks, of course, to our current church as a whole. We do good in getting souls into church and getting them saved through the Holy Spirit. Yet that is where personal growth has stopped in our church body. Worldliness has crept in and many of us evaluate our success not with our personal relationship with Christ but rather our: Material success, our educational success, the success of our children, the number of church members in our congregations, etc. etc. Worldliness has crept into the American church. So, Holiness is lacking and moreover on a personal level surrendering your life to Christ daily must not stop because you are saved. Millions need your help in America and that help starts with the Holy Spirit starting with you in your family, your neighborhood, your church and finally your community. Get on fire for the Lord and reform others.

December 23, 2021

Thursday

CHRIST: THE SECOND ADAM

“ So it is also written, “ The first Adam became a living soul.” The last Adam became a life giving Spirit.”

– 1 Corinthians 15:45

As long as he maintained it and his sin was ours the moment that he committed it; and in the same manner, all that the Second Adam is or does, is ours as well as His, seeing that He is our Representative.” Here is the foundation of the covenant of grace. Our entire salvation as a believer in Christ is grounded in this fact: That the first Adam failed and that Christ has come as the replacement of the first Adam, and that through Christ, the incarnate God, we are given freedom from our iniquities. Can you say AMEN!! Do you even truly realize the truth in this incarnation of Love? That God through the birth of Christ incarnation here on this planet, gave up His only son so that we could be given the opportunity to confess and seek the Lord as our true redemption. Merry Christmas!!

December 24, 2021

Friday

GOD WILL KEEP YOU SAFE

“Keep me safe O God for I have come to you for refuge. Troubles multi for those that chase after other gods. I shall not partake. You alone are my cup of salvation.”

– Psalm 16:1-4

Are you worshipping the living God of Abraham, Issac and Jacob? There is only one God. What tends to be on your mind instead of your living God? Are you struggling with fear: Afraid you cannot give the Christmas that society has you conformed to? Remember this season is not about Materialism but about the birth of the King of Kings: Jesus Christ. Learn to yield to His mercy and Grace. Surrender this idea that you are separated from the Living God and be renewed through the presence of the Holy Spirit. Be not conformed to the standards of this world. Jesus awaits you now.

December 25, 2021

Saturday

‘TIS THE SEASON

“Thine is the day Thine is the night; thou hast prepared the light and the sun. Thou hast established all the boundaries of the earth; Thou hast made summer and winter.”

– Psalm 74:16-17

‘Tis the season that we usher in the coming of the Lord. And this is the season for most of the world religions that celebrate their most important events. World wide there is more devotion despite what you have heard or read from the Media. Be encouraged to know that God is in control. Grow in your devotion this Christmas season. Spend more time with the Lord as you usher in His birth. Be renewed as you plan for your new year. Love your loved ones more. Reach out to others more. Share the God news with your neighbor more: That Christ has come, Christ has risen and Christ shall come again.

December 26, 2021

Sunday

GENTLENESS AND KINDNESS

“A soft answer turns away wrath, but harsh words stir up anger.”

– Proverbs 15:1

Regardless, of what is going on around you, you are called as a disciple to a higher calling. It is your responsibility to exhibit love, joy, kindness, gentleness wherever you are, your work and your home. Be a beacon of light where others can confide, where they can ask for your prayer support, where they can depend on you. There are too many around you that you influence. Expose them to the principles that Jesus taught. He was hung on a cross. When will you carry your cross? So be strong, be courageous and be not afraid to love in this society in which you work, live and love.

December 27, 2021

Monday

THE LORD IS WITH YOU, GO FORWARD

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you; not as the world gives peace; do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.”

