

## Christ, the Firstfruits

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TEXT—Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept.—I Cor. 15:20.

The Bible is a book of facts out of which issue great spiritual truths. These truths have been formulated into doctrines. To "the natural man," these doctrines are like the dry bones of Ezekiel's vision—very many and very dry. To the regenerated man they are like the other part of that vision—when the dry bones had been gathered together, breathed upon from heaven, vitalized and made to stand upon their feet, an exceeding great army ready for battle. If you are a Christian believer, beware of that which minimizes the importance of Christian doctrine.

The value of Christian truth and doctrine lies in its ability to supply spiritual power, to furnish moral incentive and to impart mental vision or understanding. This very truth of Christ risen from the dead, the firstfruits of them that slept, is an example of this. When believed and received it operates in a saving way: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus Christ, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

### Salvation Comprehensive.

Salvation is a big word, and comprehends the whole process of God's remedial work, past, present and future. It includes the resurrection of Christ as the firstfruits and the resurrection of believers in Christ as the harvest. The firstfruits is the pattern and pledge of the coming harvest. In the Mosaic law the Hebrew people were directed to bring a sheaf of the field, like other sheaves that were to be gathered later, and to wave it before the Lord as the first sheaf of the harvest. So is Christ presented as the firstfruits of the glorious and plenteous harvest to come—"Because I live, ye shall live also." There is spiritual power in this. What is true of our Lord is true of every believer in Him. Everything is made dependent on the believer's position as united to Christ. This underlies the whole philosophy of the Gospel message, in which we are invited to change our position from headship in Adam to headship in Christ, who through His atonement for sin and His victory over death and the grave, has become Savior to all who put their trust in Him.

The doctrine of our identity with Christ and our participation in His risen life and victory supplies moral incentive for a holy walk, and for sacrificial service. This very truth of the bodily resurrection of Christ and of the resurrection of Christian believers when He returns, is the ground of the appeal in I Cor. 15:58—"Therefore be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

The Apostle John used the same basis of appeal and finds moral incentive in the same facts—"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure."

These great doctrines concerning the future blessings of Christian believers are never presented as abstract truths or for mere academic discussion, but as vitalizing truths supplying the necessary incentive for the conflict with evil within and without.

### Worldly Philosophy Inadequate.

Such a truth as this concerning our Lord's resurrection as the firstfruits of a great harvest, to follow imparting clear mental vision and understanding concerning the future. It reclaims the future from that dreary indefiniteness and unthinkableness into which false philosophy and false spiritualism have put it. The New Testament teaching of the resurrection is plain, and when believed it saves us from the delusive teaching against which the Holy Spirit through the inspired writers always puts Christians on their guard. "Beware, lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." This philosophy may be very attractive; it is to the natural mind. It has in it a speciousness and an appearance which promise much, but which in the end give no rest, no power for a holy life and no solid hope for the future. It belongs to the rudiments of the world and is not after Christ.

The religion of the New Testament is plain and homely. It begins with a babe in a cradle. It follows that babe all the way through death and resurrection to the place of power where the crucified and risen Man is seated on the right hand of God. It bids us live in the risen Lord and look to become like Him, risen in His very image in a glorified body when He shall come. From the heavens He speaks—Believe in Me, live in Me, and you shall arise in Me when I return.

## GETTING RID OF HIS PESSIMISM.

J. H. Lee Writes from Westminster of Trip that Gave Optimism.

Editor Keowee Courier:

Will you grant me a little of your valuable space in your paper in order that I may try to tell my friends of the plan that I fell on to divert my mind from the pessimistic feeling that had come over me, and that comes over a majority of us all at one time or another, I imagine.

One afternoon I sat myself down in a comfortable rocker and turned my mind loose to see if it could remember something that had happened in the past or think of something that could happen in the future that might make one feel better at heart and in mind, and this is what my mind wandered back to:

I remembered how our fathers, in their day and time, when, after they had finished work or had laid by their crops, they would hitch up old Maud and Charlie and drive away across the country to visit some of their friends or relatives and spend a few days at their homes, enjoying their hospitality, eating melons and fruits and many good things that were to be found on the well-cared-for farms of those days. I remembered how they seemed to enjoy the outing and how they would sit and talk of the good time they had, and how much good it seemed to do them, and I could not see why it would not have the same effect on me and others. So on July 16 O. G. Driver and wife and little daughter, Miss Hattie Youngblood, W. L. Brown and myself put our "John Henrys" in good shape and filled our tanks with some of John D.'s fluid, and gave the switch a little twist, and pressed a button with our foot, turning on a little current of Tom Edison's electric juice, and then our rubber wheels began to roll in the direction of South Georgia. It was not long until we were across the river and spinning on towards McRae, and while in McRae we visited at the home of W. B. Youngblood, father of Mrs. O. G. Driver, and at the homes of J. A. Driver and S. B. Pitts, all of whom are natives of our State and county. They are all happy and satisfied in their adopted homes, and we enjoyed our stay in these hospitable homes to the fullest extent.

