"ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM."---EPHESIANS IV:5.

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what his prospect I what the re-The Aim of Life

Himself, a passing vapor; his pur. The apostle has given the true dearments as earth is being quitted. poses, the attainant of good, that idea of the christian life. He says, Life's ties loosen and relax as bands prosperity in a right spirit than adperishes in the using ; his bopes, a "To me to live is Christ." How from heaven are being flung around versity ; one is apt to ensnare, the shadow; his prospets, the blackness very different, it must be observed, the heart. To live for Christ! Ob, other humbles us, and teaches us of darkness; the realts of his labors, was the apostle's aim from that of what a life! How it reaches into self-knowledge. In prosperity spirit. But induction with a strong to take much of their direction, in and abiding faith in God, and you faith and practice, from his writings. How it chains the broken and shatmanre a manhood almost divine, a To live for Christ is the audoubted life sublime in weks of piety and meaning of his words in this in love, a hope full ofmmortality, and stance.

an end triumphent and glorious. With many professors of religion The difference is that of fullness and their particular church name becomes emptiness, successand failure, glory a synonym of christianity. They and dishonor, life ml death, heaven live, to all intents and purposes, for and helt. O Lord screase our faith ! their particular church. So well confirmed are they in the opiniou that ---- Western Christin Advocate their particular method of serving God is the method that their effort Pleasin God

aider whether our sligion is not too. To win to their church is to win

Now + have no words of condem solfish, after all. nation for a prog- subordinate love when: I know and alone, will lead man as a sinner to a of the church; but whe guilty sinner, thenine I will repeat true auprehension of his character takes the range of bigotry, and lest God condemn m : I will believe and condition. God is holy, and a non-mes always and everywhere for Ju Christ and confes his name recognition of his holiness can not God will not save as; I will worship "our church," "our religion," intercourse with men, that he fail to reveal to man his own de and serve him lat God will not converts," our everything, pravity. God's will as to the order neward me. It my be we go even think it time to throw in the we ing of man's life is also holy, just, | further than this and conclude in be entered Pennisylvania steady, and it gave stability to his any degree appreciate, without being that I may be good or happy, or leportment, and an unequivocal convicted of guilt. This awakens successful, or usefuls I need it is fear, and leads to an inquiry for a order to receive the confidence or fistitution, and then went to more and more until the perfect day." way of escape. The cry, "What must henor of men; in shet, I peed it in I do to be saved? in always the every way, in order to serve myself. result of a degree of faith in God-a There, is something of truth and no one, was more indefatigably in 'behef that He dran behef which right is all this form of conceiving of makes even devils tremble. the virtue of religios ; but who must The next step toward spiritual not see that mere selfshuess, after pressed with the solemn responsi- life is "hope in God." This is reach- all, acts the prominent part and bility of his sacred calling, and that ed by the faith that not only recog- becomes the principal motive! This nizes the fact that God is, but also is wrong. It makes our religion a "that he is the rewarder of those selfish matter instead of au honor to nister the sacraments, and soon study and wish so to divide the word who diligently seek him." Thus be God. Besides, it fills it with a of life as to give to each his portion deving, man is forgiven and re- regard and care for self rather than in due season. The sum and sub- newed, and at the same time trans. for God, and makes it a religion of of all his discourses "was hated from the kingdom of darkness slavish fear. God, and not self, into the kingdom of God's dear Son should be the motive of our religion ; -the kingdom of his grace. He is the well-being of ourselves the re-When this arrival at Halifax rest, from their labors, and their made a new creature-he is born sult and not the cause. We should again. He fives a new life, the fare stad was go for his own sake, and let the but a beginning. This new spiritual result be to us what may seem to tife is to be maintained and devel- him good. To please God should be son having accompanied his father to good, and its responsibilities dis the primary aim of our religion. We North Carolina for the purpose of charged. And this is to be done may here see the adaptedness and under circumstances of peculiar ex- office of faith, without which, we are Will this newly converted told, it is "impossible to please him," man be able to stand and successful- Faith at once sets self in the backand a father to the orphan children. ly accomplish his life task ? Certainly ground: Men discover in themselves not in his own strength or by his noble faculties and powers. These own wisdom. are God's own gifts. They are capa-But here faith again brings the ble of training and culture to a high needed help. It both furnishes in degree. They can accomplish woncentives to action, and secures power | ders and be cupies ed for the noblest to parnese and execute. It unites parnoses. Many think these cudow

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Do You Attend the Prayer Meeting ! | warminess of soul.