– John 14:27

At times, when one is troubled there may be a tendency to blame God for the difficulty. As if somehow God is not following your plan. Let it be assured anytime all times that you are not at peace or troubled is because of dis-obedience. You have chosen not to allow the Holy Spirit to move through you. And there is a need of repentance. And just to be assured this happens again, and again, and again. The theme to you is this: Am I going around this same mountain again or am I at perfect peace about my life. Is God in control of my life or not? Am I growing in perfect peace? Ask yourself these questions about any circumstances in your life. God is perfect peace in the midst of controlled chaos. It matters little what is going around outside of you, it is the inside that is the matter. If God is perfect peace and you are not, then you have a problem. You see growing in a relationship in the Lord is growing in this perfect peace. Regardless of what is happening in this world God is and will always be. Learn to be in this peace always.

December 28, 2021

Tuesday

WE ARE SET FREE

“Since we have been united with Him in His death, we will also be raised to life as he was. We know that our own sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died for Christ we were set free from the power of sin... So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive in God through Jesus Christ.”

– Romans 6:5-11

Yet we shall toil with self. Free from the power of sin we still live in the illusion that we are separated from Christ. We have yet to grow into or put on the truth that we are eternal beings made in the Divine Image, born anew through our decision to follow Jesus and now must, through our salvation walk in the presence of Christ moment to moment. But how must we dissolve self here on earth? First seek, ask and knock at the door. Your answers will come.

December 29, 2021

Wednesday

OPEN MY HEART

“Create in me Oh Lord a clean heart; renew a right spirit with in me.”

– Psalm 51:10

Every day is a new day. A day to repent and ask the Lord to renew a right spirit within me. Today you may bow down to the Lord and ask for forgiveness and seek greater ways in which to serve Him and to love Thy neighbor. Today is what you have, not to dwell on yesterday or worry of tomorrow but to serve today. What can you do to build the kingdom? But first your heart must be cleansed of iniquity. Only the Lord can do this. Therefore, ask you shall receive. Seek this and you will find and knock, and the door shall be open. For the Lord waits upon you to come close and sup with Him. Grow in this daily relationship as He has does and shall always love you.

December 30, 2021

Thursday

THE LORD GOD OUR PROTECTOR

“Those that live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.... If you make the Lord your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter, no evil will conquer you... The Lord says, ‘I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me I will answer; I will rescue them in time of trouble. I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation.’”

– Psalm 91:1-16

Our Lord God is always with us, ever protecting us, ever making our crooked paths straight and always providing a way when we may see no way out. Yes, the nature of this drama is to overcome the separation of our God. We must first seek the Lord and learn to abandon self, to dissolve this selfnature and put on our true nature. Yield to the truth who you are and follow the example of our precious Jesus knowing that God is ever protecting us.

December 31, 2021

Friday

CHRIST LIKENESS

“Not that I have already obtained this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that which Christ Jesus took hold of me.”

– Philippians 3:12

We continue to press into God through our relationship in Christ. Not that this is a perfected relationship that I am perfect in Christ, but that I know that I am to strive to be like Christ. In that God may use me in that striving to be as a humble a servant like Christ. Christ is our Lord. Daily we move deeper in this relationship saying: “More and more of you, Oh Lord, and less and less of me.” Daily surrendering from this worldliness and tendencies that draw us away from our relationship with He that is greater than me. Not that we will ever be Christ, but that we take on Christ’s qualities of love and humility. Be thankful for this relationship.

Good Tidings of Joy Let Us Rejoice

Let us make this Christmas a real celebration of the birth of the holy child by striving to realize the consciousness which he attained.

Let us make this celebration an uplifting and spiritual experience.

Let us not for a moment forget the one whose birthday is being commemorated while in our zeal we go about the joyful and exciting preparation of the happy festivities.

Let us use this occasion as a new impetus to inspire us on the Christ-path of truth and love.

Let us use it as an opportunity to express the Universal Christ-love for all people and all creatures—exalted and lowly, near and far, large and small, known and unknown.

While we are remembering the physical birth of the baby Christ Jesus, let us realize his eternal loving presence in omnipresent Christ Consciousness, which is always with us no matter where we are or what we are doing.

Let us resolve anew to discipline ourselves—to control our bodies, our minds, and our emotions—and to strive ever toward Christ understanding.

Let us establish the Prince of Peace consciousness as our inner ruler, that we may meet our crosses and tests of life

with power, victory, and tranquility.