On our way down we passed in'o and through 27 towns, villages and cities, Athens being the largest. In leaving McRae we passed through the towns of Hazelhurst and Lumber City.

Picking cotton and pulling fodder were in progress even at as early a date as July 16th. The farmers in South Georgia seem to have taken the boll weevil by surprise by planting corn, peanuts, potatoes, wheat, oats and forage, melons and fruits (of course, as we all know, Georgia is the home of the Elberta peach and the finest of watermelons.) Hogs and cattle are raised to a good extent also. As I said, the farmers surprised the weevil by fortifying themselves against him by raising these different crops and fruits, and so on.

While on the way down we spent the night at Perry, Ga., at the hotel of J. A. Berry, proprietor, who is quite well known to many in this part of South Carolina.

We stayed among our friends as long as we had the heart to do so, as they made it very enjoyable for us in many ways. They extended to us a hearty welcome, and when the table was made ready for the guests we found it had been set the long way and the ham cut the broad way, and quite thick. But you know there must be an end to all good things on this earth, and all good friends have to part. So our time was up and we all agreed that our pessimistic feelings that we possessed when we decided to take this trip had to a large

extent left us after we had seen how our fellow-farmers were competing with the boll weevil in raising all of these good things to sell and to live on. It so encouraged us that we decided to do likewise; so with this in mind we extended the parting hand and spoke the parting word, cranked up and were on our way to the sweetest place on earth, which is home.

On the return trip we crossed the railroad fifty times by actual count, and even then we didn't get killed.

On reaching home and finding that things were in as good condition as they were when we left, and that we still had a few more days that we could spare away from our crops and other interests, we decided to extend our trip into the Old North State to find out, if we could, just what our Tar Heel friends were up to during these unsettled times. We started on the North Carolina trip on July 27 in company with T. Y. Norton, and of course passed through the city of Greenville, then Spartanburg and Gaffney, and on up the line to King's Mountain, which is of Revolutionary fame, as this mountain is where one of the great battles of the American revolution was fought. There are a great many monuments marking the places of note on the mountain that can be seen by passers-by. We passed on through the rapidly growing town of Gastonia, which is quite a little city, and most beautiful.

From here we passed on to Charlotte, which is a city of fifty thousand inhabitants and one of the leading cities of the South, it being quite a railroad center, with the Southern doing a great volume of business.

We passed on through Monroe, Fayetteville, and saw many good fields of corn, cotton, peanuts and tobacco. Quite large acreages of clovers and grasses are raised in this State, as it is now somewhat of a dairy State, and hog and stock raising is carried on to a large extent in some sections. Did you know that North Carolina stands second in the United States as to cotton manufacture? They say she does.

I think that North Carolina ranks first in the manufacture of tobacco, but I would not be positive as to that. The tobacco fields looked quite strange to us, not being accustomed to seeing tobacco planted on so large a scale as it is being raised in North Carolina. Taking the State as a whole North Carolina is said to be making the greatest progress in improvements of every kind of any State in the South. What say you?

We stayed our stay out at Mr. Norton's and turned our noses towards our own dear old State and home, and as we were passing by a large tobacco farm we noticed quite a lot of small bugs flying around in droves, and we noticed quite a few lighting in and on our cars, and on close inspection we discovered that they were boll weevils. We were somewhat surprised to find the boll weevil in a tobacco country, so we stopped our cars, and one or two of the old rooster weevils flopped their wings and told us "not to think hard of them," but that they were going to ride a short distance with us.

"Why, what are you doing up here?" one of our party asked the weevil that was doing the talking to us.

"Well," said the weevil, "we came up here to locate and set up in business, but found out the tobacco business would not suit us, as I don't chew tobacco and Mrs. Weevil don't dip snuff, and neither of us would allow our boys to smoke cigarettes, so we decided to go back to South Carolina and go back into the cotton business."