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to churchize sinners is equivalent to of Pentecost? Had not the meeting denied him while sitting at case by in Acts i : 14, when it is said, "These high priest.

seting, a meet- sins which ca ing of christians to express their de onch with tears, and the reme pendence on God ; unitedly to call brance of which embittered his futu on him for his blessing ; to plead his days. Oh! how much mercy there promise and to wait for the fulfill- is in the failings of the saints being ment of it. These are the efficient recorded! If they were set forth as meetings in which christians meet perfect characters, we might indeed and agree to ask of God. I wonder be discouraged, and almost ready to they do not value them more. To despair, when we feel our corruption the prayer meeting, christians come strong and our enemies so numero to exercise the high privilege of in- and powerful. If we read that the tercession for others ; to do good father of the faithful lied, that the and to communicate to act the more man after God's own heart becan "blessed part ;" whereas to meetings an adulterer and murderer, that the of another kind they go for the pur- bold apostle, who was so ready to go pose of receiving good. Yet chris- with his Master to prison and to tians value no meetings so little as death, yet so shamefully denied Him prayer meetings. But the influence what lessons of humility and wate of that meeting of an hundred and fulness should it teach us I what te twenty was not owing entirely to its derness toward our bickeliding breth being a prayer meeting. There was ren ! when we remember that we are from ordinary prayer meetings. The that it is by grace we stand, and by mere mention of these peculiarities grace alone that any are kept through may be of service. It may provoke faith unto salvation, mitation in some churches.

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the realm of the divine! How it often slide into a spirit of conformit strikes the human into nothingness ! to the world almost imperceptibly. Many a christian who has stood tered columns of Christ's forces into his ground boldly against the frown one ! Blessed life ! Obrist above, and persecutions of the world, and Christ below, Christ all around, and passed through deep affliction in Christ within. Let me live for Christ; safety, has been won by its smile then death will be gain .- Religious in the time of prosperity, and brough either to deny his Lord, or has sank into a state of deadness and luke

Peter, who zealously stood up for How came it to pass that three Christ in the garden of Gethsema thousand were converted on the day in the face of the Roman soldiers for prayer of which mention is made the fireside in the palace of the

all continued with one accord in How pure and unblemished was prayer and supplication," a close and the character of David during the influential connection with the glo- days when he watched his father's results of that day ? Undonbt sheep, and when he suffered from that meeting" of what was there in the bitter persecution of Saul! But twenty disciples to exert ad and and when he was exalted to the throne of I to the conversion of three thousand herd's was he exchanged the shep individuals ! Whence had it that and the humble tent or the apostle as a christian pro- power! It was a prayer meeting, princely palace, he fell into the

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he was prepared to die, perted with every phase of religions experience, no one on which have had their robes white in the blood of the Lamb."

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an English minister, he received Christ and him crucified." "Bleased appointment, and without delay are the dead that die in the Lord ; aded to this remote field of yes saith the Spirit, that they may works do follow them. we known, the elders of the Lug on our capithe German pasir children to mourn his death,

ent some ten or twelve miles The wife and three of the children still in Nova Scotia, the oldest tey him to his new home. His stion was most cordial. Great attending N. C. College. Our prayer bers of people had gathered at is that God may .comfort the bereav enburg from twenty and thirty ed in their sad and sore affliction. and become a husband to the widow ies around to see the first English beran minister that had ever set W. H. CONE. of on the soil of Nova Scotia, and Lutheran Observer and Misextend to him a suitable welcome.

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For the Lutheran Visitor. A Change in Nature.

ind of work he preferred, and he All inhabitants of earth speak stered upon it with a willing mind anguage that is in mournful accordance with that of an apostle, "The dheart, resolved to do his whole fashions of this world passeth away." my in the service of his divine A testimony, thus concurrent, is pain ter. Prior to his arrival, Rev. fully solemn, and we can not by nan served this field, consisting neans distrust it. It speaks lood Lanenburg, Bridgewater, and and we can not help feeling it. her points, in the German language. do well if we open our eyes and 41152 om this time it was cultivated by ears, and prepare to receive the evience which nature gives to the Rev. Cossman in the German, truths of revelation. id by the deceased in the English. The sad and mournful, but gentle