Let us meditate until we perceive the Infinite Christ reigning in our own hearts.

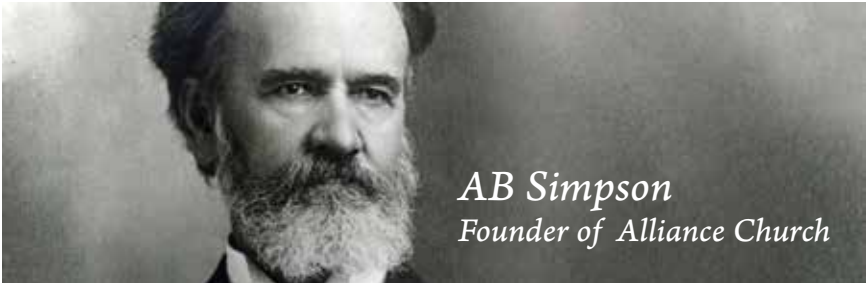
Let us learn to love those who love us not; and to forgive those who do ill against us.

Let us break all our mental boundaries of color, creed, and nationality, and receive all—even our inanimate and animal brothers—in the endless, all-embracing arms of our Christ Consciousness. This will be a true and fitting celebration of the coming of Jesus Christ to this earth.

Let us rejoice and give thanks for this wonderful gift of light and love from the Great Giver.

Peace. Joy. Peace.

A Daily Devotional



“I bring you glad tidings”

- Luke 2:10

A Christmas spirit should be a spirit of humility. Beside that beautiful object lesson of the manger, the cradle and the lowly little baby, what Christian heart can ever wish to be proud?

It is a spirit of joy. It is right that these should be glad tidings for the angel announced, Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. It is a spirit of love.

It should be the joy that comes from giving joy to others. The central fact of Christmas is the Christ who loved us and came to live among us and die for us. He or she has no right to share its joys who is living for himself or herself alone.

Love is always sacrificial, and so the Christmas spirit will call us to a glad and full surrender, first to God and then to the joyful sacrifice of what we call our own for His glory and the good of others.

The Christmas spirit is a spirit of worship. It finds the Magi at His feet with their gold and frankincense and myrrh. Let it find us there, too. The Christmas spirit is the spirit of missions. Its glad tidings are for all people.



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Christmas Meditation 2

The Inner Celebration of Christmas

Free your mind; let all restless thoughts disappear from within. Make your temple of devotion a fitting sanctuary for Christ, the Infinite Baby Christ, to be born with new awakening power that you may feel His presence in your consciousness.

“O living Infinite Christ, present in the body of Jesus and us all, manifest Thyself in the trueness of Thy glory, in the sovereign power of Thy light, and in the omniscience of Thy wisdom. Out of the womb of all creation, be born in the cradle of our consciousness that we may worship Thee in truth and understanding in the all-revealing light of wisdom. O Christ, purify our consciousness that it may embrace all space and enfold the songs of birds and the symphony of the dawn spreading over the sky and hills, warming us with Thy vitality in the sunshine. O Thou the only pure reflection of God within us, manifest Thyself unto us; for Thou and we God are one. Make us realize this.

“O Christ, especially on this sacred morning, manifest Thy consciousness within us, reveal Thine omnipresence all around us, that we might understand and perceive Thee as Thou art, behind the veil of nature, and cradled within us.

“Amen.”

Many seek passing glory of material things, Those who seek the Infinite, not delaying their search until tomorrow, will reach the blissful Goal of their seeking. As I have said, it is not in the interest of a spiritual organization that we seek you. I am trying to point out to your consciousness that it is you who must seek from the eagerness of your own will. The teacher asks nothing from the disciple, lest in depending on the student the guru isn't free to offer soul-liberating disciple.

Through the portal of meditation, let your imprisoned joy escape to, and rest in, the heart of Christ, which is in everything. Let your joy dance in the farthest planets, over the vastness of the blue, and in the wavelets of souls you have met and loved, who are nearest to you. Then you will behold Christ cradled in every manifestation of creation. You will discover the omnipresent joy of Christ in all saints, in all men, in all creatures, in the star-studded cosmos, and in the cradle of your thoughts and the temple of your soul.