"Well, I guess we will have to let you ride, but we hate to, as you weevils have proved to be square against us cotton raisers."

"Well, we will not go so very far with you, as we understand there are many of our relatives at work in your State, and there will not be much more doing in the cotton business, so we are going to leave you and go into the southeastern portion of North Carolina and set up. Good-bye."

Well, we reached home safe and sound and are still feeling much better after our delightful trips.

With the very best wishes to you and the continued success of your most excellent paper, I thank you for the time and space you have so kindly given me. I beg to remain your friend and subscriber, J. H. Lee.

Westminster, S. C., Aug. 15, 1922.

### Funeral Sermon for Thomas Roper.

We are requested to announce that Rev. D. T. Hayes will preach the funeral sermon of Thomas Roper, deceased, at Bethlehem church on the second Sunday in September. All friends of the deceased and his family, and the public generally, are invited to attend.

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## When Trouble Comes

By ELLA SAUNDERS

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Sawyer was ruined. The combine that he had hoped to smash had smashed him beyond repair. He had hung up the telephone in his office for the last time.

Mechanically he put on his hat and went out. Everybody knew. The clerks and typists had received their two weeks' pay in advance, with notice. There was a subtle change in their demeanor. They no longer bent over their work when Sawyer passed. They were gossiping insolently about him. The office boy forgot to open the door. Why should he? He was no longer in Sawyer's employ.

The negro elevator boy grinned at Sawyer when he took him down. Sawyer was finished. There was probably no last tip in Sawyer's pocket for him. There wasn't. Sawyer passed out into the hall.

His eyes lit up as a beautiful, fashionably dressed lady came toward him. This was Miss Eaton—a very intimate friend, perhaps his most intimate. There was a strange look on her face. "What's this I hear about you, Jim?" she asked.

"It's true, whatever you've heard, Helen," Sawyer answered. "I'm blown up, finished."

She stared at him incredulously. "And what are you going to do about me?" she asked.

Sawyer drew her into an alcove, away from prying eyes. "Listen, Helen, I've five thousand left," he said. "I might raise five thousand more. Will you come away with me to that little paradise of an isle we've spoken of?"

Miss Eaton tossed her head contemptuously. "Well, I guess not!" she answered. "No love in a tropical cottage for mine, thanks!"

And Sawyer quailed before her contempt. This struck him more bitterly than anything in the world.

"What are you going to do for me?" Miss Eaton continued. "How's my allowance going on?"

Sawyer turned on her fiercely. "It isn't!" he answered. "You've swallowed every penny of mine you're going to have."

She began pleading, threatening. Sawyer cast her off with contempt. She flung a vicious phrase at him and passed out of the building.

Sawyer went to the telephone booth and called up his wife's lawyers. "Tell Mrs. Sawyer that her suit will not be contested," he said. "This is James Sawyer speaking."

He went home to his lonely apartment. It was three months since his wife had found out about Miss Eaton and left him. But Miss Eaton was only the last of a long series of loves. Sawyer sat down and began thinking.

He had been married eighteen years. At first he and Marian had loved each other, but that was when he was a fifteen-dollar clerk and they had a three-room apartment uptown. Those days seemed very fair to look back upon now. He had been happier with her there than at any time afterward when they lived in luxury. They had been so fond of Tom, their only child—Tom who had turned out bad and disappeared years before.

That had severed the last bond between them. Sawyer had been surprised when Marian left him. He had not thought that she would mind about Miss Eaton. He had even thought she had known. But what a fool a man was to follow false lures!

He sat alone in his study. The servants were expecting notice, there was only the man and man relationship between them now. He had always known there was hate beneath the man's smooth exterior.

Well, there was only one thing for it. A man could not live alone, and Sawyer had not even a dog. He opened a little drawer in his desk, took out something shining—some one was in the hall. He replaced it hastily. The door opened. Marian stood in the room. She came forward. "You're ruined, Jim?"

"That's right, Marian. I've told Heath & Hodges not to contest your suit. I'm sorry it'll have to go so hard with you."

Marian came slowly toward him. Her lips trembled.

"And I—I've told Heath & Hodges not to proceed," she said. "Oh, my dear, my dear, let me comfort you!" She knelt at his side. "Let us forgive each other," she whispered.

