

Subject: Jesus Christ.

Brooklyn, N. Y .- Preaching at the Irving Square Presbyterian Church on: the theme, "Jesus Christ," the Rev. I. W. Henderson, pastor took as his text John 1:14: "And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us." He said:

The character and career of Jesus Christ are the ground of human hope and the basis of mankind's belief in His power as the Saviour.

His life, as the evidence of the sincerity of His speech, is the source of His success.

The outward action of our Master is the signal and the surety of His inward healthfulness of heart. .n His life, precept and practice were at coincidence. With Him thought and deed always were concurrent. His words conveyed His real intentions and His innermost ideals. His language was to lead men unto eternal life and was never used to conceal a wicked thought.

Preaching a gospel of light unto the salvation of the world and proclaiming His personal sufficiency as the Saviour of mankind from sin, Jesus Christ talked truth, walked true, died on Calvary, in devotion to His divine commission, unto the saving of the souls of sinners.

The life of Jesus is remarkable, not only as it reveals His oneness with divinity, but also as it shows to us what qualities of manhood are potent for a real success. Tackling the mightiest problem in the world the Christ exemplifies what are the means that we should use to win success in all our lesser strife. He teaches us a lesson that should count for much in all our daily doings; which should make us forceful factors which shall lead men up to Gcd: which should push us ever nearer to His holiness and grace.

The life and the death, i. e., the career of Jesus Christ, reveal to us four divine qualities of character that every man should possess. In His downright exynestness; in His fiery intenseness; in His clear cut, sharp. directness; and in His faithfulness to the truth and to His trust, the Friend of humanity leads every man successward, if he will to go.

The earnestness of Jesus Christ is a secret of His power. Tendering to men a surety of eternal life, He did not fool their time or His cwn zway. Professing a pledge of upliftment from the depth of sin, He held His word in serious regard. The salvation of the world was not mere child's play, but a whole man's, yea, the God-man's, labor. The need was for man who was dead in earnest.

Such a man was the Christ

valiant for the truth until righteousness shall prevail. The Christ was pre-eminently faithful. His was the incorruptible devotion to the demands of duty which should be the ideal of us all. To Him we must turn do we wish to see the ideality of service. From Him must we learn would we get the wisdom that shall gain us our ambition's goal. Sitting at the

feet of the Master do we enter into knowledge of a fine fidelity which commands respect.

Earnestness, intenseness, directness, faithfulness-these are the four words that point the lesson for us now. To Christians and to the Christless souls of the universe of God, the Saviour is the interpreter of the salient qualities that are necessary for a life's successes. He it is who illustrates and objectifies for us what our lives should be.

The need for these cardinal virtues was never more evidentor well voiced than in this day. In the world of business they are no less needed than in those religious spheres where moral and spiritual verities are uppermost. The necessity for the cxercise of these qualities that make for manly might is everywhere apparent. To the man who would attain business predominance and commercial power they are invaluable and indispensable. Deduct the moral criminality which has made possible the success of many of the industrial and financial leaders of our day and the fact that their influence is largely based upon indomitable pluck and energy and dutifulness still outstands all else. Backbone and push have been the reason for the rapidity in advancement of a throng. A clean bull's eye gains applause for the man with the hand and the true sight. Directness brings to a man the confidence of the crowd. Half-heated, poorly-fired, swaving, swerving, irresolute men without sense or sand enough to be true to anything for any considerable length of time never reach the top, never attain, never are lifted to a place of power. The world has small use for moral weaklings or men without spunk and

grit, at the front. These characteristics which we have denominated as among the distinguishing features in the Christ's career are most essential, however, to the man who would reach the highest usefulness and be most a blessing in the world. Needful as these qualities may be to those who would be famed for physical and material achievement they are still more requisite for those who desire spiritual graces. Especially are they compulsory and mandatory for those who have not acknowledged Christ and would wish to call Him Lord. The Clearness of vision as to soul's restoration depends entirely upon the willingness of the sinner to seek salvation earnestly and in faith. Spiritual baptism is the gift of the Father to those only who come straight to the point. Excuses and attempts at palliation of our personal guilt merely delay the crisis. Extenuation and mitigation are of none avail. Decisive and conclusive yielding of the heart to the Master is the one concession that will bring a spiritual surcease from the woe of a wicked life. . Earnest endeavor to be faithful to the trust of the Christian Sonship gives growth and greatness. in the spiritual life. These gospels from the life of our Lord have special bearing upon the activities of the church. The church of Christ is not so carnest, not so intense, not so faithful, as she should be in the spreading of the seed of salvation. The church has lessened her directness too much in her attacks upon the strongholds of sin. We have been content with mediocrity while the devil has gained ascendance. The church, to be the agent for godlines that she is called upon to be, must get down to business. Half-heartedness puts the flag of the Christ at half-mast. We must nail our colors at the top and keep them there. Directness demands clean-cut, unwavering work done with faithfulness, fidelity and with hoping hearts. The church, each of us and all of us together, must cease to be satisfied with poor work or none. The salvation of our own souls and the procuring of temporal and eternal blessings for ourselves is not enough. Are we to attain success, as an organization, in the spiritual work that counts, we must be all on fire will the desire to save men's souls, and to bring happiness to their hearts and lives while here. Lack of zeal will condemn us as unworthy. Feeble fire proves remissness. A poor aim lays us open to the enemy's assaults. Unfaithfulness is unworthy of us and will meet the condemnation of our God.

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With a fier; intenseness Jesus battled for the souls of men. His was no lukewarm, milk and water. blow hot and blow cold, half-hearted enthusiasm. The Christ was always ardent. His spirit never cooled, but was ever at a rich, white-heat. His was enthusiasm compounded. Be-Heving, as He did, that the happiness of the human heart and the saving of the human soul are the main concerns of human life, our Lord had ever a zeal that was glowing. Trusting in the power of divine aid and knowing the need of the human race to be saved from sin, Jesus Christ was as full of earnestness as He was of grace and truth. Grace is good; truth is a talisman of might, but grace and truth need grit and fire ere they do their greatest work. Iron is a mineral of worth, but for battle give me tempered steel. Mer of muscle are goodly to the sight, but for action send me out the man of courage and the souls who want to win.

But with all His earnestness and intenseness the Saviour made unerring aim. Directness was not the least of His commendable traits. The need was for good marksmanship and a sure sight. Sin was at the centre of the world's distress and to hit the middle of the target was the mission of the Christ. Jesus never minced matters when He dealt with sin. Without care for the consequences and with no circumlocution our Lord let loose His flaming wrath upon the works and the workers of iniquity. His was no uncertain, wavering voice. The fear of the outcome of His fierce denunciation of spiritual and moral lawlessness was foreign to His heart. Clear, sharp, with an incisiveness that cut to the very core of the matter, He stated the fundamental propositions of the Kingdom of our God and then made His ene-mies admit the power of His points. as by fire." It speaks of "greatest" His was no halting, thin-toned state- and "least" in the kingdom of heavment of eternal virtues. Feeling within the deepest recess of His heart dant entrance," and distinctly tells that sin was the cause of man's suffering and knowing that :. re-birth was necessary to a full salvation, the Master sent forth those firm, direct and forceful messages that have been the object of the curses of a few and the hope and inspiration of a mighty and unrumbered host who do honor to His name.

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