A Christmas Message

Be a True Christ-One

This is my Christmas Song to you, that by daily meditation you so prepare the cradle of your consciousness that you behold the Infinite Baby Christ laid there anew. During this holy season pray deep and long until everyday becomes a true Christmas occasion of divine communion.

Spiritualize the social ceremonious celebration around the Christmas tree of material gifts by exchanging with one another, and with all true souls in a spirit of universal brotherhood, spiritual gifts of soul qualities: love, peace, forgiveness, and joy.

Kindle in the fireplace of patriotism, a glamorous light of love for all nations of the earth to drive away the gloom of wars and misunderstandings. As a true Christ's son, make a solemn vow within: "I will love all God's people as I love my own people."

Live Christ's unifying influence at home, in business, in the church, in society, in politics, in international understanding; and Lord Jesus will be with you. You will be a Christ-ian—a Christ-one—one with Christ.



NEW BOOK COMING SOON!

The church is struggling to teach our people how to confess, repent, self-reflect and become devoted to Christ in submission.

We are great at getting others saved, but just fail miserably with working with others in discipleship. It is important to note that Christ has commanded in Matthew 28.

This short essay is to help the believer with tools to bring the believer into a deeper relationship with Christ. Press into a relationship with Christ that is the single most important relationship in your life. He will never leave you nor forsake you.

"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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Our worship service is a time to meet to praise, worship, pray to God and receive a teaching (sermon) based on the Bible along with a weekly communion.



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SPURGEON'S CORNER

“And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.”

Job 1:5



What the patriarch did early in the morning, after the family festivities, it will be well for the believer to do for himself ere he rests tonight. Amid the cheerfulness of household gatherings it is easy to slide into sinful levities, and to forget our avowed character as Christians. It ought not to be so, but so it is, that our days of feasting are very seldom days of sanctified enjoyment, but too frequently degenerate into unhallowed mirth. There is a way of joy as pure and sanctifying as though one bathed in the rivers of Eden: holy gratitude should be quite as purifying an element as grief. Alas! for our poor hearts, that facts prove that the house of mourning is better than the house of feasting. Come, believer, in what have you sinned today? Have you been forgetful of your high calling? Have you been even as others in idle words and loose speeches? Then confess the sin, and fly to the sacrifice. The sacrifice sanctifies. The precious blood of the Lamb slain removes the guilt, and purges away the defilement of our sins of ignorance and carelessness. This is the best ending of a Christmas-day—to wash anew in the cleansing fountain. Believer, come to this sacrifice continually; if it be so good tonight, it is good every night. To live at the altar is the privilege of the royal priesthood; to them sin, great as it is, is nevertheless no cause for despair, since they draw near yet again to the sin-atonement victim, and their conscience is purged from dead works.

Gladly I close this festive day,
Grasping the altar's hallow'd horn;
My slips and faults are washed away,
The Lamb has all my trespass borne.

Grow in your Daily Walk

*All of us grow in deeper understanding with Christ
as we grow in solutions with Jesus.*

*Daily Reflections helps you grow in reflections
with a daily theme for each day.*

*Grow in understanding. Be quiet and see a
deeper relationship with Christ.*

*“Behold, I knock at your door, open
up and comesit with me.”*

Christ is asking you to be still and know I am God.