arrangement being to preach al- voice of Autumn say come forth nately in each of the churches that we may see for ourselves how the fashion of this world is passing encouraging to deeds of plous valor this added to what they conceive & triumph of Christ's kingdom and der their care. In the course of a away, in regard to the dress in which and holy during, of self-denial and proper use of their capacities will, at hastening the coming glory of the years it became necessary to call it so lately showed itself to our gaze. another English Lutheran minis- Where, but a few days since, green owing to the success with which foliage, in all of its grace and splen dor, waved on every tree top and efforts of the deceased were atevery shrub, is now painted with the m boly enthusiasm, lifts the soul up offer a lip service ; to perform offices ishly. It is to view all lands as subended under God in building up the eran church in that country. place in the universe is this more bears it onward as in a chariot of give to the cause of Christ and aid plainly exhibited, than here around r, and the deceased located at the little town of Salem. For huge fire, makes it more than conqueror mechanically in extending his king and all true believers as members of ask, namely, the fulfillment of "the satisfaction with self; and it is jus rise heavenward on every side. The rardens too have changed. The deep Concord charge, N. C. He resigned verdure of their leaves is no more. astoral relation the first September naked stalk has succeeded to the maying. He labored in this charge broad blossom of summer, as they on the church militant to the orchards that, but a few months ago, were in full bloom, and that loaded with perfume the very winds as prosperity. He had secured the nature's dress, can not but discern lence of the membership and that her voice has also changed. To and even the steer that rarely more awful as they pass; and even the waters of the brooks have changed apens to any minister in so few their tone, and go by him with a their tone, and go Soou all these hollow murmur. Soou all these things will change again. Thus The disease from which he died nature is continually changing. was pronounced by the attending These changes are full of the genhysician Typhoid Pneumonia. It kind Providence, who would remind

water, where he continued to mountains, upon which the storms of over all its foes, and brings it at dom. nturies have spent their energies, last purified and triumphant in the Many think this, especially when evangelical churches as plantings of mind generally-aye, gates of heaven. How mightily it joined with what is before named, his hand, and all the enterprises of heart. They thought and felt alike. Him is the great dispeller of doubt. wrought, even in the saints of old, can not fail to be pleasing to God. these churches as objects of his re. They all loved one another. Such The remedy for the doubter is not field in Nova Scotia some time in They are many-colored, something "who through faith subdued king- Not so. All these things combined gard. And whatever Christ regards cordial union among christians has self-examination, but looking unto gust last, and entered upon the like "Joseph's coat;" but of which doms, wrought rightcousness, stop- have no value in themselves to with pleasure may not be lightly es. great power with God. It does not Jesus. "He must increase, but we harge of the duties of his new all the hues are sickly, and are all ped the months of lions, quenched please him who looks into the heart but the various forms of death. The the violence of fire, escaped the edge and knows us altogether. Were we with disdain what, to human seeing, ings. of the sword, out of weakness were possessed of angel powers and ca- may seem weakness, may be to bout six weeks when death claimed had, but shortly, to the young leaves made strong " And yet these, pacities, yet we could not in that in as a victim, and he was removed and swelling buds of spring. The though they "obtained a good re- may please God. We can please God. We can please God. We can please God. port through faith, received not the him only with that which, though it is through human frailty that the take hold on God, and then said, this boly valor and courage when h promise, God having provided some seem far more simple, maignificant glory is secured to Christ. He has "We will not let thee go except thou went against Goliath, and Pau that visited them, are now giving up dispensation of his grace, "that they and more powerful than they all-A their faded leaves and their mellow fruit. The man of talent and culture, who contemplates these changes that present themselves to his eye, in control does not how the set in complished much already by his fruit. The man of talent and culture, without as should not be made simple, childlike faith. weak, though his responsibilties be move as away from our own right. To live for Christ is to hold all did but pass from the note of prayer the respect of all who formed his his ear, the winds bring something great and his work difficit, "Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees, And looks to that alone— Laughs at impossibilities, And crice, It shall be done." sinful humanity. It alone can trans-health, friends, property, all are laid at his feet. His will becomes su-humanity, which is found in the humanity, which is found in the And so, to the believer, death is a sinless "Son of man," and unite us cheerfully as being wise and good. scended. 1 think if all our church And so, to the believer, death is a to him, our "living Head." This The humblest stations in life magni-conquered foe; for him the grave accomplished in us, and not till then, has no terrors. With an apostle, he the exercise of our faculties, our for the highest trust the trembling they would not the the exercise of our faculties, our can triumphantly sing : "Death is morality and our good works are of and honor, so that the trembling Father. How often we hear it said, The brought on by exposure. He had taken his son, a youth of four. the banged." Listen of man to the sofficient for these things." The serad taken his son, a youth of four- changed." Listen, oh man, to the where is thy sting 1 O grave, where him ". Faithed Presidenterion. Fears, to Mt. Pleasant, and on voice of God! "In a moment, in is thy victory ? . . . Thanks be the twinkling of an eye, and we all to God, who giveth us the victory through a cold shall be changed." Watch, lest your through our Lord Jesus Christ." steet him against the inclemency the "bridegroom" come and find you Without faith in God, what is man! better to be a humble worm than a the weather, he was wet through unprepared ! "PETEA." what his purposes ? what his hopes ? proud angel.