"When trouble comes whom should I stand by but you? I've failed, too, failed you in my love. We've got what we deserved. Do you remember the

## STRATEGY OF LEE EMPLOYED

Marshal Foch Says if General Was Traitor He Wishes France Had More of Them.

It is hardly to be wondered at that the greatest soldier of the Twentieth century should take occasion to pay his tribute of admiration and affection to the memory of one of the really great commanders of modern times, a soldier whose military genius was equaled only by the purity of his purpose and the splendor of his character, says the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Soldier-like, Marshal Foch employs few words in answering the anonymous "American Patriot" who had telegraphed him at a Virginia town that Robert E. Lee was a traitor.

"If Gen. Robert E. Lee was a traitor," said the marshal of France, "Napoleon Bonaparte was a coward. If General Lee was a traitor, I wish France had more of them. He was one of the greatest military leaders the world has ever known."

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### Fire at Laurens Glass Works.

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The blaze was brought under control and extinguished by the glass works fire department. R. H. Roper, assistant manager, stated that the building was covered by insurance, and as the plant had planned to close down Saturday for repairs the work of the plant is not seriously hindered. It will be in full operation within 30 or 40 days. Albert Dial, president and manager of the works, was out of the city at the time of the fire.

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Sawyer snapped the drawer that held the shining thing into position. He drew his wife into his arms. "Trouble's gone," he answered. "Nothing can ever trouble us again."

### Preparedness.

Brother Joe came forward to be baptized.

The parson said: "Yoh done been baptized twelve times, Jo. An' aggrn you come forward into de fold. Ain't dat de truf, dat yoh has been baptized befoh?"

"Dat's de truf," said Brother Joe.

"How often do you expect to be baptized, I ax yoh?"

"I reckon every yeah," said Brother Joe. "De oftener I gets dish mortal clay soaked, de safer I'll sure be from the sparks on de great day when de world am all on fire. Hallelujah!"

## COTTON PROGRESS WAS POOR

During Week—Weevil More Active in South Carolina.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Following is the summary of the weather and crop conditions for the week ending Aug. 15:

Temperatures were generally low in the central and eastern cotton States, but were about normal in the western part of the belt. There was much cloudy weather in the eastern portion, with excessive rains in some localities, but it continued dry in most of the western districts.

Cotton made generally poor progress in Oklahoma, and is shedding badly in central and western portions of that State, while developments ranged from poor to very good in Texas, depending on the local rainfall. Progress was mostly fair in Arkansas, but there was too much rain in Louisiana. Cotton made generally poor progress in Mississippi and Alabama, where the weather was rather too cool and considerable complaint of shedding. Cloudy, damp weather was unfavorable in Georgia, and general deterioration was reported, with serious weevil damage. There was too much rain in many localities of the Carolinas, although plant growth was very good in South Carolina and the crop is fruiting fairly well; but there was a marked increase in the weevil damage in central and eastern North Carolina, but progress was fair in the western portion, with the weevil increase in the southern part of the State more marked.

### More Charges in Tolbert Case.

The Washington correspondent of the Spartanburg Herald sends his paper the following story under date of Aug. 15th:

"Evidence has been presented to the Senate Judiciary Committee to show that National Committeeman Joseph W. Tolbert, of South Carolina, has not always appointed former service men to be postmasters, even when they made the highest marks.

"Among the offices mentioned are: Greenville, where the highest and lowest eligibles were former service men, but they were not named; Abbeville, where a soldier was rejected and a nephew put in; Clinton, where the soldier was rejected and a nephew by marriage appointed; Kershaw, where the soldier was rejected and the second man appointed; McCormick, where the soldier was rejected and another named."

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### Reed Shaw Shot by Brother.

Anderson, Aug. 16.—Reed Shaw, 37 years of age, was probably fatally injured this afternoon when he was shot in the head and chest by his brother, Clarke Shaw, who fired upon him with buckshot. The cause of the shooting is unknown, but had feeling had existed between members of the family for some time, officers stated.

Two members of the Shaw family have met tragic deaths in the last year or so. Columbus Shaw having been killed by I. E. Wiles and Peter Shaw losing his life in a family quarrel when he was shot to the ground with his 13-months-old baby still clutched in his arms. Eugene Shaw was held by a coroner's jury for the latter's death, and Reed Shaw, who was shot this afternoon, was involved in that shooting affray.

Clarke Shaw has surrendered to county officers.

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