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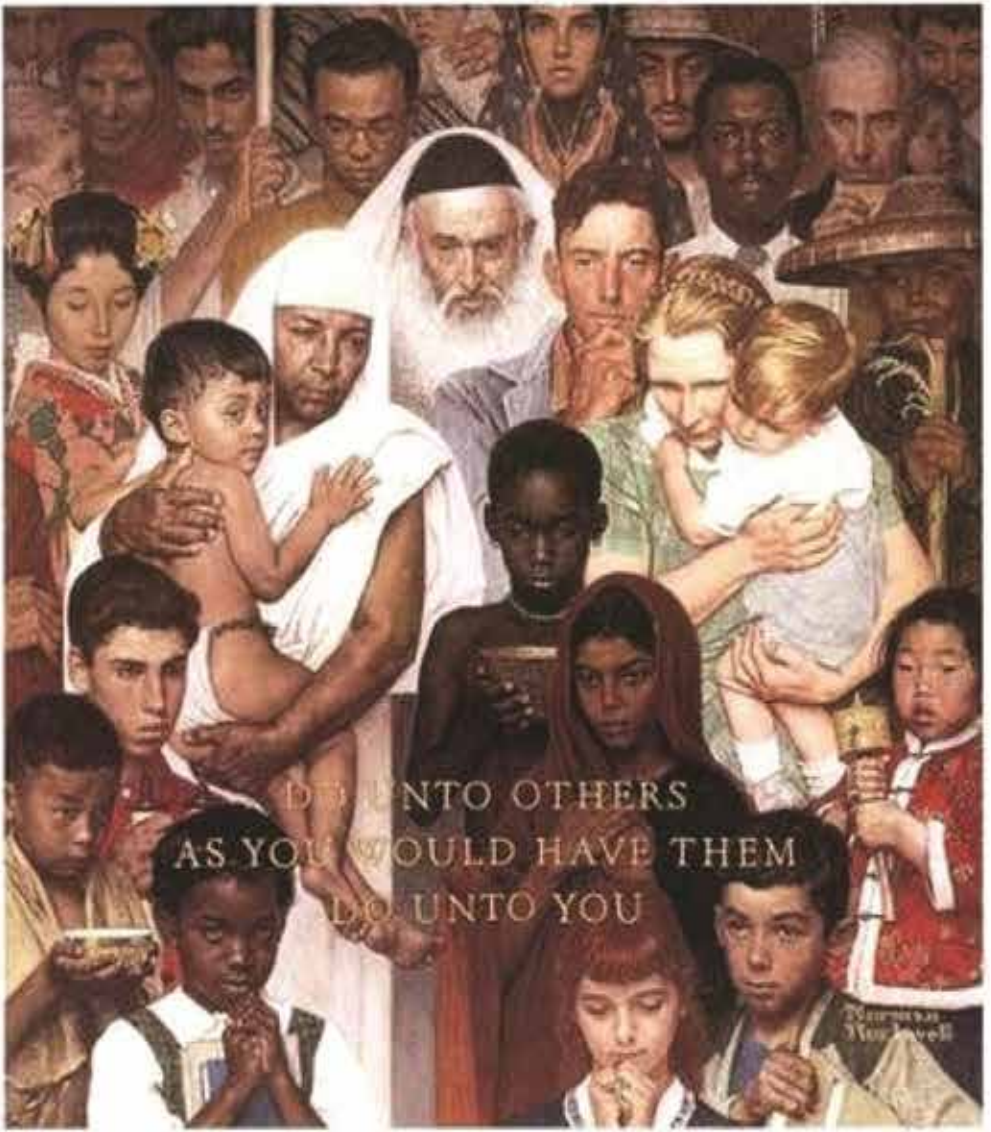
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The screenshot shows the content of the Inspire newsletter. At the top is the Braman Foundation of Charities logo with the word 'Inspire' in a script font. Below the logo is the text 'A Monthly E-Commerce Newsletter by Braman Foundation of Charities'. The main content is titled 'BFC Thanksgiving Greetings' and includes a 'Thanksgiving' section with a quote from 1 Corinthians 13:3. There are two images: one of a turkey and another of a group of people. The newsletter also features a 'Thankful' section with a quote from Psalm 92:1, a 'Gratitude' section with a quote from 1 Thessalonians 5:18, and a 'Philippians 4:6-7' section with a quote about anxiety. At the bottom, there is an 'Inspirational Quotation' from Colossians 3:23 and a footer with navigation links and social media icons.

“And whatever you do in words and deeds do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks and a grateful heart to God”

Colossians 6:17



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