Divine agency with human freedom, ments are sufficient, and to use Divine efficiency with human en- them as they think rightly is what is deavor. It moves both God and needed to please God. Then there man, and makes them co-workers in is morality, the character which man man's life struggle for deliverance is able to acquire and exercise to from sin into the purity of a restored regulate his conduct toward his "feeble as David, and the house of the honest, truthful and sober man, church that stands in the

spring of action, stirs every dormant again, there is the ability to do good be accepted. power, awakens aspiration, kindlest works, to make a lip confession and To live for Christ is to live unself-

The render will pardon ast give a specimen of first-class de minational pride, in the case of a first-class (?) preacher. At a minis terial gathering of some note this brother preached ; and, after a happy effort of an evangelical kind, he inally reached the peroration which this case, became the summit of denominational glory ; and from this altitude he surveyed the vast plains meath him, aiming, as was most natural in this and all similar cases. at the conclusion that "we are the ple that must take this world.

There is no use of talking, we must take the lead. We have the lead Oh, it's true that other churches their revival meetings-say ten or ficen-but we number our converta and fifty in some places. And, then, re are the wealthiest church."

Another one added, at anothe place, and I shall add it here, it is so opposite, "We are the best peo

The above is, substantially, what was said, only it is abbreviated here for modesty's sake. If anything more should be demanded upon this point by way of enlargement, we would only have to travel back towards the atal period and listen to the songs good old church mothers, and take a view of the old denominaional cradle in which embryo church nembers were rocked to sleep, in or der to have our most craving desires

satiated. The fundamental idea that under lies all christian endeavor is that holiness, as well as in all the labor fellows on the principles of right is for Christ. To serve his divine of love by which God is glorified and justice. This is appreciated and purpose should be, with us, the highand man benefited. It makes the honored by men generally. It makes est aim of life. Anything or any David as God, as the angel of the the peaceable and good neighbor, this should be rejected; and every Lord before them," inciting and the trustworthy citizen. Many think thing that will aid in securing the brotherly love. It touches every least, be pleasing to God. Then, Redeemer in a ransomed world should

mes of autumn ; and in no into fellowship with the Divine, of kindness and benevolence ; to ject to his conquests, all races of people as the purchase of his blood, his family. It is to look upon all promise of the Father," but of one in this state that we learn to be sat

1. All the church attended that Who Are to Examine Themselves prayer meeting. "These all contin-

They who think themselves chris ned," etc. There were but one hundred and twenty disciples, and they tians. It they are right in so think were all present. How different is it ing, self-questioning will confirm now! They who meet may agree them. If they are wrong in their among themselves to ask for an out- conclusions, they will be undeceived pouring of the Spirit, but it is after and the sooner they are so the betall but the agreement of a minority ter. Those men who have no doubt of the church. The majority, by as to their being christians are just their absence, dissent from the re- the very persons to examine then selves, that they may see how fan

2. As all attended, of course the their life corresponds to their pro men attended as well as the women. fession. But as to those who are Yes, every male member of the full of doubts and fears, for what church was present; they did not end are they to examine themselves ! leave it to the women to sustain the Te it in order to discover something prayer meeting. The prayer meet in themselves that will tend to re ing had not the aspect of many a move these doubts, and prove them modern prayer meeting, in which al- to be christians? Such never can most all are of the weaker sex. be the result. For such persons it is 3. The most distinguished mem- an examination of Christ that is bers of the church attended, as well needful, not of themselves. If the as the most obscure. There were all result of self-examination is the rethe apostles, and "Mary the mother moval of doubts, the likelihood is of Jesus," and "his brethren." None that there is self-righteousness al of them felt above being at a prayer work, and the doubts have fied be meeting. How is it pow f cause the individual has become sat 4. They were all agreed-"of one isfied with himself. Nothing can b accord," as it is said. Not merely more dangerous than this. Tru agreed as touching what they should self-examination must produce di

inde and labor until he accepted a all to become the pastor of the durch triumphant. Though permee, energy and efficiency for sneatly lamented.

The work which he was called upon

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cant becomes chief. Here merely human distinctions are obliterated It is safer to be humble with one earthly glory and glitter fades, vain talent, than proud with ten; yes, ambition's fire dies, and Christ becomes "all in all."

5. They persevered in prayer .---scorn the arm of Omnipotence .--

members would habitually attend

SPIRITUAL COURAGE .-- Christi "These all continued in prayer." valor and spiritual courage is a

First they stirred themselves up to needful grace. David had in him sufficient to negative selfishness, to move na away from our own right cousness and from the ground of things subject to his demand. Life, to that of praise. They sought the things subject to his demand. Life, to that of praise. They sought the would not be drawn from it, and

> CHRIST'S TRUTH .--- I know that the Word of Christ from the beg of the world hath been of su sort that he who would mainta It is nothing but a prayer meeting. Nothing but 1-I should like to know what surpasses a prayer meeting. Noting. If it were Nerine. It is of little use to learn aything unless we remember it, or retain it Nerine. It is of little use to learn aything it was promulgated with death, it hath been maintained with death,